



Announcing our Ratings for the 2024 General Election

October 31, 2024 – In advance of the November 5, 2024, general election, The Judiciary Committee of the LGBT Bar Association of Greater New York (LeGaL) is pleased to announce its ratings of all candidates: (i) for elective judicial office in New York City; (ii) for New York State Supreme Court in 9th Judicial District (comprising Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, and Westchester Counties); and (iii) for New York State Supreme Court in the 10th Judicial District (Nassau and Suffolk Counties). Candidates were eligible to receive the following ratings: "Highly Approved," "Approved," "Not Approved," or "Failed to Appear."

In order to obtain an "Approved" rating, the Panel must be satisfied that the candidate, once on the bench, will: 1) demonstrate a commitment to the equality of rights for all lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people; 2) possess the integrity, intellect, experience, and temperament required of judicial office; and 3) perform judicial duties without bias or prejudice against or in favor of any person and will not permit discrimination against any minority in his or her courtroom.

In order to obtain a rating of "Highly Approved," the candidate must possess all of the characteristics required for an "Approved" rating to an outstanding degree, and in addition must have demonstrated a commitment to the equality of rights for all lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people.

JUSTICES OF THE NEW YORK STATE SUPREME COURT

Supreme Court — First Judicial District (New York County)

Cynthia S. Kern — Highly Approved
Gerald Lebovits — Highly Approved

Supreme Court — Second Judicial District (Kings County)

Keisha Alleyne—Approved
Sharen D. Hudson—Approved
Lisa Lewis—Approved
Inga O’Neale—Highly Approved
Adam D. Perlmutter—Approved
Christopher J. Robles—Failed to Appear
Jeffrey S. Sunshine—Failed to Appear

Supreme Court — Ninth Judicial District (Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland and Westchester Counties)

Brett Broge—Approved
Colleen D. Duffy—Highly Approved
Thomas Humbach—Failed to Appear
Leslie Kahn—Failed to Appear
Kyle C. McGovern—Approved
Edward R. Mevec—Approved
Karen A. Ostberg—Failed to Appear
Mary Anne Scattaretico-Naber—Not Approved
Mark T. Starkman—Failed to Appear
Rachel E. Tanguay—Highly Approved

Supreme Court — Tenth Judicial District (Nassau and Suffolk Counties)

Andrew A. Crecca—Failed to Appear
Alfred C. Graf—Failed to Appear
Paul E. Hennings—Failed to Appear
Paul M. Hensley—Failed to Appear
James F. Matthews Jr.—Failed to Appear
Terence P. Murphy—Failed to Appear
Deanna D. Panico—Failed to Appear
Gregg Roth—Failed to Appear

Supreme Court — Eleventh Judicial District (Queens County)

John C.V. Katsanos—Approved
Claudia Lanzetta—Approved
Delsia G. Marshall—Failed to Appear
Lumarie Maldonado-Cruz—Approved
Gary Muraca—Failed to Appear
Andrea S. Ogle—Failed to Appear
Kathy Wu Parrino—Failed to Appear
Alan J. Schiff—Failed to Appear

Supreme Court — Twelfth Judicial District (Bronx County)

Matthew Parker-Raso—Highly Approved

JUDGES OF THE NEW YORK CITY CIVIL COURT

Civil Court — Bronx County (Countywide)

Dawn Guglielmo—Approved
Scott Krompinger—Highly Approved
Deidra Moore—Highly Approved
Eliezer Rodriguez—Not Approved

* Angel Cruz and Diomarys Escano-Bell were added to the ballot after the primary election and pursuant to the enactment of legislation adding seats to the New York City Civil Court Bench, *see* NY LEGIS 204 (2024), 2024 Sess. Law News of N.Y. Ch. 204 (S. 9839) (McKinney's). Accordingly, the Committee did not have adequate time to extend invitations to interview to those candidates.

Civil Court — Second Municipal Court District of Bronx County

Brenda Rivera—Failed to Appear

Kings County Surrogate

Cassandra A. Johnson—Approved
Stephen H. Weiner—Approved

Civil Court — Kings County (Countywide)

Tehillah H. Berman—Approved
Turquoise Haskin—Highly Approved (rating carried over from 2023)
Alexis Riley—Approved

* Mark Kagan, Tawanna Marie St. Louis, and Abayomi O. Whint were added to the ballot after the primary election and pursuant to the enactment of legislation adding seats to the New York City Civil Court Bench, *see* NY LEGIS 204 (2024), 2024 Sess. Law News of N.Y. Ch. 204 (S. 9839) (McKinney's). Accordingly, the Committee did not have adequate time to extend invitations to interview to those candidates.

Civil Court — Fifth Municipal Court District of Kings County

Benjamin J. Lieberman—Failed to Appear
Hemalee Patel—Highly Approved
Jacob Zelanovitz—Failed to Appear

Civil Court — Sixth Municipal Court District of Kings County

Janice Robinson—Approved
Norma J. Jennings—Highly Approved

Civil Court — New York County (Countywide)

Harold H. Bahr—Approved
Louis L. Nock—Failed to Appear
Allison R. Greenfield—Highly Approved
Malaika Scott-McLaughlin—Approved

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Civil Court — First Municipal Court District of New York County

Ilona B. Coleman—Failed to Appear

Civil Court — Second Municipal Court District of New York County

Alice Tam Tien—Highly Approved

Civil Court — Fifth Municipal Court District of New York County

Ralph L. Wolf—Approved

Civil Court — Eighth Municipal Court District of New York County

Jose A. Padilla Jr.—Failed to Appear

Civil Court — Tenth Municipal Court District of New York County

J. Mabelle Sweeting—Failed to Appear

Civil Court — Queens County (Countywide)

Stephen C. Dachtera—Failed to Appear
Amish Doshi—Failed to Appear
Mary-Ann E. Maloney—Failed to Appear
Sharifa M. Nasser-Cuellar—Approved
Glenda M. Hernandez—Highly Approved
William David Shanahan—Failed to Appear

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Civil Court — Fourth Municipal Court District of Queens County

Elizabeth J. Newton—Approved

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