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Announcing our Ratings of Candidates for Judges of the New York City Civil Court and Surrogate's Court on the Ballot for the June 25, 2024, Primary Elections

June 18, 2024 – The Judiciary Committee of The LGBT Bar Association of Greater New York (LeGaL) is pleased to announce its ratings of candidates in the contested primary elections for the five counties of New York City for the following offices: Judge of the New York Civil Court and Surrogate's Court.

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 Judiciary Committee's Rules require that the Judiciary Committee be satisfied that the candidate, once on the bench, would: 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 or office.

To obtain a rating of "Highly Approved," the Judiciary Committee's Rules require that the candidate demonstrates that they possess all the characteristics required for an "Approved" rating to an outstanding degree and, in addition, demonstrates a commitment to the equality of rights for all lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people.

Kings County:

Civil Court—6th Municipal Ct. District

Janice Robinson—Approved
Kenneth Gayle—Failed to Appear

New York County:

Civil Court—2nd Municipal Ct. District

Alice Tam Tien—Highly Approved
Harold Bahr—Approved

Queens County:

Civil Court—Countywide

Sharifa Nasser-Cuellar—Approved
Glenda M. Hernandez—Highly Approved
Julie Milner—Failed to Appear
Amish Doshi—Failed to Appear

Surrogate

Wendy C. Li—Approved
Cassandra Johnson—Approved

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