

WCBA JUDICIARY COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES

Judicial Candidate Ratings for November 6, 2018 Election

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The Westchester County Bar Association (WCBA) has announced its candidate rankings in connection with the November 6, 2018 general election for various judicial offices. The WCBA Executive Committee has confirmed the report of the Judiciary Committee's findings.

Every year, the WCBA's Judiciary Committee meets prior to each annual election to interview candidates who have completed an extensive questionnaire. We review the qualifications of these candidates, as well as state records concerning ethics and judicial conduct.

We conduct these ratings annually as a service to our members and the general public.

The Westchester County Bar Association Committee on the Judiciary screened the following candidates for judicial office, reviewed their written submissions, conducted in-person interviews and reached findings as presented here.

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Judicial Candidate Ratings 2018

New York State Supreme Court Ninth Judicial District

Exceptionally Well Qualified

Hon. Kathie E. Davidson
Hon. William J. Giacomo
Hon. Joan B. Lefkowitz

Well Qualified

Hon. David F. Everett
Hon. Robert H. Freehill
Hon. James F. Reitz
Hon. Barry E. Warhit
Thomas P. Zugibe, Esq.

Qualified

Hon. Hal B. Greenwald
Phillip A. Grimaldi, Jr., Esq.

Westchester County Court

Exceptionally Well Qualified

Hon. Susan M. Capeci

EXPLANATION OF JUDICIAL RATINGS

Exceptionally Well Qualified:

Candidate has the highest qualifications for the judicial bench he/she is seeking.

Well Qualified:

Candidate has significant qualifications for the judicial bench he/she is seeking.

Qualified:

Candidate has the character, temperament, professional aptitude and experience which are requisites for the judicial bench that he/she is seeking.

Meets Minimum Requirements:

Candidate has no significant negative impediment but lacks some important qualification for the judicial bench that he/she is seeking.

Not Qualified:

Candidate has some characteristic which would indicate that the person is a poor choice for the judicial bench he/she is seeking.

Failure to Appear:

Any candidate who fails to appear will be rated *Not Qualified by Failure to Appear* or, where appropriate, *Not Qualified*. No candidate may withdraw from the interview process or decline a rating.