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PRESS RELEASE

It is essential to the effectiveness of an elected judiciary that qualified candidates obtain judicial office. In order to promote greater public confidence in the judicial election process, an Independent Judiciary Review and Screening Committee of the Rockland County Bar Association interviews those candidates for judicial office who voluntarily submit to the Bar Association’s screening process. In addition to reviewing the candidates’ experience and demonstrated abilities, the Committee also considers each candidate’s ethical conduct, temperament, aptitude and fitness for judicial office.

The Judiciary Review and Screening Committee of the Rockland County Bar Association met on September 26, 28 and October 3 and 10, 2023, and interviewed the candidates named below. After careful consideration, the Rockland County Bar Association’s recommendations of the candidates for judicial office for 2023 are:

CANDIDATES FOR SUPREME COURT JUSTICE, 9TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

- Hon. Francesca E. Connolly – Highly Qualified**
- Hon. Larry J. Schwartz – Highly Qualified**
- Mr. John A. Sarcone, Esq. – Highly Qualified**
- Hon. Susan M. Sullivan-Bisceglia – Highly Qualified**
- Hon. Rolf M. Thorsen – Highly Qualified**
- Hon. Charley Wood – Highly Qualified**

CANDIDATE FOR ROCKLAND COUNTY FAMILY COURT

- Hon. Christopher J. Exias – Highly Qualified**

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CANDIDATES FOR CLARKSTOWN TOWN JUSTICE

Hon. David M. Ascher – Highly Qualified
Hon. Michael E. Bongiorno – Highly Qualified
Hon. Howard Gerber – Highly Qualified
Mr. Kevin F. Hobbs, Esq. – Highly Qualified
Ms. Aimee M. Pollak, Esq. – Highly Qualified

CANDIDATE FOR ORANGETOWN TOWN JUSTICE

Hon. Patrick J. Loftus – Highly Qualified

CANDIDATE FOR STONY POINT TOWN JUSTICE

Hon. William F. Franks – Highly Qualified

CANDIDATE FOR VILLAGE OF HAVERSTRAW JUSTICE

Hon. Ronald V. DeCaprio - Highly Qualified

CANDIDATE FOR VILLAGE OF NYACK JUSTICE

Hon. Robert S. Knoebel, Jr. – Highly Qualified

Please note that judicial members of the Bar Association had no involvement with the rating of judicial candidates.

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