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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 October 7, 8 and 10, 2024, and interviewed the candidates named below. After careful consideration, the Rockland County Bar Association’s recommendations of the candidates for judicial office for 2024 are:

CANDIDATES FOR SUPREME COURT JUSTICE, 9TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

- Mr. Brett Broge, Esq. – Qualified**
- Hon. Colleen D. Duffy – Highly Qualified**
- Mr. Thomas Humbach, Esq. – Qualified**
- Hon. Leslie Kahn – Qualified**
- Hon. Kyle C. McGovern – Qualified**
- Mr. Edward R. Mevec, Esq. – Qualified**
- Hon. Mary Anne Scattaretico-Naber – Qualified**
- Hon. Rachel E. Tanguay – Highly Qualified**

CANDIDATES FOR ROCKLAND COUNTY COURT

- Hon. David Ascher – Highly Qualified**
- Hon. Djinsad Desir – Highly Qualified**

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CANDIDATE FOR ROCKLAND COUNTY FAMILY COURT

Hon. Andrea Composto – Highly Qualified

CANDIDATE FOR CLARKSTOWN TOWN JUSTICE

Mr. Keith Braunfotel, Esq. - Qualified

CANDIDATE FOR RAMAPO TOWN JUSTICE

Hon. Alejandra Silva – Qualified

CANDIDATE FOR VILLAGE OF SLOATSBURG JUSTICE

Hon. Jerome Jefferson - Highly Qualified

CANDIDATE FOR VILLAGE OF SPRING VALLEY JUSTICE

Mr. Justin Sweet, Esq. – Not Qualified

CANDIDATE FOR VILLAGE OF WEST HAVERSTRAW JUSTICE

Hon. Richard S. Pakola, 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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