



## **Announcing our Ratings for the 2023 General Election**

**November 2, 2023 (corrected November 27, 2023)** – The Judiciary Committee of the LGBT Bar Association of Greater New York (LeGaL) is pleased to announce its ratings of all candidates for judicial office in New York City and, in addition, candidates for New York State Supreme Court in the 9th Judicial District (comprising Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, and Westchester Counties), in advance of the November 7, 2023, general election. 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)**

Phaedra F. Perry — Approved  
Lyle E. Frank — Approved  
Leslie A. Stroth — Highly Approved

#### **Supreme Court — Second Judicial District (Kings County)**

Rachel Freier — Failed to Appear  
Sharon A.B. Clarke — Highly Approved  
Joanne Quinones — Highly Approved  
Caroline Piela Cohen — Highly Approved  
Timothy Peterson — Failed to Appear  
Heela Capell — Approved  
Saul Stein — Failed to Appear

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

Francesca E. Connolly — Failed to Appear  
Charley Wood — Failed to Appear  
Rolf M. Thorsen — Failed to Appear  
Larry Schwartz — Approved  
Susan M. Sullivan-Bisceglia — Approved  
John Ciampoli — Failed to Appear

**Supreme Court — Eleventh Judicial District (Queens County)**

Cassandra A. Johnson — Approved  
Gary Muraca — Failed to Appear  
Karin Lin — Highly Approved  
Peter J. Kelly — Highly Approved  
Scott Dunn — Failed to Appear  
Jessica Earle-Gargan — Approved

**Supreme Court — Twelfth Judicial District (Bronx County)**

Michael A. Frischman — Approved  
Sharon A.M. Aarons — Highly Approved  
John A. Howard-Algarin — Approved

**JUDGES OF THE NEW YORK CITY CIVIL COURT**

**Civil Court — Bronx County (Countywide)**

Joaquin E. Orellana — Approved

**Civil Court — First Municipal Court District of Bronx County**

Carol Elaine Malcolm — Approved  
Edit Shkreli — Approved

**Civil Court — Kings County (Countywide)**

Betsey Jean-Jacques — Highly Approved  
Linda Wilson — Approved  
Marva C. Brown — Approved  
Monique J. Holaman — Approved

**Civil Court — First Municipal Court District of Kings County**

Rena Malik — Approved

**Civil Court — Second Municipal Court District of Kings County**

Lola Waterman — Approved  
Babatunde Akowe — Failed to Appear

**Civil Court — Third Municipal Court District of Kings County**

Javier Ortiz — Not Approved

**Civil Court — New York County (Countywide)**

Dana Marie Catanzaro — Approved

**Civil Court — First Municipal Court District of New York County**

Lauren L. Esposito — Highly Approved

**Civil Court — Third Municipal Court District of New York County**

Andrea Krugman — Approved

**Civil Court — Sixth Municipal Court District of New York County**

Anna Mikhaleva — Highly Approved

**Civil Court — Seventh Municipal Court District of New York County**

Denise M. Dominguez — Failed to Appear

**Civil Court — Queens County (Countywide)**

Sandra Perez — Highly Approved  
Sharmela Bachu — Failed to Appear

**Civil Court — First Municipal Court District of Queens County**

Michael H. Goldman — Highly Approved

**Civil Court — Second Municipal Court District of Queens County**

Sandra M. Munoz — Approved

**Civil Court — Fourth Municipal Court District of Queens County**

Delsia G. Marshall — Failed to Appear  
William David Shanahan — Failed to Appear

**Civil Court — Sixth Municipal Court District of Queens County**

Evelyn Gong, Esq. — Approved

**Civil Court — Second Municipal Court District of Richmond County**

Michael J. Pinto — Failed to Appear

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