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Women’s Bar Association Announces Judicial Candidate Ratings

The Western New York Chapter of the Women’s Bar Association of the State of New York announces its ratings for this year’s candidates for New York State Supreme Court, Erie County Family Court and Buffalo City Court.

The Women’s Bar Association uses a four-level overall rating system of Outstanding, Highly Qualified, Qualified and Not Recommended. The rating is based upon a personal interview with the candidate, evaluation of writing samples submitted by the candidate, and a survey of our membership as to their professional experience with the candidate. As part of the overall rating, judicial candidates were rated Excellent, Very Good, Good, Fair and Poor in the areas of Judicial Temperament, Legal Reasoning Ability, Experience for the Position Sought and Commitment to Women’s Issues and Community Issues.

NEW YORK STATE SUPREME COURT CANDIDATES

Hon. Tracey A. Bannister	Outstanding
Judicial Temperament	Excellent
Legal Reasoning Ability	Very Good
Experience for the Position Sought	Excellent
Commitment to Women’s Issues and Community Issues	Excellent
Hon. Shannon M. Heneghan	Highly Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Very Good
Legal Reasoning Ability	Very Good
Experience for the Position Sought	Very Good
Commitment to Women’s Issues and Community Issues	Very Good
Hon. Gerald J. Greenan, III	Declined to Rate
Hon. Craig D. Hannah	Declined to Rate
Joseph C. Lorigo, Esq.	Declined to Rate
Hon. Kelly A. Vacco	Declined to Rate

ERIE COUNTY FAMILY COURT CANDIDATES

Hon. Kevin M. Carter	Outstanding
Judicial Temperament	Excellent
Legal Reasoning Ability	Very Good
Experience for the Position Sought	Excellent
Commitment to Women’s Issues and Community Issues	Very Good

BUFFALO CITY COURT CANDIDATES

Candidate for Chief Judge of Buffalo City Court

Hon. JaHarr S. Pridgen	Outstanding
Judicial Temperament	Excellent
Legal Reasoning Ability	Excellent
Experience for the Position Sought	Excellent
Commitment to Women’s Issues and Community Issues	Excellent

Candidates for Buffalo City Court Judge

Hon. Samuel P. Davis	Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Good
Legal Reasoning Ability	Good
Experience for the Position Sought	Good
Commitment to Women’s Issues and Community Issues	Very Good

Hon. Gary A. Wilson, Jr.	Highly Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Excellent
Legal Reasoning Ability	Very Good
Experience for the Position Sought	Very Good
Commitment to Women’s Issues and Community Issues	Excellent

Christina G. Holdsworth, Esq.	Highly Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Very Good
Legal Reasoning Ability	Very Good
Experience for the Position Sought	Good
Commitment to Women’s Issues and Community Issues	Very Good