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**New York City Bar Association Rates Candidates  
for New York County Civil Court, New York County Surrogate's Court,  
Queens County Civil Court and Kings County Civil Court**

New York, June 17, 2022 - The New York City Bar Association has completed evaluations of the following candidates who are running in contested primary elections on June 28 for Civil Court and Surrogate's Court. The review was conducted by the Association's Committee on the Judiciary. The Association's review of those candidates who are not running in contested primary elections remains to be completed and will be released all at once in advance of the general elections.

The Committee uses two ratings: Approved and Not Approved. Candidates rated Approved have affirmatively demonstrated qualifications necessary for the performance of the duties of the position for which they are being considered.

**New York County**

**Surrogate's Court**

Hilary Gingold - Approved  
Elba Rose Galvan - Approved  
Verley A. Brown - Approved

**Civil Court, 2<sup>nd</sup> Municipal District**

David Alan Fraiden - Approved  
Carmen A. Pacheco - Not Approved

**Civil Court, 4<sup>th</sup> Municipal District**

Matthew Bondy – Approved  
Terence W. McCormick – Approved

**Kings County**

**Civil Court, Countywide**

Patrick Hayes Torres - Approved  
Philip F. Grant - Not Approved

**Queens County**

**Civil Court, Countywide**

Karen Lin - Approved  
Devian Daniels - Not Approved

Thomas Medardo Oliva - Approved  
Maria T. Gonzalez - Not Approved

**Note: To ensure the thoroughness and integrity of the ratings process, the City Bar cannot comment beyond what is provided in this release.**

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