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New York City Bar Association Rates Judicial and District Attorney Candidates in New York City

New York, June 14, 2023 - The New York City Bar Association has completed evaluations of the following candidates who are running in contested primary elections on June 27 for Civil Court and the position of District Attorney. The review was conducted by the Association's Judiciary Committee. The Association's review of those candidates who are not running in contested primary elections remains to be completed and will be released in advance of the general elections.

The City Bar 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

Civil Court, 1st Municipal District

Lauren L. Esposito	Approved
David Alan Fraiden	Approved

Bronx County

District Attorney

Darcel D. Clark	Approved
Tess Cohen	Approved

Kings County

Civil Court, Countywide

Turquoise Haskin	Approved
Linda Wilson	Approved

Queens County

District Attorney

George A. Grasso	Approved
Melinda Katz	Approved
Devian Shondel Daniels	Not Approved

Civil Court, Countywide

Sandra Perez	Approved
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Marianne Gonzalez

Not Approved

Civil Court, 6th Municipal District

Evelyn Gong

Not Approved

John Ciafone

Not Approved

Steven T. Beard

Not Approved

Note: Information on the City Bar's evaluation process is [here](#). To ensure the thoroughness and integrity of the ratings process, the City Bar cannot comment beyond what is provided in this release.

About the Association

The mission of the New York City Bar Association, which was founded in 1870 and has over 23,000 members, is to equip and mobilize a diverse legal profession to practice with excellence, promote reform of the law, and uphold the rule of law and access to justice in support of a fair society and the public interest in our community, our nation, and throughout the world. www.nycbar.org