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New York City Bar Association Rates Candidates for Civil Court, District Attorney, Kings County Surrogate's Court and Supreme Court

New York, October 16, 2023 - The New York City Bar Association has completed evaluations of the following candidates who are running in general elections on November 7 for District Attorney, Surrogate's Court, Civil Court and Supreme Court. The review was conducted by the Association's Committee on the Judiciary.

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.

In June, the City Bar rated candidates who were running in contested primary elections for Civil Court and District Attorney, and those evaluations are [here](#).

New York County

Civil Court, Countywide

Dana Marie Catanzaro Approved

Civil Court, 3rd Municipal District

Andrea Krugman Approved

Civil Court, 6th Municipal District

Anna Mikhaleva Approved

Supreme Court, 1st Judicial District

Phaedra F. Perry Approved

Lyle E. Frank Approved

Leslie A. Stroth Approved

Bronx County

Civil Court, 1st Municipal District

Carol Elaine Malcolm Approved

Edit Shkreli Approved

Civil Court, Countywide

Joaquin E. Orellana Not Approved

Supreme Court, 12th Judicial District

Michael A. Frishman Approved

Sharon A.M. Aarons Approved

John A. Howard-Algarin Approved

Kings County

Surrogate's Court

Bernard J. Graham Approved

Civil Court, Countywide

Betsey Jean-Jacques Approved

Marva C. Brown Approved

Monique J. Holaman Approved

Civil Court, 1st Municipal District

Rena Malik Approved

Civil Court, 2nd Municipal District

Lola Waterman Approved

Babatunde Akowe Not Approved

Civil Court, 3rd Municipal District

Javier Ortiz Approved

Supreme Court, 2nd Judicial District

Rachel Freier Approved

Sharon A. Bourne-Clarke Approved

Saul Stein Approved

Joanne Quinones Approved

Heela Capell Approved

Caroline Piela Cohen Approved

Timothy John Peterson Not Approved

Queens County

Civil Court, Countywide

Sharmela Bachu Not Approved

Civil Court, 1st Municipal District

Michael H. Goldman Approved

Civil Court, 2nd Municipal District

Sandra M. Munoz Approved

Civil Court, 4th Municipal District

Delsia G. Marshall Approved

Civil Court, 6th Municipal District

William David Shanahan Approved

District Attorney

Michael Mossa Not Approved

Supreme Court, 11th Judicial District

Cassandra A. Johnson Approved

Karen Lin Approved

Peter J. Kelly Approved

Scott Dunn Approved

Jessica Earle-Gargan Approved

Gary Muraca Approved

Richmond County

District Attorney

Michael E. McMahon

Approved

Civil Court, 2nd Municipal District

Michael J. Pinto

Approved

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

About the Association

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