

# **New York City Bar Association Rates Candidates for Civil Court, Surrogate Court and Supreme Court in the Five Boroughs**

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The New York City Bar Association has completed evaluations of the following candidates who are running for judiciary positions in the General Election on November 2 for 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.

## **NEW YORK COUNTY**

### **Civil Court, New York County**

Kim Parker - Not Approved  
Jeffrey S. Zellan - Approved

### **Civil Court, 3rd Municipal District**

Paul Goetz - Approved

### **Civil Court, 9th Municipal District**

Barbara Jaffe - Approved

### **Supreme Court, 1st Judicial District**

Margaret A. Pui Yee Chan - Approved  
John Joseph Kelley - Approved

### **Civil Court, 2nd Municipal Court**

Christopher Chin - Approved  
Betty Lugo - Not Approved

### **Civil Court, 5th Municipal Court**

Hasa A. Kingo – Approved

## **BRONX COUNTY**

### **Supreme Court, 12th Municipal District**

Paul L. Alpert – Approved

Patsy D. Gouldborne – Approved  
Naita A. Semaj – Approved  
Anthony G. Marecki – Not Approved  
Marissa Soto – Not Approved  
George R. Villegas – Approved

**Civil Court, 2nd Municipal District**

Jessica Flores - Approved  
Verena C. Powell – Approved

**KINGS COUNTY**

**Supreme Court, 2nd Judicial District**

Dena E. Douglas - Approved  
Lillian Wan - Approved  
Carolyn Walker-Diallo - Approved  
Consuelo Mallafre Melendez - Approved  
Gina Levy Abadi - Approved  
Joy F. Campanelli - Approved  
Richard J. Montelione - Approved  
Robert S. Mazzuchin Jr. - Not Approved

**Civil Court, Countywide**

Sharen D. Hudson - Approved  
Heela Doreen Capell - Approved  
Inga M. Oneale - Approved

**Civil Court, 2nd Municipal District**

Lisa Lewis - Approved

**Civil Court, 7th Municipal District**

Keisha M. Alleyne – Not Approved

**QUEENS COUNTY**

**Civil Court, Countywide**

Andrea S. Ogle - Approved  
Soma S. Syed - Not Approved  
William Shanahan - Approved

**Civil Court, 3rd Municipal District**

Paul A. Vallone - Approved  
Joseph F. Kasper - Approved

**Supreme Court, 11th Municipal District**

Denis J. Butler - Approved  
Kenneth C. Holder - Approved  
Laurentina S. McKetney Butler - Approved  
David J. Kirschner - Not Approved  
Karen Gopee - Approved  
Michele R. Titus - Not Approved  
Daniel Kogan - Not Approved  
John C. Spataro - Not Approved  
Deborah Axt - Not Approved  
Bob Cohen - Not Approved

**Civil Court, 4th Municipal District**

Cassandra A. Johnson - Approved  
Daniel Kogan - Not Approved

**RICHMOND COUNTY**

**Civil Court, 2nd Municipal District**

Maria Novak - Approved  
Brendan T. Lantry - Approved

**Supreme Court, 13th Municipal District**

Ann Thompson - Approved  
Charles Troia - Approved  
Paul Marrone, Jr. - Approved  
Ronald Castorina, Jr. - 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.**

**The ratings the City Bar gave candidates in contested primaries for Civil Court in New York City are [here](#).**