

**JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**  
**Bar Association of Nassau County**  
**15<sup>th</sup> & West Streets**  
**Mineola, New York 11501**  
**(516) 747-4070**

**FOR COMMITTEE USE ONLY**

**Appearance Date and Time:**

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**Action by Committee:**

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**QUESTIONNAIRE FOR JUDICIAL CANDIDATES ©**

*To all persons who complete and submit this questionnaire:*

*The following criteria, established by the By-Laws of the Bar Association of Nassau County, must be followed by the Judiciary Committee in reviewing this questionnaire and in considering the applicant's qualifications:*

*"In making its determination on any person's qualifications, the Committee shall consider whether or not (1) the person has established a reputation for good character and temperament, (2) the person has a sufficient degree of professional experience, scholarship and ability to perform the duties of the office for which the person is being considered. The Committee also shall consider whether the conduct of such person has been above reproach and whether such person is known as a conscientious, studious, thorough, courteous, patient, punctual, just, and unbiased person who can be counted upon to be fearless and truthful when subjected to public and/or political pressure. The Committee shall also consider whether such person is of good moral character, and emotionally and physically able to fulfill the duties of the office for which the person is being considered."*

*Use additional sheets if necessary*

Today's Date:

1. Full Name:

Have you ever been known by any other name (other than a recognizable nickname)? Yes  No   
If so, specify the name(s) and years(s) of change:

2. Date and place of birth:

3. Court & County for which you are seeking to be screened:

4. Date and Department of Admission to the New York Bar

5. (a) Current residence address & telephone and cell numbers:

(b) Number of years at current address:

If less than three years, list previous address(es) during the past three years.

6. Current Business Name, address, telephone, fax and e-mail:

Phone

Fax:

E-mail:

7. Have you served in the armed forces? Yes No Branch

Dates of Service:

Nature of Discharge:

8. Education (other than legal):

(a) Undergraduate Colleges and Universities attended:

Name

Date attended

Degree

Major

Honors

Name

Date attended

Degree

Major

Honors

(b) Post-Graduate/Professional Colleges/Universities attended:

Name

Date attended

Degree

Major

Honors

9. Legal Education: (a) Law Schools attended:

Name		Date attended
Degree	Major	Honors

(b) Post-Graduate Legal Education

Name		Date attended
Degree	Major	Honors

10. List in reverse chronological order all full-time, non-legal employment since graduation from college. Attach additional sheets if necessary using the same format.

Firm/Employer - Name, address, telephone

Dates of employment:

Supervisor:

Nature of employment or activity and reason for leaving:

11. List all Full/Part-time legal employment or governmental legal positions you have held in any jurisdiction, other than judicial, whether paid or volunteer. (You may attach a copy of your resume if it **clearly specifies** all your legal employment.) Attach additional sheets if necessary.

Firm/Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

Duties \_\_\_\_\_

Firm/Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

Duties \_\_\_\_\_

12. Have you made application to have your qualifications for public or judicial office reviewed, or have they been reviewed, by any bar or other professional association? **(Do not include any application that was appropriately withdrawn.)** Yes No If yes, please state the date of the application or review, identify the organization, and explain in detail all findings by the organization:

13. (a) Have you ever held public, judicial or political office, elected or appointed, other than ones above?

Yes No If yes, state the following:

Elected Appointed Position held \_\_\_\_\_ Date(s) of service \_\_\_\_\_

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(b) Have you ever served as an arbitrator, mediator, hearing officer, hearing examiner, administrative law judge, court attorney, support magistrate or referee? Yes No If yes, state:

Position held \_\_\_\_\_ Date(s) of Service \_\_\_\_\_

Duties \_\_\_\_\_

Position held \_\_\_\_\_ Date(s) of Service \_\_\_\_\_

Duties \_\_\_\_\_

14. List all courts, jurisdictions (including administrative bodies with special admission requirements) in which you are presently admitted to practice, or have been admitted, with admission dates other than in response to Question 4:

Jurisdiction	Court	Date of admission

15. (a) Have you ever been issued a notary or professional or business license, excluding a marriage license or a license to practice law? Yes      No      If yes, describe.

Type of license \_\_\_\_\_ Date issued \_\_\_\_\_ Date of last renewal \_\_\_\_\_

(b) Has any such license ever been revoked or suspended? Yes      No      If yes, please describe the circumstances:

16. State all areas of law in which you have had substantial experience for any period, giving details and dates involved

17. Have you ever resigned from, or for other reasons, ceased to be:

(a) A member of the bar or bench of any state or court in any jurisdiction? Yes      No      or

(b) A member of a governmental body, court employee, hearing officer or magistrate or any similar position? Yes      No      If Yes to either (a) or (b) describe the situation in detail:

18. As a result of your conduct or any action done or taken with your advice, knowledge or input, have you or any entity you are or were affiliated with at the time, ever had or been (even if the matter was later dismissed) the subject of any filed charge or complaint of:

Malpractice	Yes	No
Contempt of Court/administrative body	Yes	No
Sanction by any Court/administrative body	Yes	No
Censure, fine or discipline by any Court	Yes	No
Censure, fine or discipline by any agency	Yes	No
Summons, arrest, or charge for an offense*	Yes	No
Governmental agency investigation	Yes	No
Grand Jury investigation (State/Federal)	Yes	No
Disciplinary committee complaint	Yes	No
Grievance committee complaint	Yes	No
Governmental agency complaint	Yes	No
Conviction of a crime in any jurisdiction	Yes	No
Plea of nolo contendere	Yes	No
A breach of ethics	Yes	No
Complaint or charge by a licensing body	Yes	No
Unprofessional conduct	Yes	No
Petition in Bankruptcy	Yes	No

\*Other than a non-moving traffic related offense.

If yes to any of the above, **ATTACH AN ADDENDUM** explaining and describing the situation **IN COMPLETE DETAIL** sufficient for the Committee to understand how it arose, was addressed, and was resolved and to verify the outcome even if the event was later withdrawn or dismissed. Furnish a certificate of disposition if applicable. **At**

19. Have you ever been involved as a party to any litigation, (criminal, civil, family, matrimonial or administrative), tax liens, tax warrants, mechanics liens or have any judgment filed against you other than an action you have previously identified in answer to Question 18? Yes No If yes, please describe in detail, including the Court and Jurisdiction, Name(s) of the parties, Index #, and outcome:

20. If you are obligated to pay child support, maintenance or a property award, are you or have you been in arrears, or has any action, judicial proceeding or other enforcement remedy been instituted against you?  
 Yes No If Yes, explain in detail.

21. Have you timely filed and paid all required Federal, State and local taxes appropriate to your income, place of residence, and business? Yes No If No, explain in detail.

22. A judge is expected to be on the bench or otherwise handling legal matters by about 9:30 a.m. for at least seven hours per day, five days per week, and at times in the evenings and on weekends and to handle emergency applications, cope with media scrutiny, issue quick decisions, deal with fractious litigants, recall significant amounts of information, and otherwise respond to extremely stressful situations. Are you able to perform these tasks on your own or with reasonable accommodation? Yes No If No, please describe

23. Do you know of any factors that would adversely affect your ability to competently serve as judge, to comply with a judge's ethical responsibilities, or to complete the day-to-day responsibilities that a judge is required to assume? Yes No If yes, please explain

24. Do you currently use any illegal drugs, abuse alcohol, over-the-counter or prescription drugs or medication? Yes No If yes, please describe:

25. Has an employer or supervisor ever counseled you or expressed concern about your absenteeism or lateness? Yes No If yes, please describe the frequency of the absenteeism/lateness and if the situation was rectified and how?

26. Have you had any teaching or lecturing experience? Yes No If yes, please describe:

School/Bar Assn/Org.	Faculty Status	Courses Taught	Hours	Years

27. If you have served as a judge, please list the name(s) and citation(s) of all appellate decisions involving matters over which you presided. Use additional sheets if necessary. Attach copies of four (4) published opinions you have written in the last three (3) years. If there are not at least four (4) such opinions attach at least five (5) recent unpublished opinions.

Case Name	Citation	Nature of Decision (e.g., Aff/Rev/Mod/Other)

28. (a) Other than a full time sitting Judge, do you regularly appear in court? Yes No

(b) What percentage of your appearances in the last ten years was in:

- 1. Federal Court:
- 2. State Courts of Record:
- 3. Other Court:
- 4. Administrative Agencies:
- 5. Arbitration/Mediation
- 6. Referee
- 7. Other (Please explain)

(c) What percentage of your litigation in the last ten years was:

- 1. Civil: Jury Non-Jury
- 2. Criminal: Jury Non-Jury
- 3. Administrative: Jury Non-Jury
- 4. Other (Explain) Jury Non-Jury



29. State the number of jury & non-jury cases you have tried to verdict or final determination (not settled) in the last ten (10) years, including the Court and whether you were sole or associate counsel:

# Of Cases	Court	Jury/Non	Sole/Associate	Dates (From-To)

30. Describe up to ten of the more significant litigated matters, including appeals, which you have handled and give the citations if the cases were reported and indicate whether you wrote the brief or argued the appeal and provide copies of three samples of your legal writing:

Case Name	Court	Citation	Decision	Date

31. State in detail a summary of your experience in proceedings before administrative bodies or tribunals during the past ten years. Provide information as to the names and nature of such bodies or tribunals, the number and types of matters in which you were involved, and the type and extent of your experience. Provide case citations if applicable:

32. Are you in compliance with New York State Continuing Legal Education (CLE) requirements?  
 Yes No List all Continuing Legal Education (CLE) programs you attended during the past two (2) years. Include programs in which you were the chair, panelist, lecturer or moderator of a program.

Sponsoring Org.	Program Title	Dates	Hours	Lecturer/Chair Panel/Moderator (If Any)

33. (a) Have you published any legal books or articles? Yes No If Yes, state:

Name Of Text/Article	Journal/Publisher	Date	Citation/Page

(b) If there was a co-author, state:

Article/Book	Co-Author	% Authorship	Current Phone #

34. Have you ever testified as an expert in a legal proceeding? If yes, please explain:

35. (a) List all bar associations and professional societies of which you are presently a member. Give the titles and dates of any officer positions you have held.

Bar Assoc./Professional Society	Officer Positions	Dates

(b) List committees you chaired or participated in, in any significant manner, in bar associations or professional societies:

Bar Assoc./Professional Society	Committee	Position	Dates

36. (a) List all organizations, community and/or charitable activities, other than bar associations, with which you have been involved during your career, and your dates of membership.

Organization	Title	Duties	Dates Of Membership And Year(S) Of Service

(b) Are any of these organizations active in lobbying before public bodies? Yes                      No  
 If Yes, state the Organization and the public bodies before which they lobby

Organization	Public Body

37. Describe the pro bono legal services you have provided during the past five (5) years. Attach additional sheets if needed.

38. List any honors, prizes, awards or other forms of recognition which you have received as a law student, lawyer, judge, private citizen and/or public official which you believe bear upon your qualifications to be a judge.

Conferring Organization	Type	Date

39. Please set forth the names, addresses and telephone numbers of at least four (4) persons (excluding judges and public officials) with whom you may wish us to make inquiry relative to any item on this questionnaire. Add additional names if desired.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Position \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

40. Set forth names, addresses and telephone numbers of six(6) adversaries, or attorneys who appeared before you if you are a sitting judge, with whom you have had legal matters within the past two (2) years:

	CASE NAME	COURT	INDEX #
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PLEASE READ CAREFULLY:

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I HAVE READ THE BY-LAWS OF THE BAR ASSOCIATION OF NASSAU COUNTY, NEW YORK, INC. AND, BY SIGNING THIS APPLICATION, I AGREE TO BE BOUND BY THESE BY-LAWS AND FURTHER THAT I AM AWARE OF THE PROCEDURES OF THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE OF THE BAR ASSOCIATION.

I AGREE TO FULL DISCLOSURE BY THE COMMITTEE OF THE PROCEEDINGS HAD, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BY-LAWS, RELATING TO MY QUALIFICATIONS FOR JUDICIAL OFFICE.

I FURTHER AUTHORIZE THIS COMMITTEE TO MAKE INQUIRY OF MY PROFESSIONAL COLLEAGUES, MEMBERS OF THE JUDICIARY, THE NEW YORK STATE COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT, THE STATE OF NEW YORK GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE FOR ANY JUDICIAL DISTRICT, OR ANY PERSON OR ORGANIZATION CONCERNING MY QUALIFICATIONS FOR JUDICIAL OFFICE.

I FURTHER AUTHORIZE THE RELEASE OF ANY INFORMATION IN THE POSSESSION OF ANY OTHER COMMITTEE OF THIS ASSOCIATION, THE NEW YORK STATE COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT, THE DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE FOR ANY JUDICIAL DISTRICT, THE GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE OF ANY BAR ASSOCIATION, OR ANY OTHER COURT, ORGANIZATION, COMMISSION AND/OR LICENSING BODY WHICH MAY BEAR ON MY QUALIFICATIONS FOR JUDICIAL OFFICE.

I ATTEST THAT THE INFORMATION I HAVE SUPPLIED IN THIS QUESTIONNAIRE IS TRUE AND COMPLETE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signed

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name