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Bar Association of Erie County Issues Ratings for Judicial Candidates

The Bar Association of Erie County has completed and issued its 2018 ratings for judicial candidates for New York State Supreme Court, Erie County Court, Erie County Family Court and Buffalo City Court. The ratings are as follows:

New York State Supreme Court

Hon. John M. Curran – Outstanding
Hon. Paula L. Feroletto – Outstanding

Erie County Court

Suzanne Maxwell Barnes – Well Qualified
Hon. Debra L. Givens – Well Qualified

Erie County Family Court

Hon. Lisa Bloch Rodwin – Outstanding

Buffalo City Court

Hon. Shannon M. Heneghan – Well Qualified
Hon. James A.W. McLeod – Qualified

The Association uses a four-level rating system of **Outstanding**, **Well Qualified**, **Qualified**, and **Not Recommended**. Ratings are done annually prior to fall elections to assist the public in making informed decisions as they vote for judicial candidates.

Judicial candidates are evaluated on criteria necessary to hold judicial office, including integrity, experience, professional ability, education, reputation, industry, temperament, fairness, statutory standards, attitude, punctuality, and knowledge of the law. Judicial candidates are asked to complete a written questionnaire and are also interviewed as part of the comprehensive rating process. Interviews with lawyers and judges who have had interaction with the candidates are also considered in determining the rating for judicial office. Please visit eriebar.org for further information.

The Bar Association of Erie County has been rating candidates for judicial office since 1993. With more than 3,000 members, the not-for-profit professional association was founded in 1887 to advance the administration of justice through programs and services for the legal profession and the public.

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