



State of New York
First Department
Independent Judicial Election Qualification Commission
for the First Judicial District
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Hon. George Bundy Smith
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Director

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PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Pursuant to Part 150 of the Rules of the Chief Administrator of the New York State Courts, Judge George Bundy Smith, Chairperson of the Independent Judicial Election Qualification Commission for the First Judicial District, has given notice of judicial vacancies in the district to be filled in the November 2009 election and has invited candidates for these offices to seek an evaluation of their qualifications from the Commission.

The Independent Judicial Election Qualification Commissions are a statewide network of independent screening panels in each of the judicial districts of New York State. They are charged with the responsibility of reviewing the qualifications of candidates within their respective judicial districts who submit a questionnaire and are seeking election to the following New York State Courts: Supreme, County, Surrogate's, Family, New York City Civil, District and City Courts. New York County is the First Judicial District.

A copy of the notice of Judicial Vacancies for the First Judicial District is attached.



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NOTICE OF JUDICIAL VACANCIES
FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT

In accordance with Part 150 of the Rules of the Chief Administrator of the New York State Courts, please be advised that the following judicial vacancies in the First Judicial District will be filled by election in November 2009.

- 1) Supreme Court - 1 vacancy
- 2) Civil Court, New York County - 5 vacancies

Pursuant to Part 150 of the Rules of the Chief Administrator of the Courts, Independent Judicial Election Qualification Commissions ("IJEQC") have been established in each judicial district in New York State. The IJEQCs are a statewide network of independent screening panels for judicial candidates. Each IJEQC is charged with the responsibility of reviewing the qualifications of candidates within its respective judicial district who submit a questionnaire and are seeking election to the following New York State Courts: Supreme, County, Surrogate's, Family, New York City Civil, District and City Courts. Each commission has 15 members, comprised of both lawyers and non-lawyers, named by the Chief Judge, the Presiding Justices of the Appellate Division, the New York State Bar Association and local bar associations.

For more information regarding the evaluation process and candidate's questionnaire, please go to <http://www.nycourts.gov/courts/ad1/qualifications.shtml> and follow the link to the IJEQC.

Candidates seeking to be evaluated by the IJEQC in the First Judicial District must submit an original and 15 copies of the completed questionnaire to Rachell Sirota, Esq., Director, First Department, Independent Judicial Election Qualification Commissions, 27 Madison Avenue, Room 3908, New York, NY 10010. **All questionnaires for candidates seeking election to the above-referenced judicial offices should be submitted by May 1, 2009.** However, if because of hardship or other sufficient reason a candidate submits a questionnaire within a sufficient period of time before the election, the Commission will make every effort to accommodate the candidate.

If you have any questions about IJEQC procedures or requirements, please contact Rachell Sirota, Esq. Director, at the address above, by telephone at 212-340-0572 or by email at rsirota@courts.state.ny.us.



State of New York
First Department
Independent Judicial Election Qualification Commission
for the Twelfth Judicial District
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Maxwell S. Pfeifer, Esq.
Chair

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Director

March 2, 2009

PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Pursuant to Part 150 of the Rules of the Chief Administrator of the New York State Courts, Maxwell S. Pfeifer, Esq., Chairperson of the Independent Judicial Election Qualification Commission for the Twelfth Judicial District, has given notice of judicial vacancies in the district to be filled in the November 2009 election and has invited candidates for these offices to seek an evaluation of their qualifications from the Commission.

The Independent Judicial Election Qualification Commissions are a statewide network of independent screening panels in each of the judicial districts of New York State. They are charged with the responsibility of reviewing the qualifications of candidates within their respective judicial districts who submit a questionnaire and are seeking election to the following New York State Courts: Supreme, County, Surrogate's, Family, New York City Civil, District and City Courts. Bronx County is the Twelfth Judicial District.

A copy of the notice of Judicial Vacancies for the Twelfth Judicial District is attached.



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NOTICE OF JUDICIAL VACANCIES
TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

In accordance with Part 150 of the Rules of the Chief Administrator of the New York State Courts, please be advised that the following judicial vacancies in the Twelfth Judicial District will be filled by election in November 2009.

- 1) Supreme Court - 3 vacancies
- 2) Civil Court, Bronx County - 2 vacancies

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For more information regarding the evaluation process and candidate's questionnaire, please go to <http://www.nycourts.gov/courts/ad1/qualifications.shtml> and follow the link to the IJEQC.

Candidates seeking to be evaluated by the IJEQC in the Twelfth Judicial District must submit an original and 15 copies of the completed questionnaire to Rachell Sirota, Esq., Director, First Department, Independent Judicial Election Qualification Commissions, 27 Madison Avenue, Room 3908, New York, NY 10010. **All questionnaires for candidates seeking election to the above-referenced judicial offices should be submitted by May 1, 2009.** However, if because of hardship or other sufficient reason a candidate submits a questionnaire within a sufficient period of time before the election, the Commission will make every effort to accommodate the candidate.

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