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GOVERNOR PATAKI ANNOUNCES COURT OF CLAIMS NOMINATIONS

13 Highly Qualified Judges Are Nominated For Reappointment

Governor George E. Pataki today announced that Judges Michael A. Corriero, Joseph Fisch, Martin Marcus, Charles J. Tejada, William A. Wetzel, S. Michael Nadel, Caesar D. Cirigliano, Dora L. Irizarry, Richard M. Klein, Mario J. Rossetti, Edward A. Sheridan, Lawrence J. Tonetti, and Rena K. Uviller were nominated for reappointment to the Court of Claims.

* Based on their intellect, judgment, temperament, character and experience, the New York State Judicial Screening Committee found each of these judges highly qualified to continue serving on the Court of Claims. The appointments are subject to Senate confirmation.

"I'm delighted that the New York State Judicial Screening Committee has recommended these exceptional jurists for reappointment to the Court of Claims," Governor Pataki said. "I am confident that each of them will continue to serve the people of the State of New York with great distinction as Judges of the Court of Claims."

Judge Michael A. Corriero has served as a Judge of the Court of Claims and an Acting Supreme Court Justice in New York County since 1990. Since September 1992, he has presided over the Youth Part. Judge Corriero received his bachelor's degree from St. John's University in 1964 and his law degree from St. John's University School of Law in 1967.

Judge Joseph Fisch has served as a Judge of the Court of Claims and an Acting Supreme Court Justice in Bronx County since 1990. He served in the United States Army from 1956 until 1962 and received an honorable discharge. Judge Fisch received his bachelor's degree from New York University in 1953 and his law degree from Harvard Law School in 1956.

Judge Martin Marcus has served as a Judge of the Court of Claims and Acting Supreme Court Justice in Bronx County since 1990. He received his bachelor's degree from the University of Chicago in 1971 and his law degree from Yale University in 1974.

Judge Charles J. Tejada has served as a Judge of the Court of Claims and Acting Supreme Court Justice in New York County since 1990. He served in the United States Army from 1965 until 1971 and received an honorable discharge. Judge Tejada received his bachelor's degree from the City College of New York in 1970 and his law degree from New York University School of Law in 1973.

✓ Judge William A. Wetzel has served as a Judge of the Court of Claims and Acting Supreme Court Justice in New York County since 1995. He received his bachelor's degree from the College of the Holy Cross in 1962 and his law degree from New York University School of Law in 1966.

Judge S. Michael Nadel has served as a Judge of the Claims in New York County since 1997. He served in the United States Army from 1970 until 1971 and received an honorable discharge. Judge

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Nadel received his bachelor's degree from Dartmouth College in 1966 and his law degree from Columbia University School of Law in 1969.

Judge Caesar D. Cirigliano has served as a Judge of the Court of Claims and Acting Supreme Court Justice in Bronx County since 1989. He served in the United States Marine Corps from 1959 until 1960 and received an honorable discharge. Judge Cirigliano received his bachelor's degree from Fordham University in 1959 and his law degree from Brooklyn Law School in 1963.

Judge Dora L. Irizarry has served as a Judge of the Court of Claims and Acting Supreme Court Justice in Kings and New York counties since 1997. She received her bachelor's degree from Yale University in 1976 and her law degree from Columbia Law School in 1979.

Judge Richard M. Klein has served as a Judge of the Court of Claims and Acting Supreme Court Justice in Suffolk County since 1995. He served in the New York State National Guard from 1965 until 1971 and received an honorable discharge. Judge Klein received his bachelor's degree from the University of Miami in 1962 and his law degree from New York Law School in 1965.

Judge Mario J. Rossetti has served as a Judge of the Court of Claims and Acting Supreme Court Justice in Erie County since 1987. He received his bachelor's degree from the University of Buffalo in 1959 and his law degree from the University of Buffalo Law School in 1960.

Judge Edward A. Sheridan has served as a Judge of the Court of Claims/Acting Supreme Court Justice in Saratoga County since 1991. He served in the United State Air Force from 1964 until 1969 and received an honorable discharge. Judge Sheridan received his bachelor's degree from the University of Notre Dame in 1964 and his law degree from the University of Notre Dame Law School in 1974.

Judge Lawrence J. Tonetti has served as a Judge of the Court of Claims/Acting Supreme Court Justice in Bronx County since 1983. He served in the United States Air Force from 1962 until 1964 and received an honorable discharge. Judge Tonetti received his bachelor's degree from Iona College in 1955 and his law degree from New York University Law School in 1958.

Judge Rena K. Uviller has served as a Judge of the Court of Claims/Acting Supreme Court Justice in New York County since 1983. She received her bachelor's degree from Barnard College in 1959 and her law degree from Columbia Law School in 1962.

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TODAY'S NEWS

Update

Governor Pataki yesterday nominated one new judge to the Court of Claims, while also nominating 13 judges for reappointment. Judge Richard C. Kloch Sr., of North Tonawanda City Court in Niagara County, will sit on the court pending Senate approval. He will hear criminal cases in New York City. The reappointed nominees are Judges Michael A. Corriero, Joseph Fisch, Martin Marcus, Charles J. Tejada, William A. Wetzel, S. Michael Nadel, Caesar D. Cirigliano, Dora L. Irizarry, Richard M. Klein, Mario J. Rossetti, Edward A. Sheridan, Lawrence J. Tonetti and Rena K. Uviller.

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit yesterday upheld the trespassing convictions of Assem-

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