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TODAY'S NEWS

Update

The Association of the Bar of the City of New York yesterday rated all seven candidates for the Court of Appeals as qualified to serve on the state's highest court. Within the next few days, the New York State Bar Association, the Women's Bar Assoclation of the State of New York and the New York State Trial Lawyers Association will all be releasing their evaluations on the candidates: Justice Richard T. Andrias of the Appellate Division, First Department; Justice Victoria A. Graffeo of the Appellate Division, Third Department; Presiding Justice Susan Phillips Read of the Court of Claims; Deputy Chief Administrative Judge Juanita Bing Newton; Administrative Justices Stephen G. Crane of Manhattan and Steven W. Fisher of Queens; and former State Bar Association President James C. Moore, a partner at Harter, Secrest & Emery in Rochester. Governor Pataki has until Nov. 3 to name a replacement for Judge Joseph W. Bellacosa, who recently retired.

