

## CAMPAIGN '97 BRIEFS

### Judge candidates rated by women's law group

The Westchester Women's Bar Association has released its ratings for judicial candidates seeking seats on state Supreme Court, Westchester County Court and Family Court.

The Bar Association's Judicial Screening Committee conducted personal interviews, reviewed legal briefs and writing samples and sought references from lawyers who have appeared before incumbents and lawyers who worked with or against candidates who are practicing lawyers.

The Bar Association said the ratings are based on: judicial temperament; knowledge of the law; legal writing ability; general reputation; character and fitness; and attitudes toward women's issues.

The four ratings are: "outstanding," "well-qualified," "qualified" and "not qualified." Candidates who do not appear before the screening committee or fail to cooperate with the process are given ratings of "not qualified."

Here are the candidates, their current position, the lines they are running on and their ratings:

#### Supreme Court, 9th Judicial District (Westchester, Rockland, Putnam, Dutchess and Orange counties):

Ralph A. Beisner, incumbent, Republican/Conservative/Right to Life: "well-qualified."

Doris T. Friedman, acting Tarrytown village judge, Democratic: "qualified."

Aldo A. Nastasi, incumbent, Republican/Conservative/Right to Life: "well-qualified."

Sah D. Walker, Mount Vernon city judge, Democratic: "well-qualified."

#### Westchester County Court:

Mark C. Dillon, incumbent, Republican/Conservative/Freedom: "well-qualified."

Barbara Zambelli, senior city judge, Mount Vernon, Democratic/Independence: "well-qualified."

Robert D. Wallingford, senior manager at KPMG Peat Marwick, Right to Life: "not qualified."

#### Westchester County Family Court:

Michele L. Bermel, domestic relations lawyer, Democratic: "well-qualified."

Nilda Morales Horowitz, hearing examiner for New York City Family Court, Democratic: "qualified."

Linda S. Jamieson, matrimonial lawyer, Republican/Conservative/Independence/Freedom: "well-qualified."

Brian J. Kennedy, lawyer, Right to Life: "not qualified."

James J.P. Manning, law firm partner, Manning-Russo, Right to Life: "not qualified."

Bruce E. Tolbert, incumbent, Republican/Conservative/Independence/Freedom: "outstanding."

Suzanne Swanson in the 3rd; Michael Kaplowitz in the 4th; William Ryan in the 5th; George Latimer in the 7th; Lois Bronz in the 8th; Richard Wishnie in the 9th; Marcia Lee in the 10th; Jack Scaringella in the 11th; Thomas Abinanti in the 12th; Clinton Young in the 13th; Chuck Schorr Lesnick in the 15th; Andrea Stewart-Cousins in the 16th; and Edward Krauss in the 17th.

NOW made no endorsements in the 1st, 6th and 14th districts.