

Westchester bar group rates judge candidates

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The Westchester County Bar Association has released its ratings of judicial candidates seeking seats on the state Supreme Court, Westchester County Court and Family Court. Ratings are "well-qualified," "qualified" and "not qualified."

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

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

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

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

■ Sam D. Walker, Mount Vernon city judge, Democratic: "qualified."

The Westchester Bar Association did not rate incumbent Ralph A. Beisner, because he sits in Dutchess County. The Dutchess County Bar Association, though, gave Beisner its highest rating of "qualified." Beisner is running on the Republican, Conservative and Right to Life lines.

Westchester County Court:

■ Mark C. Dillon, incumbent, Republican, Conservative, Freedom: "qualified."

■ Barbara Zambelli, senior city judge, Mount Vernon, Democratic, Independence: "qualified."

■ Robert D. Wallingford, senior manager at KPMG Peat Marwick, Right to Life: did not appear for interviews and was not rated.

Westchester County Family Court:

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

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

■ Linda S. Jamieson, matrimonial lawyer, Republican, Conservative, Independence, Freedom: "qualified."

■ Brian J. Kennedy, lawyer, Right to Life: did not appear for interviews and was not rated.

■ James J.P. Manning, law firm partner, Manning-Russo, Right to Life: withdrew his resume from consideration.

■ Bruce E. Tolbert, incumbent, Republican, Conservative, Independence, Freedom: "well-qualified."