

Second Department Judicial Screening Committee
Chairperson: Kevin J. Plunkett

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George E. Pataki
Governor, State of New York
Capitol Building
Albany, New York 12224

Appointment Report
Applicant: Honorable Stephen Crane

The Second Department Judicial Screening Committee reviewed the qualifications of the Honorable Stephen Crane for a potential designation to the Appellate Division, Second Department. On this day the candidate appeared before the Committee. After evaluating the candidate's intellect, judgment, temperament, character and experience the Committee determined that the Honorable Stephen Crane was highly qualified for designation to the Appellate Division, Second Department.

Since February 1989 Justice Crane has served as a Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York in the First Judicial District, presiding over civil and criminal matters. Since July 1996 he has also served as the Administrative Judge of the Civil Branch in New York County. From 1984 until 1989 he served as an Acting Justice of the Supreme Court. From 1981 until 1984 he served as a Judge of the Criminal Court of the City of New York. For four years he was engaged in the private practice of law, specializing in appeals, civil litigation, labor, taxation, corporation and wills. From 1979 until 1980 he served as counsel to the Office of Court Administration. From 1966 until 1979 he served as Chief Law Assistant and Senior Law Assistant at the Appellate Division, First Department.

Justice Crane serves as a member of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America, New York State Trial Lawyers Association, Hispanic National Bar Association, Jewish Lawyers' Guild, National Center for State Courts, and the Association of Justices of the Supreme Court of the City and State of New York. He also serves as a member of the Committee on Law Governing Lawyers, Committee on Committees, Judicial Section, New York County Lawyers' Foundation, Inc., American Inn of Court, Committee on Court Facilities, co-chair of the Committee on Continuing Legal Education and Jury Task Force, chair of the History Committee, and as a member of the Executive Committee of the New York County Lawyers Association, Commissioner of the Commission on Legal Services for the Middle Income, member of the Council of Judicial Associations and Committee on Jury Selection of the New York State Bar Association, and as a member of the Board of Justices of the Executive Committee of the First Judicial District.

Justice Crane is involved in numerous civic and community activities, including president of the

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Cornell Law Association, member of the Advisory Council and Visiting Council of Cornell Law School, chair of the Board of Trustees of the New York County Public Access Law Library, director of Respect for Law Alliance, and as a member of the Regional Board of the Executive Committee and National Legal Affairs Committee, and chair of the By-Laws Committee of the Anti-Defamation League.

Justice Crane is the recipient of numerous awards and honors, including the Robert L. Haig Award for Distinguished Public Service by the Commercial and Federal Litigation Section of the New York State Bar Association, Harold A. Stevens Jewel Award by the Tort Law Section of the New York County Lawyers' Association, Judge Louis J. Capozzoli Gavel Award by the New York County Lawyers' Association, and was the honoree at the Annual Dinner of the Law Secretaries and Law Assistants Collegium of the Supreme and Surrogates Courts of the First Department.

He is a graduate of Cornell University, School of Industrial and Labor Relations (B.S., 1960) and Cornell Law School (J.D., 1963).