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NEW YORK STATE TRIAL LAWYERS ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES RESULTS OF JUDICIAL SCREENING FOR THE NEW YORK COURT OF APPEALS

Lenore Kramer, President of the New York State Trial Lawyers Association, in a letter to the Counsel to the Governor, James M. McGuire, has released the results of judicial screening of candidates for the New York State Court of Appeals. The panel interviewed all seven nominees put forth by the Commission on Judicial Nomination on October 19, 2000. The panel used the following rating system to review the nominees: "highly recommended", "recommended" and "not recommended."

Ms. Kramer stated, "We are pleased to make our findings known to Governor Pataki and thank the candidates for participating in the screening process."

The panel concluded as follows:

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

- Richard T. Andrias Associate Justice, Appellate Division, 1st Department
- Stephen G. Crane Administrative Judge, Civil Term, Supreme Court, New York County
- Victoria A. Graffeo Associate Justice, Appellate Division, 3rd Department
- Juanita Bing Newton Deputy Chief Administrative Judge for Justice Initiatives

RECOMMENDED

- Steven W. Fisher Administrative Judge Supreme Court, Queens County
- James C. Moore Past President, New York State Bar Association
- Susan P. Read Presiding Judge, Court of Claims.

The New York State Trial Lawyers Association is the largest specialty bar association in New York State. Established in 1953, NYSTLA is devoted to strengthening and preserving the civil justice system.