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**Women's Bar Association Announces Judicial Candidate Ratings**

The Western New York Chapter of the Women's Bar Association of the State of New York announces its ratings for this year's candidates for New York State Supreme Court and Buffalo City Court.

The Women's Bar Association uses a four-level overall rating system of Outstanding, Highly Qualified, Qualified and Not Recommended. The rating is based upon a personal interview with the candidate, evaluation of writing samples submitted by the candidate, and a survey of our membership as to their professional experience with the candidate. As part of the overall rating, judicial candidates were rated Excellent, Very Good, Good, Fair and Poor in the areas of Judicial Temperament, Legal Reasoning Ability, Experience for the Position Sought and Commitment to Women's Issues and Community Issues.

**NEW YORK STATE SUPREME COURT CANDIDATES**

**Hon. Diane Y. Devlin**

Judicial Temperament  
Legal Reasoning Ability  
Experience for the Position Sought  
Commitment to Women's Issues and Community Issues

**Highly Qualified**

Excellent  
Very Good  
Excellent  
Very Good

**Hon. Gerald J. Greenan, III**

Judicial Temperament  
Legal Reasoning Ability  
Experience for the Position Sought  
Commitment to Women's Issues and Community Issues

**Qualified**

Good  
Good  
Good  
Fair

**Hon. Deborah A. Haendiges**

Judicial Temperament  
Legal Reasoning Ability  
Experience for the Position Sought  
Commitment to Women's Issues and Community Issues

**Highly Qualified**

Very Good  
Very Good  
Excellent  
Very Good

**Hon. Gerald J. Whalen**

Judicial Temperament  
Legal Reasoning Ability  
Experience for the Position Sought  
Commitment to Women's Issues and Community Issues

**Outstanding**

Excellent  
Excellent  
Excellent  
Very Good

**BUFFALO CITY COURT CANDIDATES****Lenora Foote Beavers, Esq.**

Judicial Temperament  
Legal Reasoning Ability  
Experience for the Position Sought  
Commitment to Women's Issues and Community Issues

**Outstanding**

Excellent  
Very Good  
Very Good  
Excellent

The ratings include candidates who announced their candidacy prior to May 1, 2019. Ratings for candidates who announced after May 1, 2019 may be included in a subsequent press release.

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