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**THE DEFENSE ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK (“DANY”) SENDS
GOVERNOR RATINGS OF CANDIDATES FOR ASSOCIATE JUDGE
VACANCY**

The Defense Association of New York’s President, Teresa A. Klaum, Esq., has sent a letter to Governor Andrew Cuomo with DANY’s ratings for the seven nominees under consideration for Associate Judge of the New York State Court of Appeals, in connection with the vacancy on the Court created by the retirement of Associate Judge Paul Feinman.

To assist with the appointment process, DANY’s Judiciary Screening Committee reviewed each nominee’s background, decisions and/or writings. The Committee then conducted personal interviews with all seven of the nominees via Zoom on May 12, 2021.

In evaluating the nominees, the Committee considered: Judicial temperament; legal ability and experience; legal writing ability; general reputation, character and fitness; industriousness, diligence and promptness; impartiality, and freedom from bias and prejudice. An e-mail blast was also sent to DANY’s seven hundred three (703) members, inviting them to provide input regarding the qualifications of the nominees for consideration by the Committee.

Based on those evaluations, DANY has rated the nominees, as follows:

Denise A. Hartman – Qualified
Anthony Cannataro – Well Qualified
Michael S. Bosworth – Qualified
Troy Karen Webber – Well Qualified
Judith J. Gische – Qualified
Erin M. Peradotto – Well Qualified
Caitlin J. Halligan – Qualified