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## 2017 CDWBA Judicial Candidate Questionnaire

### GUIDELINES

- (1) All candidates seeking judicial positions in the 3rd and 4th Judicial Districts for Supreme Court, Family Court, Surrogate's Court, County Court, City Court, and Town Court are invited to complete this Questionnaire.
- (2) All questions must be completed in order for this Questionnaire to be considered complete.
- (3) Responses to Questions 13 and 14 must be no more than five hundred (500) words each. To be complete, a response must address each subsection of Questions 13 and 14.
- (4) Complete Questionnaires will be printed verbatim in the CDWBA E-Blast, Fall Newsletter, and will be made available online on the CDWBA website. To the extent a response to Question 13 and/or 14 runs over five hundred (500) words, the response will be truncated to comply with the five hundred (500) word guideline.
- (5) Candidates who do not respond by the **September 15, 2017** deadline will be identified in the E-Blast and website with basic identifying information (name, current position and position sought), the date(s) the Questionnaire was distributed, as well as the phrase "No response received at this time". If you are participating in the Primary Election/Convention Process please submit your questionnaire before **September 7, 2017**.
- (6) The CDWBA may issue a press release and email blasts, which includes verbatim responses from complete Questionnaires, as well as identifying information on candidates who do not respond. Please note that while we will request that your comments be printed verbatim, we have no control over how news outlets may edit or editorialize your responses.
- (7) Any member of any Chapter of the Women's Bar Association of the State of New York (WBASNY), including members of the CDWBA, seeking judicial office in the 3rd and 4th Judicial Districts will be invited to submit an article for the October edition of the CDWBA Newsletter. Articles must be received by **September 2nd** and will be printed verbatim, subject to editing for length. Any submissions received after such date will be mentioned in the CDWBA weekly e-blast the week subsequent to submission.
- (8) The CDWBA reserves the right to edit and/or refuse to print in its newsletter any material it deems offensive or inappropriate for distribution to its membership.
- (9) Candidates are welcome to submit headshots (electronic files only). Photos must be submitted electronically via email to [JTF@CDWBA.org](mailto:JTF@CDWBA.org).
- (10) **DEADLINE.** Completed Questionnaire must be postmarked by **September 15, 2017** or be received via email at [JTF@CDWBA.org](mailto:JTF@CDWBA.org) by **September 15, 2017**.

**IDENTIFYING INFORMATION**

(1) Name \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

(3) Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ (4) Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

(5) Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

**EDUCATION/ADMISSION INFORMATION**

(6) Name of College and Degree Obtained \_\_\_\_\_

(7) Law School and Graduation Date \_\_\_\_\_

(8) Admission Date in New York State \_\_\_\_\_ (9) Department of Admission \_\_\_\_\_

**EXPERIENCE**

(10) Current Position and Years in Position \_\_\_\_\_

(11) Prior Position Held the Longest (Name, and Years in Position)  
\_\_\_\_\_

(12) Prior Elective Offices Held (Judicial and Otherwise): \_\_\_\_\_

**QUALIFICATIONS**

(13) Indicate whether you have ever been disciplined by a Committee on Judicial Conduct or any Attorney Grievance Committee either in or out of New York State and if so, why. (a) Explain why you are qualified for the position you seek. Include a discussion of (b) your practice experience, (c) your litigation experience generally and (d) your experience appearing before the court to which you seek election.

(14) (a) Explain how the principles of diversity and equality enter into your current practice and (b) how they will be furthered if you become a member of the bench or if you continue on the bench. (c) Explain what activities or programs you have participated in concerning advocacy for women and families. (d) Explain how you would respond if a woman or minority attorney or litigant complained of discriminatory mistreatment in a matter (e.g., motion, deposition, hearing, trial, etc.) pending before your court. (e) Discuss any experience you have dealing with victims of domestic violence.