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**Tri-County Bar Association  
Judicial Screening Committee  
For the New York State Court of Appeals Vacancy**

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The Tri-County Bar Association Judicial Screening Committee, which is comprised of selected members from the Bar Association of Erie County, Monroe County Bar Association, and the Onondaga County Bar Association, has sent a letter to Governor Kathy Hochul with the Committee's ratings for seven nominees under consideration for Chief Judge of the New York State Court of Appeals. The vacancy was created due to the resignation of the Hon. Janet DiFiore.

The committee conducted personal interviews with each candidate. Together with an evaluation of each candidate's background, written submissions, judicial temperament, legal ability and experience, legal writing, character and fitness, work ethic and impartiality. Candidates are rated as either highly qualified, qualified, or not recommended. The Committee rated the nominees as follows:

Hon. Anthony Cannataro	Highly Qualified
Hon. Elizabeth A. Garry	Highly Qualified
Caitlin Halligan, Esq.	Qualified
Corey Stoughton, Esq.	Qualified
Hon. Shirley Troutman	Highly Qualified
Hon. Gerald J. Whalen	Highly Qualified
Hon. Rowan D. Wilson	Highly Qualified