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### Bar Association of Erie County Issues Ratings for Judicial Candidates

**May 12, 2023** - The Bar Association of Erie County has completed its 2023 ratings of judicial candidates for Erie County Family Court and Buffalo City Court. Ratings are done annually to assist the public in making informed voting decisions.

The 2023 ratings are as follows:

#### **Erie County Family Court**

Hon. Mary Giallanza Carney - Outstanding

Hon. Shannon M. Filbert – Well Qualified

Hon. Deanne M. Tripi – Well Qualified

#### **Buffalo City Court**

Tiffany R. Perry – Well Qualified

The Association uses a four-level rating system of **Outstanding, Well Qualified, Qualified, and Not Recommended**.

#### **The Judiciary Committee is nonpartisan.**

Ratings are done by a committee of 29 lawyers, with no more than 14 from a single political party. At least 9 new lawyers join the Committee each year. No member of the Committee may seek election to judicial office or publicly endorse or oppose any candidate for judicial office. A similar prohibition applies to BAEC Board Directors.

#### **Criteria and Process are Comprehensive.**

Judicial candidates are evaluated on criteria necessary to hold judicial office, including integrity, experience, professional ability, education, reputation, industry, temperament, fairness, statutory standards, attitude, punctuality, and knowledge of the law. Judicial candidates are asked to complete a written questionnaire and are also interviewed as part of a multi-faceted rating process. Interviews with lawyers and judges who have interacted with the candidates are also

considered in determining the rating for judicial office. Please visit [eriebar.org](http://eriebar.org) for further information.

### **About the BAEC**

The Bar Association of Erie County has been rating candidates for judicial office since 1993. With more than 3,000 members, the not-for-profit professional association was founded in 1887 to advance the administration of justice through programs and services for the legal profession and the public. The BAEC is a nonpartisan association made up of lawyers from varied practices and backgrounds, including lawyers in civil and criminal practice, corporate and trial lawyers, defense counsel, in house counsel and those working in government, educational and nonprofit settings.

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