



*New York State Supreme Court  
Appellate Division, Fourth Department*

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**September 22, 2023**

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**RE: Honorable Michael Edmund Hudson**

Dear Mr. Graber and Mr. Richardson,

Hon. Michael Edmund Hudson has applied to be designated as Judicial Hearing Officer in the Fourth Judicial Department. The Rules of the Chief Administrator provide for the evaluation of every applicant by the Fourth Department Selection Advisory Committee prior to the initial designation as a Judicial Hearing Officer. The criteria for evaluating candidates for the Judicial Hearings designations are set forth in the 22 NYCRR Part 122.2(f). These criteria include competence, work ethic, experience and judicial temperament.

The Selection Advisory Committee requests that you, as Presidents of the Erie and Niagara County Bar Associations, consult with your membership to solicit comments to assist you with providing input to this Committee as part of the evaluation process.

**It would be greatly appreciated if you could provide written comments on or before October 10, 2023. In the event you do not**

**receive feedback from your bar members despite soliciting comments, please be sure to meet the deadline by notifying me of the same in the form of a letter either on your law office or your bar association letterhead. Responses may be sent to the above mailing address or may be submitted via email to [daquilin@nycourts.gov](mailto:daquilin@nycourts.gov).**

Very truly yours,



Hon. Stephen K. Lindley  
Selection Advisory Committee Chair

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