



## Civil Court Judge Candidate Questionnaire

Please fill out our questionnaire, so we can bring voters information about you and your policy priorities as they gear up for the 2017 NYC elections.

We look forward to hearing from you!

### I. Name and Identifying Information

Candidate Name

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Official Name of Campaign Committee

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Party Affiliation

Please check all that apply.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Democrat         | <input type="checkbox"/> Green                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Republican       | <input type="checkbox"/> Women's Equality Party |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservative     | <input type="checkbox"/> Reform Party           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Independence     | <input type="checkbox"/> Other:                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Working Families |   |
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### II. Contact Information

Campaign Manager Name

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Campaign Phone (not to be published)

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Preferred Email (not to be published)

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Other Relevant Staff and their Contact Information (not to be published)

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Campaign Street Address (not to be published)

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City, State, Zip (not to be published)

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Campaign Website

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Facebook

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Instagram

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Twitter

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Other Social Media

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### III. Employment, Education, and Volunteer Experience

Do you currently serve in any elected office?

Please check all that apply.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> State Senate   | <input type="checkbox"/> District Leader  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> State Assembly | <input type="checkbox"/> County Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> City Council   | <input type="checkbox"/> No               |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> Other:           |
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How long have you served in the elected position (if applicable)?

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What is your current or most recent occupation, and what were your dates of employment?

If you currently serve in elected office, please use this space to tell us of any simultaneous employment, eg consulting.

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Other Past Job and Dates of Employment

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Education - High School/GED

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College and Degree - Associates/Undergraduate

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College and Degree - Graduate

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College and Degree - Post Graduate

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Professional Associations

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Volunteer Experience

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Community Affiliations and Membership

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Other Relevant Experience

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What have you learned from your current job - or other professional, educational, or volunteer experience - that will inform how you serve as a civil court judge?

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## IV. Legal Experience

Year Admitted to the NYS Bar

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Admittance to other jurisdictions, including all federal and state courts and the dates of admission

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Recent, relevant Continuing Legal Education (CLE) coursework

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Please provide any information about published works in legal journals or books that demonstrate your legal knowledge and abilities.

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If you are currently a practicing attorney: how many cases have you tried to conclusion in court or via settlement in the last 5 years?

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If you have brought forward cases in Civil Court: what kinds of cases have you brought? (eg personal injury, landlord/tenant, etc.)

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If you are currently or have been a judge: please tell us about your process for making judgments.

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If you have not been active in the court room, please provide information about your experience that is relevant to the position of judge of the civil court.

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Given that Civil Court judges may be moved to Family Court or Supreme Court due to needs and vacancies, what in your background makes you qualified to serve on courts other than Civil Court?

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Please use this space to tell us more about how your legal experience would inform your work as judge.

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## V. Perspectives on the Law

What is your judicial philosophy? How would your philosophy impact your decisions as a judge?

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What are your views on the use of judicial discretion and of judicial restraint?

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How would you seek to ensure that juries selected for cases under your jurisdiction are fair and representative?

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How will you work with pro se (self-represented) clients appearing in court?

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How would you seek to improve the justice system via your position as a civil court judge? What legislative or administrative changes would you advance?

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## VI. Demographic Information - Optional

Please fill out this section only if you are comfortable doing so.

We understand that individuals may not feel comfortable sharing personal demographic information, for a variety of reasons.

Yet we also believe that it is important to understand the demographics of New York's elected officials and for voters to understand the background of candidates for office - particularly given the diversity within our city and state, the role of socialization in shaping policy perspectives, the perceived tendencies of voters to cast ballots for candidates of shared backgrounds, and the perceived link between democratic representation and elected officials sharing the background of constituents.

Please note, these questions are based on terminology from significant research outlets:

On gender and sexual orientation - Human Rights Campaign.

On race - US Census, 2017 American Community Survey.

On religion - Pew Research Center.

### Age

- 18 - 29
  - 30 - 39
  - 40 - 49
  - 50 - 59
  - 60 - 69
  - 70 and older
  - Prefer not to say
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### Gender

This question is based on terminology from the Human Rights Campaign.

- Female
  - Male
  - Non-binary/ third gender
  - Prefer not to say
  - Other:
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### Sexual Orientation

This question is based on terminology from the Human Rights Campaign.

- Straight/Heterosexual
  - Gay or Lesbian
  - Bisexual
  - Prefer not to say
  - Other:
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Do you consider yourself a member of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and/or Transgender (LGBT) community?

This question is based on terminology from the Human Rights Campaign.

- Yes
  - No
  - No, but I identify as an Ally
  - Prefer not to say
  - Other:
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## Race

This question is based on terminology from the US Census, 2017 American Community Survey, with answers in alphabetical order.

- American Indian or Alaskan Native
  - Asian Indian
  - Black or African American
  - Chinese
  - Filipino
  - Guamanian or Chamorro
  - Hispanic/Latino - Cuban
  - Hispanic/Latino - Mexican, Mexican American, Chicano
  - Hispanic/Latino - Other
  - Hispanic/Latino - Puerto Rican
  - Japanese
  - Korean
  - Native Hawaiian
  - Samoan
  - Vietnamese
  - White/Caucasian
  - Other:
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## Religion

This question is based on terminology from the Pew Research Center, with answers in alphabetical order.

- Agnostic
  - Atheist
  - Buddhist
  - Christian - Catholic
  - Christian - Jehovah's Witness
  - Christian - Mormon
  - Christian - Protestant
  - Christian - Orthodox
  - Christian - Other
  - Don't Know
  - Hindu
  - Jewish
  - Muslim
  - Native American Religions
  - Nothing in Particular
  - New Age
  - Unitarian
  - Other:
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## VII. Verification and Submission

**This section is required. We want to ensure that the enclosed information represents the candidate - please tell us who you are and verify that you are a member of the candidate's team. Thank you!**

Name of Individual Submitting the Form \*

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By checking this box, you verify that you are appropriately representing and answering on behalf of the candidate. \*

- By checking this box, I verify that I am a team member of the candidate identified in this form, that the candidate has authorized me to submit answers on her or his behalf, and that the answers I submit are the answers of the candidate and her or his campaign.
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Thank you for answering our questions and helping voters learn more about your perspectives!