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Three Judicial Evaluation Ratings
Released Today by the Rochester Black Bar Association

ROCHESTER, N.Y. — The Rochester Black Bar Association (RBBA) today released the rating results of persons it evaluated this year seeking judgeships for Monroe County Court and Rochester City Court.

The RBBA's Judicial Review Committee is comprised of local attorneys. Our judicial review process is a non-partisan program that is designed to evaluate each judicial candidate on an individual basis.

RBBA's evaluation process includes reviewing a detailed questionnaire completed by the candidate, reviewing writing samples, conducting reference checks and holding an in-depth interview with each candidate. Evaluation criteria include experience; integrity; professional competence; judicial temperament; service to the law; and contribution to the effective administration of justice and/or the community. Evaluation criteria for a candidate currently sitting as a judge also include preparedness, attentiveness and control over judicial proceedings; judicial management skills; courtesy to litigants, counsel and court personnel; public disciplinary sanctions; and quality of judicial opinions.

Each candidate who participates in the evaluation process is rated "highly qualified," "qualified" or "not qualified." Each candidate also receives a sensitivity rating of highly sensitive, moderately sensitive or low sensitivity based on the candidate's sensitivity to issues involving minorities and/or other historically disadvantaged groups.

The ratings are as follows:

Monroe County Court

Melissa Barrett-	Highly Qualified Highly Sensitive
Matthew D. Nafus-	Highly Qualified Moderately Sensitive

Rochester City Court

Hon. Maija C. Dixon- Highly Qualified
 Highly Sensitive

Please note, the 2015 rating for Martiza Buitrago, candidate for Monroe County Family Court, remains valid. Ms. Buitrago was rated Highly Qualified and Highly Sensitive.

The Rochester Black Bar Association is a not for profit organization committed to community service, promoting diversity throughout the legal community and advocacy on behalf of disadvantaged individuals throughout the Rochester area.