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In February of this year, the Chief Administrator of the New York State courts established in each of the twelve New York State judicial districts an Independent Judicial Election Qualification Commission (“IJEQC”). Each IJEQC is responsible for reviewing the qualifications of candidates within its respective judicial district who are seeking public election to the following New York State courts: Supreme, County, Surrogate’s, Family, New York City Civil, District and City. Commission members are chosen throughout each judicial district by the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals, the Presiding Justices of the Appellate Divisions and local bar associations. The membership consists of lay people and attorneys and represents a wide cross-section of the communities it serves.

After careful consideration, the Independent Judicial Election Qualification Commission for the Fifth Judicial District, has issued the following ratings of candidates running for judicial offices within the Fifth Judicial District, which includes the counties of Herkimer, Jefferson, Lewis, Oneida, Onondaga and Oswego:

1. Michele Pirro Bailey: “qualified for election as Onondaga County Family Court Judge”;
2. Vanessa E. Bogan: “qualified for election as Syracuse City Court Judge”;
3. James H. Cecile: “qualified for election as Syracuse City Court Judge”; and
4. Marc Waldauer: “qualified for election as Onondaga County Family Court Judge”.

Judicial candidates wishing to have their qualifications reviewed by the Commission and receive a rating of their qualifications, for election to judicial offices within the Fifth Judicial District, should refer to <http://nycourts.gov/ad4> and follow the links to the Independent Judicial Election Qualification Commission for information concerning the evaluation process and to obtain the on-line questionnaire. For further information, contact Fifth Judicial District Commission Chair Honorable Richard D. Simons at (315) 336-4700 or Mary Gehl Doyle, Director, IJEQC at (585) 530-3225.