

**COMMISSION TO PROMOTE PUBLIC CONFIDENCE
IN JUDICIAL ELECTIONS**

Appendix A

List of Public Hearing Witnesses

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Public Hearing in New York City – September 16, 2003

Michael Bloomberg, Mayor of New York City

Charles Hynes, Kings County District Attorney

Floyd Abrams, Cahill Gordon & Reindel LLP

Testimony of C. Virginia Fields, Manhattan Borough President, delivered by Denise A. Outram,
General Counsel

Kenneth J. Knuckles, President & CEO, Upper Manhattan Empowerment Zone

Robert J. Levinsohn, Proskauer Rose LLP

Norma Ramirez, District Leader, 64th District

Edward W. Madeira, American Bar Association

Daniel L. Greenberg, President and Attorney-in-Chief, The Legal Aid Society

William M. Savino, President, Nassau County Bar Association

Stephen De Castro, Vice President, Asian American Bar Association

Barbara Reed, Director, Courts Initiative, Constitution Project

Jonathan Jacob Gass, Associate Counsel, Brennan Center for Justice

A. Thomas Levin, President, New York State Bar Association

Geri Palast, Executive Director, Justice at Stake

James F. Brennan, New York State Assembly Member

Hon. Marcy Kahn, Justice of the Supreme Court

Prof. David Yassky, New York City Council Member

Scott Greenfield, Vice President, New York State Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers

Gary B. Pillersdorf, Network of Bar Leaders

William C. Thompson, Law Office of Ross & Hill

Gary Schultz, Law Offices of Gary Schultz

Public Hearing in Buffalo, New York – September 23, 2003

Leonard Lenihan, Chair, Erie County Democratic Committee

Bradley J. Stamm, Erie County Republican Committee

Michael J. Flaherty, President Erie County Bar Association

Steven W. Bell, Managing Editor, Buffalo News

Maryann Saccomando Freedman, Cohen & Lombardo, P.C.

Lyle Toohey, Vice President, Voter Service, League of Women Voters

Melissa Hancock Nickson, Esq., President, Western New York Chapter of the Women's Bar Association of the State of New York

James M. Shaw, Vice President, Erie County Bar Association

Craig Hannah, President, Western New York Minority Bar Association

Professor James A. Gardner, University of Buffalo School of Law

Patrick J. Maloney, Vice President, Western New York Trial Lawyers Association

Michael P. Leone, Harris, Chesworth & O'Brien

Harold A. Kurland, Monroe County Bar Association

Edward C. Cosgrove, Chair Trial Lawyers Section, New York State Bar Association

Hon. Frederick G. Reed, Ontario County Surrogate

Hon. Rose H. Sconiers, Justice of the Supreme Court and President of the Association of Supreme Court Justices of the State of New York

Public Hearing in Albany, New York – September 30, 2003

Judge Leonard Weiss, McNamee, Lochner, Titus & Williams, P.C.

Rex Smith, Editor, Albany Times Union

Henry Berger, Chair, and Robert Tembeckjian, Administrator, New York State Commission on Judicial Conduct

Justice James W. Dougherty, President of the New York State Magistrates Association

Fern Schair, Chairman, Committee for Modern Courts

Dale Thuiellez, Thuillez, Ford, Gold, Johnson & Butler LLP

Lorraine Power Tharp, Whiteman Osterman & Hanna LLP

Luke Bierman, Director, Justice Center, American Bar Association

George P. Alessio, Jr., President, Onondaga County Bar Association

Judge E. Leo Milonas, President, Association of the Bar of the City of New York

Jill Dunn, President, Capital District Womens Bar Association

Hon. Kevin G. Young, Syracuse City Court

Hon. Anthony J. Paris, Justice of the Supreme Court, 5th District

Hon. John V. Centra, Justice of the Supreme Court, 5th District

Hon. David G. Klim, Onondaga County Family Court

Stephen F. Downs, Esq.

Benjamin Ostrer, Benjamin Ostrer & Associates, P.C.

Richard Denis