

**NOTICE**  
**INVITATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

May 6, 2026

**Certification or Recertification of Retired Justices of the Supreme Court**

The Administrative Board of the Courts of the New York State Unified Court System seeks comment from persons who are able to evaluate the performance of the following Justices or retired Justices of the Supreme Court who are seeking certification or recertification to continue judicial service pursuant to N. Y. Const. Art. VI, § 25(b) and Judiciary Law § 115:

**FIRST JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT**

Hon. Margaret A. Chan  
Hon. Margaret L. Clancy  
Hon. Lizbeth Gonzalez  
Hon. Wilma Guzman  
Hon. Laura A. Ward  
Hon. Kim Adair Wilson

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Hon. John James Andrews  
Hon. Rupert V. Barry  
Hon. Kathy G. Bergmann  
Hon. Gary M. Carlton  
Hon. Carl J. Copertino  
Hon. Kathie E. Davidson  
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Hon. Deborah A. Dowling  
Hon. Timothy J. Dufficy  
Hon. David F. Everett  
Hon. William G. Ford  
Hon. Cheryl J. Gonzales  
Hon. C. Stephen Hackeling  
Hon. Linda D. Jamieson  
Hon. John J. Leo  
Hon. Katherine A. Levine  
Hon. Delsia G. Marshall  
Hon. Aaron D. Maslow  
Hon. Mario F. Mattei  
Hon. Timothy P. Mazzei  
Hon. Robert A. McDonald  
Hon. Sandra M. Munoz  
Hon. Valerie Brathwaite Nelson  
Hon. Deborah Poulos  
Hon. Francois A. Rivera  
Hon. Larry J. Schwartz  
Hon. Denise L. Sher

Hon. Anne J. Swern  
Hon. Janice A. Taylor  
Hon. Frank A. Tinari  
Hon. Marian R. Tinari  
Hon. Barry E. Warhit  
Hon. Paul Wooten

**THIRD JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT**

Hon. L. Michael Mackey  
Hon. Stan L. Pritzker  
Hon. Stephan G. Schick

**FOURTH JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT**

Hon. John J. DelMonte  
Hon. Paula L. Feroletto  
Hon. Deborah H. Karalunas  
Hon. Thomas E. Moran  
Hon. E. Jeannette Ogden  
Hon. Edward A. Pace  
Hon. Gerald J. Whalen

In order to assist in its evaluation, the Board seeks comment on the following qualities and abilities of these judges:

- Legal ability, including knowledge of the law, legal experience, legal scholarship, and writing.
- Competence to perform the duties of the office, including organizational, management, and human relations skills; physical and mental health; and work ethic.
- Judicial demeanor, integrity and character, and commitment to equal justice under law.

Any person wishing to offer comments relating to the performance of any of these candidates for certification or recertification may address written comments to David Nocenti, Counsel, by email to [JSCcertification@nycourts.gov](mailto:JSCcertification@nycourts.gov), with “2027 Certification – Public Comment” in the subject line. Comments may also be sent by postal mail to Counsel’s Office, 25 Beaver St., 10th Fl., New York, N.Y. 10004.

ALL COMMENTS RECEIVED WILL BE PROVIDED TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD AND OTHERWISE HELD IN STRICT CONFIDENCE. IN ORDER TO BE CONSIDERED, COMMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN JUNE 26, 2026.