



Central Brooklyn Independent Democrats: 2021 Judicial Candidate Questionnaire

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Name of person filling out this

Please answer each of the following questions to the best of your ability:

1) Are you the incumbent? If yes, how many years/terms have you served?

I am not the incumbent.

2) Have you been endorsed by CBID before? If so, in what year(s) and for what office(s)?

I have never been endorsed by CBID.

3) What portion of campaign funds do you expect to self-fund? What do you expect to spend in support of your candidacy? If you are accepting outside donations what, if any, groups or industries will you not accept campaign contributions from? If any, please note specifically whose money you will not accept.

I expect to self-fund 85% of the campaign costs and anticipate spending between \$100,000 and \$150,000. I will not accept donations for any entity that promotes unlawful, racist or prejudicial ideologies.

4) What endorsements from community leaders, elected officials, political organizations or newspapers have you received thus far?

Vanguard Independent Democratic Association
Kings County Democratic Party

5) Is your candidacy receiving any support from the Kings County Democratic Party? If so, what type? (note that this includes any assistance in printing and collecting signatures for petitions even if you are ultimately paying for this assistance)

The Kings County Democratic Party will assist with the petition operation.

6) What sitting Supreme Court justice do you most admire and why?



Justice Kathy J. King

I have appeared before Justice Kathy King as a practicing attorney and now know her as a fellow jurist on the bench. Justice Kathy J. King has consistently displayed the same judicial temperament, integrity and fairness throughout the years. Her opinions display her knowledge of the law, thoughtfulness and ability for reasoned decision making.

7) Please include as a link or attachment the following documents:

- a. Citations for your three most significant decisions (if a judge).
Attached please find the underlying decisions which relate to appeals to the Appellate Division.

The decisions that are published

b. Resume: See attached

c. Any published articles pertinent to the office you seek. None

d. Any application filled out for other organizations.

8) If you are currently serving as a Judge please list the names and contact information of the lawyers involved in the last three written opinions that you have issued. If not a judge, please provide the names and contact information of three professional references.

U.S. Equities Corp v Anthony Jordan

Plaintiff Attorney – Linda Strump, Esq. 69 Fox Run, South Salem, NY 10590

Defendant Attorney – Pro Se

New Millennium Medical Imaging PC, a/a/o Adler Belabe-Vital v MVAIC

Plaintiff Attorney – Law Offices of Damin J. Toell, PC 532 Neptune Ave #245112 Brooklyn NY 11224

Defendant Attorney - Law Office of James E. Gangemi, 100 William Street, 14th Floor, New York, NY 10038

Lodes Acupuncture & Physical Therapy, PLLC a/a/o Glennieta Jacobs v Nationwide

Plaintiff Attorney Gary Tsirelman, P.C., 69-37 Myrtle Ave., Glendale, NY 11385

Defendant Attorney Bruno, Gerbino & Soriano & Aitken, LLP, 445 Broadhollow Rd Ste, 420 Melville NY 11747

See attached

9) Provide citations to your last 5 published opinions. If you have less than 5, please provide copies of enough unpublished opinions to bring the total to 5. All published decisions first, then fill in the balance with the most recent unpublished decisions.

See attached



10) Are you a member of a political club, or have you ever been? If yes, what is the name of the club? And what positions have you held? Please include dates.

I was a member of the Vanguard Independent Democratic Association from 2011-2015.

11) Have you ever been elected to any public office or political party position? If so, please describe the office or position.

I was elected to Kings County Civil Court in 2015.

12) Have you performed any pro bono work in the past three years? Please describe the type of pro bono work you have performed.

Not Applicable

13) What Civic Organizations do you belong to? Please describe that the organization does, and what role you play within the organization. For each Civic Organization, provide contact information for the Executive Director, CEO or organization head. If you are the executive Director or organization leader, please provide the contact information for at least one Board Member.

- Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church (Deacon)
- Brownstoners of Bedford – Stuyvesant, Inc. (Member)
- 200 Decatur Street Stuyvesant Block Association (Member)

14) What bar associations do you belong to? What sections or committees do you belong to? What is your role with the section or committee?

- Judicial Friends Association (Secretary)
- National Association of Women Judges (Member)
- Judicial Council Division of the National Bar Association (Member)
- Metropolitan Black Bar Association (Member)
- Brooklyn Women Bar Association (Member)
- Brooklyn Bar Association (Member)

15) List any CLE's that you have taught within the last three years, if any. Please provide a syllabus if one is available.



Not applicable