

Central Brooklyn Independent Democrats Judicial Candidate Questionnaire

Please return to richcbid@gmail.com by March 4th
. Feel free to call (7183441434) or email with any questions

A1. Candidate Name	Devin Robinson
A2. Campaign Manager name/Campaign treasurer name	Campaign Manager: Joy Foster Campaign Treasurer: John Bartos
A3. Campaign Contact Information: Address, Telephone, Fax, Email, Website	Devin Robinson for Civil Court c/o John Bartos 354 East 91st Street #408 New York, NY 10128 devin@robinsonforjudge.com robinsonforjudge.com
A4. Office for which the endorsement is requested / Jurisdiction	New York City Civil Court for Brooklyn's 1st Municipal District
A5. Are you the incumbent?	No. There is no incumbent; the seat is open.
A6. Have you been endorsed by CBID before? If so, in what year(s) and for what office(s)?	No. This is my first time running for election.
A7. As of now what funds have you raised to support your efforts? (b) What do you expect to spend in support of your candidacy?	I have already loaned my campaign \$100,000 and I am ready to loan additional sums as need be. I also intend to fundraise as much as possible. As of my most recently filed report on January 18, 2022, I raised nearly \$16,000.
A8. What endorsements from community leaders, elected officials, political organizations or newspapers have you received thus far?	I have been found qualified by the Kings County Democratic Party Judicial Screening Committee. I have been endorsed by the Independent Neighborhood Democrats and Lambda Independent Democrats. I have been endorsed by Assemblymember Jo Anne Simon.

A9. Is your candidacy receiving any support from the Kings County Democratic Party? If so, what type?	No.
A10. What sitting Supreme Court Justice of the US do you most admire and why?	I do not admire one particular Justice more than the others. However, I appreciate various things about certain Justices currently sitting on the Court. First, I appreciate Justice Sotomayor’s background. She came from the Bronx and achieved tremendous success in school, but chose to be a district attorney, which frustrated member of her community. She gained practical experience as a trial judge for many years. I also appreciate Justice Breyer, who has written and spoken about his “purposive” approach to justice. I also have thought about whether I naturally have any judicial philosophy, and how such a philosophy might manifest.
A11. If you were President Biden who would you nominate to the US supreme Court to fill the current vacancy and why?	In all candor, I have not scrutinized the candidates for the expected vacancy. I appreciate the background of Ketanji Brown Jackson as a defense attorney and both as a trial judge and appellate judge.

<p>B1. Please include as a link or attachment the following documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a). Citations for your three most significant decisions (if a judge). b). Resume c). Any published articles pertinent to the office you seek. d). Any application filled out for other organizations 	<p>My resume is attached. I have no pertinent published articles. My questionnaire responses to Lambda Independent Democrats, Brooklyn Young Democrats, and the recent Judicial Forum organized by local district leaders, are all submitted with this response. Although I have submitted other applications to screening panels, my understanding is that these applications are confidential and cannot be shared.</p>
<p>B2. How many trials have you participated in within the last ten years? Please include citations</p>	<p>I have been a principal law clerk for Justice Devin Cohen for the past six and-a-half years. During this time, I have assisted him in numerous trials, too lengthy to list. Prior to that time, when I was in private practice I first-chaired and second-chaired trials and arbitrations. In the past ten years, those arbitrations included the following:</p> <p>I served as associate counsel in the arbitration of <i>Source Capital Group, Inc. v Multiband Corp.</i>, AAA</p>

	<p>Docket No. 13 148 Y 01902 13 (NY County). In this case, claimant sued defendant to recover commissions it earned on a financing deal it brokered for respondent. My firm represented the claimant.</p> <p>I served as associate counsel in the arbitration of <i>Charles Schwab & Co., Inc. v Hanford</i>, FINRA Arb. No. 13-00518 (NY County). In this case, claimant sued respondents for alleged breach of contract, misappropriation of trade secrets, and tortious interference with contract. My firm represented David Hanford.</p> <p>I served as associate counsel in the arbitration of <i>Charles Schwab & Co., Inc. v Haron</i>, FINRA Arb. No. 13-01271 (NY County). In this case, claimant sued respondents for alleged breach of contract, misappropriation of trade secrets, and tortious interference with contract. My firm represented Joshua Haron.</p>
<p>B3. How many written motions have you made citing legal authority in last 5 years? Please provide copies of 3 most recent motions and/or memoranda</p>	<p>As a law clerk, I have authored no motions. I have prepared first drafts of decisions for Justice Cohen. I attach three examples.</p>
<p>B4. Have you had any court sanctions or disciplinary sanctions in your career? If so, please provide an explanation.</p>	<p>No.</p>
<p>B5. If you are currently serving as a Judge please list the names of the lawyers involved in the last three written opinions that you have issued.</p>	<p>1) 2) 3)</p>

<p>B6. 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 decision first, then fill in the balance with the most recent unpublished decisions.</p>	<p>1) 2) 3) 4) 5)</p>
<p>C1. Are you a member of a political club? If yes, what is the name of the club? And what positions have you held? Please include dates.</p>	<p>I have been a member of the Independent Neighborhood Democrats from 2010 to the present. I was on the Executive Board of IND from 2012 to 2015. I was Corresponding Secretary of IND from 2013 to 2015.</p>
<p>C2. Have you been elected to any public office or political party position? If so, please describe the office or position.</p>	<p>I have been on the Kings County Committee for the Democratic Party from 2013 to the present.</p>
<p>C3. Have you performed any pro bono work in the past three years? Please describe the type of pro bono work you have performed.</p>	<p>For the past six and-a-half years with Justice Cohen, I have mentored a diverse group of law student interns. We have several interns each year, all year round. We provide them with research and writing assignments that have actual implications in the work we do. We provide them with feedback on, and guidance with, these assignments. We also allow them to observe and participate in courtroom proceedings, and discuss these proceedings with them.</p>
<p>C4. What Civic Organizations do you belong to? Please describe that the organization does, and what role you play within the organization.</p>	<p>I don't belong to any civic organizations. However, from 2014 to 2021, I was one of the wardens of All Saints Episcopal Church in Park Slope. The wardens, together with the rector, are responsible for all legal, financial, staffing, and real estate matters. When my last term of warden ended, I stayed on the church's vestry, which approves the church's budget and provides general leadership.</p>

<p>C5. 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.</p>	<p>You may contact Fr. Steve Paulikas at paulikas@allsaintsparkslope.org.</p>
<p>D1. What bar associations do you belong to? What sections or committees do you belong to? What is your role with the section or committee?</p>	<p>The Brooklyn Bar Association.</p>
<p>D2. List any CLE's that you have taught within the last three years, if any. Please provide a syllabus if one is available.</p>	<p>None.</p>