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The Monroe County Bar Association Reports Judicial Evaluation Results for Two Additional Candidates

ROCHESTER, N.Y. — The Monroe County Bar Association (MCBA) today released the rating results of two additional persons seeking judgeships for Monroe County Court.

The ratings are as follows:

Monroe County Court

Vincent M. Dinolfo	Qualified
Vincent J. Rizzo	Qualified

The MCBA has a three-tier rating system consisting of “highly qualified,” “qualified” and “not qualified.” The ratings are based on an evaluation by hundreds of lawyers and judges who have professional experience with each person being evaluated, along with in-depth research and interviews by the MCBA’s 27-member Judiciary Committee. The evaluation process is designed to be fair and unbiased and is intended to be a public service to provide voters with useful information on a person’s qualifications in seeking judgeship. The MCBA encourages the public to assess each person seeking judgeship independently and make up their own mind come Election Day.

Thorough and impartial evaluation process.

The Monroe County Bar Association balances two elements that combine to provide a thorough and impartial evaluation.

- *Evaluation by peers.* A survey, representing a cross-section of the legal community, is a key element of the evaluation process. Only those lawyers and judges who have regular professional contact with at least one of the persons being evaluated can participate in the survey. Candidates were evaluated on the survey and through questioning in six categories that are important to being a good judge – experience, legal analysis, judicial temperament and demeanor, ethics and integrity, communication skills and sensitivity to discrimination. The survey was completed electronically, and paper evaluations were made available for those without access to a computer.
- *In-depth interviews and research.* The Bar Association’s judiciary committee conducted an in-depth interview and research process, including analysis of legal writings and reference checks, along with interviews of peers and adversaries. The committee is composed of 27 members, who are diverse in race, gender, political affiliation and areas of practice expertise.

To view the rules for the MCBA's judicial evaluations, please go to www.mcba.org/public, or call 585-546-1817.

About the Monroe County Bar Association

The Monroe County Bar Association, originally formed as the Rochester Bar Association, was organized in 1892. What started with just 25 members, has grown to nearly 2,000 law professionals in Monroe County, committed to improving the quality and accessibility of justice; promoting respect and understanding of the law; enhancing professional growth, fulfillment, excellence, collegiality and diversity among its members; and serving as a voice for the law profession. The MCBA is actively involved with both the New York State Bar and the American Bar Associations and is considered one of the premier local bar associations in the country.

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