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PRESS RELEASE

It is essential to the effectiveness of an elected judiciary that qualified candidates obtain judicial office. In order to promote greater public confidence in the judicial election process, an Independent Judiciary Review and Screening Committee of the Rockland County Bar Association interviews those candidates for judicial office who voluntarily submit to the Bar Association's screening process. In addition to reviewing the candidates' experience and demonstrated abilities, the Committee also considers each candidate's ethical conduct, temperament, aptitude and fitness for judicial office.

The Judiciary Review and Screening Committee of the Rockland County Bar Association met on May 17 and 19, 2021, and interviewed the candidates named below. After careful consideration, the Rockland County Bar Association's recommendations of the candidates for judicial office for 2021 are:

CANDIDATES FOR CLARKSTOWN TOWN JUSTICE

**Leslie Kahn – Highly Qualified
Nabeela McLeod – Highly Qualified
Aimee Pollak – Highly Qualified**

CANDIDATES FOR VILLAGE OF SPRING VALLEY JUSTICE

**Ricki H. Berger – Highly Qualified
Christopher J. Exias – Highly Qualified
James K. Mellion – Highly Qualified**

Please note that judicial members of the Bar Association had no involvement with the rating of judicial candidates.

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