

- 4. **Until the Legislature enacts new laws, Supreme Court judicial candidates will be selected at open primaries. The undue influence of campaign contributions on judicial candidates would be enhanced in an open primary system. Would you support legislation that provides for public financing of judicial campaigns?**

YES NO

Comments

- 5. *The Feerick Commission recommended a series of reforms to the current elective system that might address the constitutional issues found by the Appeals Court in Lopez Torres (see cover letter). Included in the Feerick Commission recommendations, are reforms of the judicial nominating conventions. The reforms are designed to increase the participation and knowledge of delegates to the convention. They include:*

- *providing for the election of judicial delegates long before the conventions,*
- *decreasing the number of delegates,*
- *extending the term a delegate maintains his/her position,*
- *decreasing the petition signatures required for a delegate, and*
- *allowing judicial candidates to address the delegates at the convention.*

Would you support legislation that would include some or all of these recommendations?

YES NO

Comments

Jeffery Dinowitz, "Yes to #5 only, No to #1-4"

"When we elect delegates, the number of delegates and the length of their term have no impact on the quality or independence of judges. The number of signatures is the same for assembly- any serious candidate can get 500 signatures."

- 6. *Would you support another recommendation of the Feerick Commission: legislation establishing independent judicial qualifying commissions composed*

of appointees of local bar/civic, not for profit organizations, and law schools or local colleges or universities that would review judicial candidates and report its findings of "most qualified" directly to the delegates and the voters?

YES NO

Comments

7. *Other elected judges in New York State include County Court, Surrogate Court, Family Court (outside of New York City), New York City Civil Court, District Court and City Court judges. Would you support the creation of independent judicial qualification commissions to review the qualifications of those judicial candidates?*

YES NO

Comments

8. *Please circle and comment on which of the following components of our court system are important to the members of your community.*

Jury Duty

Court Facilities

Judges

City Court (Civil Court in NYC)

Family Court

Supreme Court

Village or Town Courts

Comments