



Central Brooklyn Independent Democrats: 2021 Judicial Candidate Questionnaire

Candidate Name: Rosemarie Montalbano

Office Sought: Surrogate's Court

Candidate Email Address:

Candidate Phone Number: 917-836-0908

Campaign Contact Name:

Campaign Contact Phone:

Campaign Contact Email:

Name of person filling out this questionnaire:

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?

No, I am presently a Supreme Court Judge running to fill a vacancy in the Surrogate's Court.

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

No

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.

The majority of my campaign funds will be self-funded. Depending on the number of mailings, my candidacy can cost approximately two hundred and fifty thousand dollars. I have a donation link on my website but have not had a fundraiser. I will not accept any donations from any members of or lawyers connected to the Kings County Democratic Party.

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

Jim Owles Liberal Democratic Club
Independent Neighborhood Democrats
NYS Court Officers Association
Assemblymember Maritza Davila, 53rd AD
La Nueva Esperanza

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)



No, I am not receiving any support from the Kings County Democratic Party.

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

Justice Saitta is an intelligent, even tempered Jurist. He has a reputation of being fair and patient. He is known as a Judge who allows attorneys to speak and argue their case without interrupting. He has a wealth of knowledge and I enjoy discussing legal issues and cases with him.

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

People v. Ellis Brothers, 58Misc,3rd 664, 66NYS3rd873, 2017 Slip Op 27406
Norword v City of New York, Thompson & Happy Nail Salon, Inc, 2020 WL3892237
Mikolajczyk v. City of New York, 2020 WL 954891, 2020 NY Slip Op 30658

I have attached my resume and my application to the Kings County Democratic Screening Committee. Included in my screening committee application is a list of trials I have conducted along with the attorneys contact information.

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.

Pounding v The City of New York, 504542/2018
Daniel Flanzig, Esq., Dflanzig@flanziglaw.com, (516)741-8222
Gina Dorcelus, gdorcelu@law.nyc.gov

Perkins, et al v. City of New York, 516930/2017
Theodore M. Herlich, Esq., th_law@msn.com, (347)346-8700
Nicholas Anthony Gaus, nkaus@law.nyc.gov, (212)356-8759

Vauero v. Cerchio, et al, 527663/2019
Robert Henry, Henryro@coned.com
Lee M. Hunter, Esq., lHutter@subinlaw.com, (212)285-3800
Kelly Dunn, Esq., Kdunn@law.nyc.gov, (718)724-5234



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.

People v. Ellis Brothers, 58Misc,3rd 664, 66NYS3rd873, 2017 Slip Op 27406
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Additional unpublished decisions 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.

No

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

Elected to the Civil Court, Kings County -2014
Elected to the Supreme Court, Kings County- 2019

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

N/A

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.

Mentor for young girls and women at La Nueva Esperanza.
La Nueva Esperanza services communities throughout Brooklyn that have been devastated by substance abuse and HIV/AIDS. They provide food programs and prevention/education services to those in need.
Director Annette Roque
(718) 497-7592

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?

Brooklyn Bar Association
NYC Bar Association



Brooklyn Women's Bar Association
Columbian Lawyers Association
Puerto Rican Bar Association

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

CLE:

Domestic Violence, May 2018, Columbian Lawyers Association (see attached syllabus).

Ethics and Professionalism (co-lecturer) with Judge Richard Montelione, November 2018, No-Fault Insurance Arbitrator's Association.

Domestic Violence- Comparison of New York and Puerto Rico Laws (Panelist), SOMOS, Puerto Rico.