



## Central Brooklyn Independent Democrats: 2021 Judicial Candidate Questionnaire

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**Name of person filling out this questionnaire:** Inga Oneale

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?

I am not an incumbent. I am running for Civil Court Judge for the first time.

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

This is my first time seeking an endorsement by CBID.

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.

As a judicial candidate, pursuant to Judicial Ethics Opinions 02-06 and 87-27, I am ethically not permitted to know the identity of those who contribute to my campaign.

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

So far, District Leader Brad Reid, District Leader Henry Butler, District Leader Sue Ann Partnow, District Leader Frank Seddio and County Leader Rodneyse Bichotte. I am still reaching out to community leaders, elected officials, political organizations etc.

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)

As far as I am aware, at this juncture, printing and collecting signatures for petitions.

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

I highly respect and admire Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor. Her life story is an inspiration to all. She is committed to



the role as a jurist and is also just as committed to encouraging, supporting and mentoring diverse young people who are from underserved communities.

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

(a) N/A; (b) See attached; (c) <https://brooklyneagle.com/articles/2017/07/07/inga-oneale-named-court-employee-of-the-year-during-ceremony/>;  
(d) Said applications contain sensitive personal identification information considered as part of a confidential review process. Upon request, I will gladly provide the names of the screening committees that I have submitted applications to in the past.

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.

- (1) Hon. Donald S. Kurtz, Justice of the Kings County Supreme Court, Civil Term, 360 Adams St, Brooklyn, NY 11210, (347)-401-9047
- (2) Hon. Larry D. Martin (ret.), retired Justice of the Kings County Supreme Court, Civil Term, (917)-975-0171
- (3) Jeanette Mercedes, Esq., Court Attorney at the Kings County Supreme Court, Civil Term, 360 Adams Street, and President of the Court Attorneys Association of the City of New York, (718)-614-1645

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.

Please see below (and attached) the most recent decisions drafted by me: (1) Zhang v Hicham, 64 Misc3d 1214 (A) (Supreme Court, Kings County, 2019); (2) Mendoza v Sterling Properties, Inc. 67 Misc3d 1227(A) (Supreme Court, Kings County, 2020); (3) 1267 Rogers Avenue, LLC v First American Title Insurance Company, 67 Misc3d 1241(A) (Supreme Court, Kings County, 2020); (4) Mesropian v Providence Care, Inc., 67 Misc3d 1235(A) (Supreme Court, Kings County, 2020); (5) Simmons v Vecchiano.

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.

Yes. I am a member of the Thomas Jefferson Democratic Club and the Shirley Chisolm Democratic Club.

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

No, I have not.

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

During the past three years, I have served as a volunteer Small Claims Court arbitrator in the Kings County Small Claims Court. As a past member of the Allen's A.M.E. Lawyers Guild, I participated in a Warrant Forgiveness program and provided basic legal information about recent changes in the election law.



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.

I am the Vice President of the Brooklyn Canarsie Lions Club. We serve communities and are dedicated to their empowerment and improvement. The President of the Brooklyn Canarsie Lions Club is Bishop Nathan Williams and his contact number is (718)-825-6427.

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?

I am the Secretary and former President of the Association of Law Secretaries to the Justices of the Supreme and Surrogates' Court. I am a Board member of the Metropolitan Black Bar Association and co-chair of the Judiciary Training Academy. I am a member of the Brooklyn Women's Bar Association and its Mentorship and Scholarship Committees. I am a member of the NYC Bar Association's Minorities in the Courts Committee. I am the Chair of the court system's Tribune Society's Youth Committee. I am a member of the Brooklyn Bar Association and the Catholic Lawyer's Guild.

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

N/A