

Central Brooklyn Independent Democrats Judicial Candidate Questionnaire

Please return to richbennett12@gmail.com by February 8
. Feel free to call (7183441434) or email with any questions

A1. Candidate Name	Jacob Zelmanovitz
A2. Campaign Manager name/Campaign treasurer name	Manager: None Treasurer: Judah Zelmanovitz
A3. Campaign Contact Information: Address, Telephone, Fax, Email, Website	Jacob Zelmanovitz for Judge 1662 East 28 th Street Brooklyn, NY 11229 jz4judge@gmail.com www.jz4judge.com
A4. Office for which the endorsement is requested / Jurisdiction	Judge of the New York City Civil Court 5 th Municipal Court District, Kings County
A5. Are you the incumbent?	No.
A6. Have you been endorsed by CBID before? If so, in what year(s) and for what office(s)?	No.
A7. As of now what funds have you raised to support your efforts? (b) What do you expect to spend in support of your candidacy?	I have not personally raised any funds. My treasurer handled fundraising and has informed me that my committee has raised approximately \$100,000. Depending on what occurs and whether I have a contested primary and/or election, I expect to spend anywhere from \$10,000 to all \$100,000 of those funds in support of my candidacy.
A8. What endorsements from community leaders, elected officials, political organizations or newspapers have you received thus far?	I have been endorsed by City Councilman Kalman Yeger, and District Leaders Shaquana Boykin, Mark Hanna, Lenny Markh, Mariya Markh and Douglas Schneider.

<p>A9. Is your candidacy receiving any support from the Kings County Democratic Party? If so, what type?</p>	<p>I have not sought endorsement by the County Party, but I am seeking support from individual party leaders and clubs in the district.</p>
<p>A10. What sitting Supreme Court Justice of the US do you most admire and why?</p>	<p>I most admire Justice Elana Kagan due to her writing. She has said that her approach is that of a teacher, and it shows. Her opinions are exceptionally clear and devoid of overly formal phrasing and legalese, yet they are not simplistic. Justice Kagan's prose has deservedly been described as "conversational" and "friendly pedagogy," and is, in my opinion, particularly appropriate for a court whose decisions are frequently a matter of much interest to the general public, and not just lawyers and academics.</p>

<p>B1. Please include as a link or attachment the following documents:</p> <p>a). Citations for your three most significant decisions (if a judge).</p> <p>b). Resume</p> <p>c). Any published articles pertinent to the office you seek.</p> <p>d). Any application filled out for other organizations</p>	<p>a) N/a.</p> <p>b) Attached is my resume</p> <p>c) I have published no articles pertinent to the office I seek.</p> <p>d) I have not filled an application for any other organization.</p>
<p>B2. How many trials have you participated in within the last ten years? Please include citations</p>	<p>I have participated in 14 trials in the last approximately ten years. A list of citations is annexed to the end of this questionnaire.</p>
<p>B3. How many written motions have you made citing legal authority in last 5 years? Please provide copies of 3 most recent motions and/or memoranda</p>	<p>Approximately 5-10. Copies of what I believe are my 3 most recent are attached.</p>

<p>B4. Have you had any court sanctions or disciplinary sanctions in your career? If so, please provide an explanation.</p>	<p>No.</p>
<p>B5. If you are currently serving as a Judge please list the names of the lawyers involved in the last three written opinions that you have issued.</p>	<p>1) N/A 2) 3)</p>
<p>B6. 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 decision first, then fill in the balance with the most recent unpublished decisions.</p>	<p>1) N/A 2) 3) 4) 5)</p>
<p>C1. Are you a member of a political club? If yes, what is the name of the club? And what positions have you held? Please include dates.</p>	<p>I am a member of the 41st A.D. “Lew Fidler” Democrats Club, and have been since 2017. I have not held any official position at the club, however I have been heavily involved in setting up and hosting its annual Toys 4 Tots party for the last two years.</p>
<p>C2. Have you been elected to any public office or political party position? If so, please describe the office or position.</p>	<p>I have been a County Committee Member, representing the 41st Assembly District on the Kings County Democratic Party County Committee, for the last two years.</p> <p>In addition, I was a Judicial Delegate representing the 41st Assembly District at the Democratic Party’s Judicial District Convention in and for the 2nd Judicial District in 2023.</p>

<p>C3. Have you performed any pro bono work in the past three years? Please describe the type of pro bono work you have performed.</p>	<p>Yes. Prior to becoming a Court Attorney in 2022, I provided counseling services to individuals dealing with consumer and business debts.</p>
<p>C4. What Civic Organizations do you belong to? Please describe that the organization does, and what role you play within the organization.</p>	<p>I am an active volunteer for the “Chevra Kadisha of Flatbush,” an organization of Jewish men and women who ensure that the bodies of the deceased are prepared for burial according to Jewish tradition and are protected from desecration, willful or not, until burial. This includes volunteering at local hospitals to tend to the deceased immediately after their passing, and to assist families with the aftermath and grieving process.</p> <p>I am also one of the lay leaders at my synagogue, Yeshiva Gedolah Ohr Yisroel of Marine Park. In that role, I assist in the day-to-day operations of the synagogue, occasionally lead the congregation in services, and deliver lectures on topics relating to religious law and history.</p>
<p>C5. 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.</p>	<p>The leader of the Chevra Kadisha of Flatbush is Leon Goldenberg. He can be reached at (718) 972-1800.</p> <p>The leader of my synagogue is Rabbi Avrohom Zucker. He can be reached at (718) 382-8702</p>
<p>D1. What bar associations do you belong to? What sections or committees do you belong to? What is your role with the section or committee?</p>	<p>I am a member of the Brooklyn Bar Association and the Brooklyn Brandeis Society.</p>
<p>D2. List any CLE’s that you have taught within the last three years, if any. Please provide a syllabus if one is available.</p>	<p>None.</p>

List of Trials

Cordova v Conelle Construction Corp., et al.

Sup Ct, Kings County, Jan. 22, 2024, Stein, J., index No. 1349/2013

Bykov v Brody,

Civ Ct, Kings County, Dec. 11, 2023, Stein, J., index No. TS-300053-18/KI

Gelbtuch, et al., v Hallen Const. Co. Inc.,

Civ Ct, Kings County, Sept. 6, 2023, Stein, J., index No. TS-300363-19/KI

New Millennium Chiro, PLLC v Liberty Insurance Corporation,

Civ Ct, Kings County, Aug. 2, 2023, Stein, J., index No. CV-711277-19/ KI

Ewart Johnny v Dumont Etienne et al.,

Civ Ct, Kings County, March 15, 2023, Stein, J., index No. CV-070745-13/KI

Aracena v Ilyas, et al.,

Civ Ct, Kings County, March 9, 2023, Stein, J., index No. TS-300003-19/KI

Lluveres et al. v Brettler, et al.,

Civ Ct, Kings County, April 26, 2023, Stein, J., index No. TS-300031-17/KI

Rojas v Glory Trading,

Civ Ct, Kings County, June 16, 2023, Stein, J., index No. TS-300111-13/KI

Shimrit Associates, Inc. v Ops Oil LLC, et al.,

Civ Ct, Kings County, Jan. 18, 2023, Stein, J., index No. LT-319447-22/KI

New Millennium Medical Imaging PC v MVAIC,

Civ Ct, Kings County, May 10, 2023, Stein, J., index No CV-705476-18/KI

Southern 788 Medical, PC v MVAIC;

Civ Ct, Kings County, March 24, 2022, Stein, J., index No. CV-018545-14/KI

Loyal Acupuncture, PC v 21st Century Insurance,

Civ Ct, Kings County, March 16, 2022, Stein, J., index No. CV-727096-16/KI

Frantic, LLC v Konfino et al,

US Dist Ct, SD NY, 13 Civ 04516, Torres, J., 2014

Sandiford v Kahn, et al.,

Sup Ct, Kings County, Dec. 3, 2013, Baily-Schiffman, J., index No. 39293/2005