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**ORANGE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION EVALUATES CANDIDATES
RUNNING FOR JUDICIAL OFFICE IN JUNE 8 ELECTION**

As a public service to assist the voters in Orange County, the Orange County Bar Association (OCBA) has conducted a review of the candidates who are running in contested races for the open judgeships in the June 8 election. The OCBA does not endorse any candidates for election. The mission of the Orange County Bar Association is to enhance the system of justice, to support the lawyers who serve it and to assist the community served by it.

The review of candidates was conducted by the Judiciary Committee of the OCBA. The process included a review of the responses to a detailed questionnaire completed by the candidates, interviews of judges, attorneys and others familiar with the candidate and a personal interview of the candidate. The process was the same for all candidates. Based upon the reviews, investigations and interviews, the OCBA then rated each participating candidate in one of three categories: "Highly Qualified," "Qualified," or "Not Recommended."

The ratings of the candidates by the OCBA are set forth on the next page.

OCBA RATINGS OF JUDICIAL CANDIDATES

Superior Court Office #16

Andre "Andy" Manssourian
Deputy District Attorney

QUALIFIED

Gerald L. Klein
Family Law Specialist

NOT RECOMMENDED

Superior Court Office #50

Commissioner Lon F. Hurwitz

HIGHLY QUALIFIED

Referee Julian W. Bailey

HIGHLY QUALIFIED

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