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TODAY'S NEWS

Update

The New York State Trial Lawyers Association has given top grades to four candidates for the Court of Appeals, and lukewarm ratings to three others. "Highly recommended" by the Association are Deputy Chief Administrative Judge Juanita Bing Newton; Justice Stephen G. Crane of Manhattan; Justice Richard T. Andrias of the Appellate Division, First Department; and Justice Victoria A. Graffeo of the Appellate Division, Third Department. "Recommended" are former State Bar Association President James C. Moore, a partner at Harter, Secrest & Emery in Rochester; Justice Steven W. Fisher of Queens; and Presiding Justice Susan Phillips Read of the Court of Claims. The Trial Lawyers use a three-tiered rating system: highly recommended, recommended and not recommended. Governor Pataki will name a new judge by Nov. 3 to replace the recently retired Senior Associate Judge Joseph W. Bellacosa. The New York State Bar Association is slated to release its evaluations this morning.