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Albany: Judicial Nominee Confirmed

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The State Senate yesterday confirmed Gov. Eliot Spitzer's nomination of a State Supreme Court justice in Brooklyn to the Court of Appeals, the state's highest court. The nominee, Justice Theodore T. Jones Jr., 62, was unanimously approved by the Senate Judiciary Committee and then by the full Senate. A graduate of Hampton University and St. John's University School of Law, Judge Jones is a former lawyer for the Legal Aid Society. Judge Jones became something of a public figure when he issued a ruling last year fining the Transport Workers Union \$2.5 million for its illegal three-day transit strike in 2005. Judge Jones, a Democrat, will be the only black judge on the seven-member panel, which lost its sole black member last year when Gov. George E. Pataki declined to reappoint Judge George Bundy Smith. Judge Jones replaces Judge Albert M. Rosenblatt, who retired on Jan. 1.

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