

Court dismisses cross-endorsement suit

The state's highest court yesterday dismissed an attempt to unseat three local judges, ending the dispute over cross-endorsement of judicial candidates by Westchester's Democrat and Republican parties.

The Ninth Judicial Committee had sought to overturn the elections of Westchester Surrogate Court Judge Albert Emanuelli and Supreme Court justices Francis Nicolai and Howard Miller.

The committee maintained that the deal to cross-endorse judicial candidates denied voters their right to make the choice, giving it instead to party leaders. It charged that the process violated the state constitution.