

# District takes step toward bipartisan judiciary

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In what was hailed a step toward achieving a bipartisan judiciary, Democrats from five counties last night unanimously endorsed two Republicans and one Democrat to run for three state Supreme Court justice posts in the 9th Judicial District.

Delegates from Westchester, Putnam, Rockland, Dutchess and Orange counties nominated Republican lawyer Albert Emanuelli of White Plains and Supreme Court Justice Joseph Giudice of Dutchess, another Republican, as well as Democratic Supreme Court Justice Samuel Fredman of Westchester for election to 14-year terms.

Republicans from those counties are to meet in White Plains Friday to endorse the same three, formalizing an agreement completed between Westchester Democratic Chairman Richard Weingarten and Westchester Republican Chairman Anthony Colavita with the approval of leaders of the other counties.

Although parties occasionally have endorsed a candidate from an opposing party for judge, nothing of this magnitude has happened in the district, officials said.

As part of the arrangement, the leaders of the two parties in Westchester hope to endorse each others' judicial candidates next year for Westchester posts. Republicans are to endorse Democratic County Judge Francis Nicolai for state Supreme Court and Yonkers City Judge J. Emmett Murphy, another Democrat, for county court.

In return, Democrats will endorse two Republicans. Family Court Judge Adrienne Hofmann Scancarrelli will be backed for re-election, and Emanuelli will get Democratic support for Westchester surrogate next year, according to the agreement ratified by executive committees of both parties.

Accepting nomination, Emanuelli called the occasion "a small step for the six judicial candidates, but a giant step forward for a bipartisan judiciary."

Louis Brevetti of New Rochelle, chairman of last night's convention at the Tarrytown Hilton, called the action "historic."

Emanuelli, 51, is a graduate of St. John's University Law School, and is chairman of the Westchester County Bar Association's Matrimonial Section.

Fredman, 65, has served on the bench since May by appointment of Gov. Mario Cuomo. Fredman is a graduate Columbia University Law School and is past president of the state chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers.

Judice, 67, served 14 years as a county and family judge in Dutchess before being elected to the Supreme Court in 1975. He is a graduate of New York University Law School.



Albert Emanuelli



Joseph Giudice



Samuel Fredman

Meeting at the White Plains YMCA, delegates from Westchester, Putnam, Rockland, Orange and Dutchess counties voted unanimously to nominate two Republicans, Supreme Court Justice Joseph Giudice of Rhinebeck and Albert Emanuelli of White Plains, chairman of the Westchester Bar Association's Matrimonial Section. Also nominated was Supreme Court Justice Samuel Fredman of White Plains, the Democrat.

Judice, a judge for 28 years, is completing his first, 14-year term on the bench. Fredman, former chairman of the Westchester Democratic Party, was appointed to the bench in May by Gov. Mario Cuomo to fill a vacancy. Democrats from the district nominated the three at their convention Tuesday night at the Tarrytown Hilton.

Yesterday, Republicans, including Westchester Republican Chairman Anthony Colavita, used words like "historic" and "bipartisan bench" to describe the pact that Colavita and Westchester Democratic Chairman Richard Weingarten agreed to after eight months of negotiations.

Another part of the pact calls for cross-endorsement of other Westchester Republican and Democratic judges next year, but that was not a matter for the judicial convention to consider yesterday.

Basil Filardi, the White Plains Republican chairman, said he considered it an honor to have drawn the assignment to place in nomination both Fredman and Emanuelli, whom he described as friends and brother lawyers for several decades. Anthony Quatararo, the Republican chairman of Dutchess, placed Giudice's name in nomination.

All three candidates accepted the nomination in person as they had done at the Democratic convention.

Fredman drew a laugh when he declared: "There are people around town who said they knew it would take a hurricane to put Sam Fredman on the Republican ballot."

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