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Queens Administrative Judge Alfred D. Lerner has declined an offer to fill one of three vacancies on the Appellate Division, First Department, sources said. Justice Lerner would only confirm that he had written the Governor to ask that his name be withdrawn from consideration. A number of new problems have arisen, Justice Lerner explained, "and it would be too disruptive for me to leave." Meanwhile, State Senator Guy J. Velella, chairman of the Bronx Republican Party, said he has spoken favorably to Governor Pataki's staff on the candidacies of three Bronx Democratic judges for the vacancies: Douglas E. McKeon, George Friedman and Bertram Katz.

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