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Cross-endorsement hearing set for January

A citizen group yesterday lost its bid for an expedited appeal, before Tuesday's election, of its challenge to the cross-endorsement of judicial candidates by Westchester Democrats and Republicans.

The Ninth Judicial Committee's appeal will be heard in the January 1991 term of the Appellate Division, 3rd Judicial Department in Albany, said Jay Hashmall, a lawyer for the Democrats.

The committee is appealing an Oct. 17 decision by an Albany judge who did not rule illegal, as the committee sought, an agreement by the major parties to endorse a single bipartisan slate of judicial candidates in seven races over three years.