

Dutchess County Bar Association

Judicial Screening Questionnaire

1. Full Name:
David J. Squirrell, Esq.
2. Identify the Court for which you are a candidate and state whether you are a candidate for election or appointment:

New York State Supreme Court, Ninth Judicial District

3. List the political party or parties which are supporting your candidacy, or of which you are seeking nomination:

I have been nominated by the Democratic Party and the Conservative Party

4. List in reverse chronological order all employment and periods of unemployment since graduation from law school. Please feel free to continue on an additional page or attach a resume or CV.

Name of Employer	Location	Dates of Employment	Job Title
Putnam County Legal Aid Society, Inc.	12 Fair Street Carmel, NY 10512	4/02 - Present	Currently Chief Attorney
Law Offices of David J. Squirrell, P.C.	483 Cherry Street Bedford Hills, NY 10507	1/2018 - present	Principal in law firm
Banks Curran Schwam and Squirrell, LLP	61 Smith Avenue Mount Kisco, NY 10549	6/2004 – 12/2017	Partner in law firm.
SEE ATTACHED			

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5. Have you ever been issued a license, other than a marriage license, driver's license, license to practice law or license as a notary public? If yes, please describe the license and list the dates of its initial issuance and its last renewal:

In January 2022, I was issued a New York State Real Estate Broker's License.

6. Has any license, including a license to practice law, a license as a notary public or a driver's license, ever been revoked or suspended? If yes, please describe the circumstances:

No.

7. College and professional schools (other than law schools) attended:

School	Major/Course of Study	Dates Attended	Date of Graduation
Pace University	Political Science	9/1983 – May 1984	Transferred
Fordham University	Political Science	September 1984 – May 1987	May 1987

8. Law Schools Attended:

School	Location	Dates Attended	Date of Graduation
St. John's University, School of Law	Jamaica Queens	September 1987 – May 1990	Juris Doctor

9. List all courts in which you are admitted or have ever been admitted to practice, along with the date of admission for each:

New York State July 1991

New Jersey June 1991, no longer admitted, I allowed it to lapse

Eastern District, New York August 1996

Southern District, New York August 1996

10. List all areas of law in which you have concentrated or have had substantial experience for any sustained period of time:
Criminal prosecution, criminal defense, personal injury plaintiff and personal injury defense, commercial litigation, Family Court parental representation, appellate litigation, real estate closings

11. FOR ATTORNEYS: Have you complied with all registration requirements for lawyers, including Continuing Legal Education, in the state of New York and any other jurisdiction in which you are licensed to practice law? If no, please describe the circumstances:

In New York State, I have.

I allowed my New Jersey admission to lapse as I was not practicing and had no clients in that state.

12. FOR JUDGES: Have you attended the mandatory Judicial Ethics Training courses offered at the Judicial Institute? If no, please provide the dates of any such courses for which you are registered to attend:

I have attended the mandatory Judicial Candidate Ethics Training Course.

13. List any bar associations or professional organizations that you are a member of. If you have served in a leadership capacity for the organization, please also include the position you held:

Northern Westchester Bar Association, President
Putnam County Bar Association, Board Member
Westchester County Bar Association, Member

14. List any community service activities you participate in:

I was a past Board member of the Mount Kisco Child Care Center, I coached little league and AYSO, I provided *pro bono* legal representation to individuals at Neighbor's Link, I lectured at Neighbor's Link, I was an elected Trustee to the Village/Town of Mount Kisco.

15. Have you written any articles for publication? If yes, please give the name and date of the publication and title of each article:

I have not.

16. Have you had any teaching experience, including serving as a presenter for Continuing Legal Education programs, in law or related fields? If yes, please list:

I was an adjunct professor at Mercy College, teaching Business Law and Environmental Law in 1999-2000

17. Have your qualifications for public office previously been reviewed by any bar or other professional association? If yes, please list the organization, date of review and findings of the organization:

I have sought review from the Westchester County Bar Association and the Westchester Women and Bar Association; each determination is pending.

18. FOR ATTORNEYS: Attach a list of five cases in which you have actively and substantially participated in that you feel best represent the scope of your work. Please include the title of the case, the index or docket number, the court in which the case was heard and a brief description of the case.

I have attached the last ten trial cases, from trial court and appellate courts which I feel provide a fair representation of the scope of my work.

19. FOR JUDGES: Attach a list of five opinions, trials or appeals that you feel best represent the scope of your judicial experience. Please include the citation for each (if published) or a brief description of the nature of the case (if not published).

20. FOR ALL CANDIDATES: Please include any additional information which is reasonable to expect our membership would want to know when considering your qualifications for the office you seek.

Each candidate brings subjective strengths to this process, I believe my strengths center around my experience as a litigator in Supreme Court. I have represented plaintiff's, and defendants, as well as individuals, small and large business entities and governmental entities. I have also represented numerous clients in the NYS Appellate Division. All of

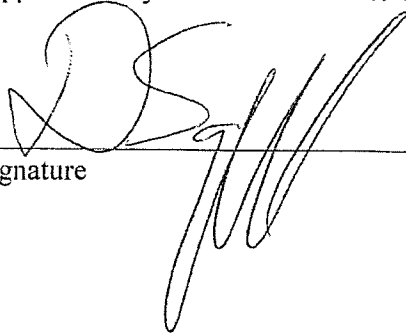
this has provided me with insight, from a very diverse demographic of clients, especially those of whom I represent as Chief Attorney of the Putnam County Legal Aid Society.

I have represented clients and have tried cases in each county of the Ninth Judicial District. As a trial attorney I have had to make difficult decisions and have had innumerable difficult conversations with clients. In doing so, I provided advice in a candid and direct manner, without simply telling a client what he or she wants to hear. As an elected Trustee in Mount Kisco, I have had to make tough decisions that affected the lives of others.

I respectfully submit that all of this has provided me with the necessary experience and insight to qualify me for the position of Justice of the Supreme Court. I assure you that, if I am elected to assume the responsibilities of that position, I will carry them out in a fair and unbiased manner and that each of my decisions will be based solely on a fair finding of the facts and law. Thank you.

I acknowledge by my signature that the answers I have given are true and complete and recognize my continuing obligation during the evaluation process to correct and supplement my answers in order to ensure that they remain true and complete.

Signature

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized initial 'D' followed by several vertical strokes and a long, sweeping underline.

Date

9/16/2022

Employment History Continued

David J. Squirrell, Attorney at Law

15 Court Road, Bedford, N.Y.10507

Dates: 3/2000 - 5/2004

Solo law practice, sharing space with another firm

Mercy College

555 Broadway, Dobbs Ferry, N.Y. 10522

Dates: 9/1999 - 7/2000

Adjunct professor, I taught three classes in total

Village/Town of Mount Kisco

104 Main Street Mount Kisco, N.Y. 10549

Dates: 2012 - 2018

Assistant Village Attorney, Village Prosecutor

Meiselman, Farber, Packman and Eberz

118 North Bedford Road, Mount Kisco, N.Y.10549

Dates: 1/1994 - 6/1996; 1/1997 - 3/2000

Associate in litigation firm

Michael Clifford and Assoc.

18 First Street, Riverhead, NY 11901

Dates: June 1996 - December 1996

Associate in litigation firm

Office of the New York County District Attorney

One Hogan Place, New York, New York

Dates: August 1990 - December 1993

Assistant District Attorney

Last Ten Trials/Appeal

People v. Joseph DeVito; 19-100047; Yorktown Justice Court; DWI misdemeanor bench trial, acquittal

People v. Anthony Debellis; Ind. 31/2018; Putnam County Court; Grand Larceny felony jury trial, acquittal

People v. Julio Garcia; Ind. 19/2016; Putnam County Court; Criminal Possession Controlled Substance misdemeanor bench trial, acquittal

People v. Morgan; Ind. 13/2016; Putnam County Court; DWI felony jury trial; conviction

People v. Michael Cunningham; Ind. 46/2014; Putnam County Court; Sexual Abuse, Underage Image jury trial; 14 count indictment, convicted on two counts

Hunt v. NYSHFA and NYSMA; First Department Docket No.: 2019-05147, I represented Appellant appealing lower court dismissal of action for pension benefits, First Department affirmed the lower court

In The Matter of Connor C.; Second Department Docket No.: 2019-06765; I represented a juvenile at trial and on this appeal, he was convicted in Family Court of Assault 2nd Degree and Petit Larceny, the Second Department affirmed the conviction

Romeo v. Muenzler-Romeo; Second Department Docket No. 2017-10149; I represented Respondent wife who was granted spousal maintenance and attorney fees in the lower court, the Second Department Affirmed the lower court.

People v. Cruz; Second Department Docket Nos 2017-08255 and 2017-10291; I represented Defendant, in the lower court, I successfully moved to suppress materials recovered from my client's trunk, the People appealed and the Second Department affirmed the lower court. There was one remaining misdemeanor charge, the Defendant was acquitted after trial, as described above.

Cohen v. Cohen, Second Department Docket No. 2452/2015; I represented Appellant husband seeking, among other things, a new trial on equitable distribution and seeking a reversal of the lower court's order that Appellant participate with Respondent in seeking a GET in Israel. The Second Department reversed the lower court on the Get issue and affirmed the lower court on

equitable distribution and denied the application for a new trial