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**NEW YORK COUNTY LAWYERS ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES MANHATTAN DA
DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES PUBLIC FORUM IS OPEN FOR REGISTRATION**

April 16, 2021, New York, New York New York County Lawyers Association (NYCLA) today opened [online registration](#) for the Manhattan DA Democratic Candidates Forum, a virtual public event where all eight of the current Democratic Candidates have agreed to participate and answer questions. The Forum will take place on May 20, 2021 and will provide an opportunity for attendees to learn about the candidates' qualifications, positions on key issues and how they would run an office that has a full-time staff of over 1,500 and a \$126.1 million-dollar budget. Co-Sponsored by NYCLA's Justice Center, this event starts at 6 P.M. and attendance is free and is open to the public.

"On Tuesday, June 22, Manhattan voters will decide who should be the Democratic nominee for Manhattan District Attorney. The next Manhattan DA will have the power to determine the priorities of this important office and will find herself or himself in charge of investigations that involve significant legal, political, and social issues impacting not just Manhattan, but the nation as well. For many reasons, this event is valuable for all New York City residents who plan to vote in the primary" said Stephen C. Lessard, NYCLA President.

The Democratic Primary candidates participating in this Virtual Manhattan DA Candidates Forum include:

- **Tahanie Aboushi**, Civil Rights Lawyer and Partner at Aboushi Law Firm
- **Alvin Bragg**, former Chief Deputy NYS Attorney General, presently Co-Director of the Racial Justice Project at New York Law School
- **Liz Crotty**, former Assistant DA in Manhattan, presently Partner at criminal law firm Crotty Saland PC
- **Diana Florence**, former head of the Construction Fraud Task Force at the Manhattan DA's Office

- **Lucy Lang**, Manhattan D.A. Academy Executive Director, former director of the Institute for Innovation in Prosecution at John Jay College, former prosecutor at Manhattan D.A. Office
- **Eliza Orlins**, public defender for more than 10 years working as a criminal defense attorney for the Legal Aid Society
- **Dan Quart**, State Assembly Member representing Manhattan's 73rd AD and a Senior Associate at McManus, Ateshoglou, Adams, Aeillo & Apostolakos.
- **Tali Farhadian Weinstein**, Law Professor, previously general counsel for the Kings County District Attorney's Office and former federal prosecutor.

NYCLA has gathered an esteemed group of moderators to pose questions to the candidates: **Hon. Rosalyn Richter** (Ret.), Senior Counsel at Arnold & Porter, **Seymour James**, Partner, Barkett Epstein Kearon Aldea & Loturco, LLP and **Robert Kelner**, Founding Partner, Kelner & Kelner.

About the New York County Lawyers Association

The New York County Lawyers Association (www.nycla.org) was founded in 1908 as one of the first major bar associations in the country that admitted members without regard to race, ethnicity, religion or gender. Since its inception, it has pioneered some of the most far-reaching and tangible reforms in American jurisprudence. For more information on NYCLA please visit nycla.org.

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