



**2021 Civil and Surrogate’s Court Judicial Candidate Questionnaire**  
*Completed questionnaires will be public documents.*

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Name/Title: Marva C. Brown, Esq – Candidate, Kings County Civil Court, Municipal District 2

Current position: Staff Attorney, The Legal Aid Society – Criminal Defense Practice

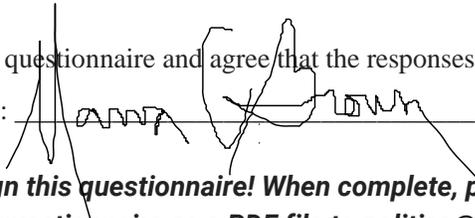
Tenure in current position: 15 years

<p>Please describe the types of clients you have represented in your practice.</p>	<p>My clients are indigent persons from all communities in Brooklyn who are charged with crimes</p>
<p>Please describe the types of clients you have represented in your current practice, and throughout your career?</p>	<p>I have represented more men than women, more black and brown people than white, members of the LGBTQ community, city and union workers, immigrants, homeless persons and NYCHA residents – all demographic groups in Brooklyn in one way or another.</p>
<p>If elected, what do you plan to point to as your top two accomplishments that will benefit constituents?</p>	<p>Extensive litigation experience where I have argued cases and anticipated the arguments of opposing counsel which makes me uniquely prepared to take on the role as decision-maker in the courtroom.</p> <p>15 years spent representing the legal system’s most vulnerable, giving a voice to the voiceless, holding police accountable for what they do in our communities, protecting the rights of those involved in the system, and offering services to those in need - leading to an enhanced insight, empathy, and understanding of our community</p>
<p>How, if at all, can the courts address issues of institutionalized racism? How, if at all, could and would you address these issues as a judge?</p>	<p>The Office of Court Administration has to first acknowledge that there are injustices occurring in the courts daily and make a concerted effort to root out the perpetrators of those injustices. Stakeholders in the court who are perpetuating institutionalized racism must be called out, be given the opportunity to undergo anti-bias training and modify their behavior, and if they do not, they must be removed.</p> <p>As a judge, I will address these issues head on – explicitly stating that racism will not be tolerated in</p>

	my courtroom from any party, and follow through with my assertions by reporting, through the appropriate channels, or creating channels of reporting if there are none.
Do you think that the current system of electing Civil and Surrogate's Court judges is transparent and accountable to the voting public? If so, how? If not, how can the system be improved?	<p>Judicial candidates should not be political or beholden to any political entity and where a political entity can put a candidate on the ballot, there is no transparency or accountability to the voting public. As a result, the candidate becomes beholden to the whims of the party and the influence of politicians who have agendas, not necessarily an interest in justice.</p> <p>The system can be improved by taking politics out of the judicial election process and starting all candidates on an equal footing and letting the public decide who is the best candidate.</p>
Would you be willing to publicize the completed questionnaires you submitted to the New York City Bar Association and the Kings County Democratic Committee? If yes, <b>please submit these completed questionnaires</b> along with your responses to this questionnaire.	Yes. NYC Bar Association questionnaire is attached. I did not submit a questionnaire to the Kings County Democratic Club.

I have reviewed this questionnaire and agree that the responses set forth in this document are accurate:

Candidate Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



Date: 6/3/2021

**You must sign this questionnaire! When complete, please e-mail your signed and scanned questionnaire as a PDF file to [politics@newkingsdemocrats.com](mailto:politics@newkingsdemocrats.com).**