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### **Republican County Chairs Support Slate of Candidates Seeking Convention Nomination for NYS Supreme Court in the 5<sup>th</sup> Judicial District**

All Republican County Chairs within the 5<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, consisting of Herkimer, Jefferson, Lewis, Oneida, Onondaga and Oswego Counties, today announced their unanimous support for three attorneys seeking to fill New York State Supreme Court seats in this November's election: Little Falls City Court Judge Mark Rose (Herkimer County); Julie Grow Denton, Esq. (Oneida County); and Kevin Kuehner, Esq. (Onondaga County).

"As a part-time City Court Judge, who also maintains a private practice that includes representing several municipal entities, Mark Rose brings unique qualifications as a Supreme Court candidate," said Herkimer County Republican Chair Sylvia Rowan. "We have a tremendous slate of Judicial Candidates this year, and Herkimer County is proud to support Judge Rose for this most important position."

Lending his support to the slate, Oneida County Republican Chair Pete Sobel noted in particular that Julie Grow Denton, after graduating from Harvard Law School, has experienced the courtroom from all perspectives over nearly 25 years. "She brought her work ethic and the benefits of her education back to Central New York, having clerked for respected federal jurists in Utica and Syracuse, having represented local clients in litigation and in their day-to-day affairs, and now clerking for Acting Supreme Court Justice Louis P. Gigliotti."

Onondaga County Republican Chair Benedicte Doran fully supports the unified approach among the counties relative to these Supreme Court races. "Our goal is to find highly qualified candidates that reflect the diverse geography of the district," said Doran. "Supporting Kevin Kuehner was an obvious choice. His entire career has been focused on practicing in Supreme Court. Having argued countless cases in front of juries and judges, he knows from experience the importance of keeping the playing field level and fair."

Judge Rose lives in Little Falls with his wife Rita (Guardino) Rose. They have two adult children.

Ms. Grow Denton lives in Rome with her husband Robert Denton, Jr. and their two children.

Mr. Kuehner lives in Syracuse with his wife Jill Kuehner and their five children.

To appear on the ballot in November, each candidate must be nominated by the delegates who attend the Republican Party judicial convention later this year. Jefferson County Republican Chair Don Coon, Lewis County Republican Chair Michael Young, and Oswego County Republican Chair Fred Beardsley voiced their support for Judge Rose, Ms. Grow Denton and Mr. Kuehner. All chairs agreed that the track record of these candidates in serving their clients and their communities signaled the quality work they would perform if elected to the 5<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Supreme Court bench.

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