

## 2010 Candidate Survey

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1. **Candidate for (check the one that applies.) (answer type: multiple options with single answer)**  
Answer: selected option = New York State Assembly 124th District
2. **Candidate Name (answer type: short text)**  
Answer: Will Barclay
3. **Campaign Name and Address (answer type: short text)**
4. **Campaign office phone number (answer type: short text)**  
Answer: 315-425-2734
5. **Campaign FAX Number (answer type: short text)**
6. **Campaign email (answer type: short text)**  
Answer: wbarclay@hblaw.com
7. **Educational Background: (answer type: long text)**  
Answer: St. Lawrence University, BA  
Syracuse University College of Law, JD
8. **Occupation: (answer type: short text)**  
Answer: Attorney
9. **Work History: (answer type: long text)**  
Answer: Partner at the law firm Hiscock & Barclay, LLP
10. **Community Involvement: (answer type: long text)**  
Answer: Formerly served on the Boards of Directors for the Friends of the Rosamond Gifford Zoo, the Everson Museum of Art, and Northern Oswego County Health Services, Inc. Formerly a member of the SUNY Oswego College Council.
11. **What is your top legislative policy priority for 2011? (answer type: short text)**  
Answer: Working to contain the growth of government and improving the business climate for central New York.
12. **What are two specific actions you would take to address next year's anticipated state budget deficit? (answer type: long text)**  
Answer: We need to cut spending and operate more efficiently. This year, I proposed the mergers of certain state agencies which would have saved the state \$966 million. I also proposed cutting certain optional medicaid services which would have saved the state \$600 million. Neither of these proposals were included in the adopted budget. I believe we should enact these cost saving measures in next year's budget.

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**13. What are your top two recommendations to improve the climate for economic development in our region? (answer type: long text)**

Answer: We have to lower the cost of doing business in New York state. One of the major cost factors is energy. We must roll back policies that have led to these high costs. In the meantime, I support economic development power programs like Energize New York, that give businesses predictability in regards to their future energy costs.

**14. What specific efforts would you support to control the growth of state spending in 2011? (answer type: long text)**

Answer: Please see question 12.

**15. What steps would you take to reduce the cost of public employee benefits to better align them with those of private sector employees? Will you support a Tier VI with defined benefit contributions? (answer type: long text)**

Answer: Yes. While we need to recognized that public employees are dedicated workers who play a vital role in our workforce, we also have to be mindful that there needs to be balance and that public employees' salary and benefits should reflect market rates.

**16. What steps would you support to increase the competitiveness of New York State's small businesses? (answer type: long text)**

Answer: Like all businesses, small businesses struggle with the fact that New York is a high costs of doing business state. Small businesses generally are not looking for specific government subsidies, but rather would like to see government stay out of their way. That is why I have not support legislation like the abusive work environment bill and the proposed family medical leave act. While these bills may be good intentioned on their face, they will end up being heavy handed mandates on all businesses but will particularly have a negative effect on small businesses who have the least ability to absord additional costs.

**17. What specific policies or legislation would you sponsor or support in 2011 to encourage or implement government modernization at the state, regional and local levels? (answer type: long text)**

Answer: Legislation that encourages consolidation at all levels of government but doesn't mandate consolidation.

**18. If elected, at the end of 2011, what would you like to point to as your most important legislative or budget related accomplishment for the year? (answer type: short text)**

Answer: An on-time budget that reflects the economic realities that we face and therefore cuts spending and taxes.