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Bill Allen Jr. with stallion Majestic City at Questroyal Stud North

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							2019 Earnings	Foals	Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	BIG BROWN (05, Boundary), Irish Hill & Dutchess Views Stallions	\$5,000	76/23	1/2	0/1	(Somelikeithotbrown, \$161,665)	\$828,923	*764	23	1.07	1.52
2	BELLAMY ROAD (02, Concerto), Irish Hill & Dutchess Views Stallions	\$5,000	79/25	0/0	0/0	(Cheatham Hill, \$40,600)	\$639,082	*649	31	1.20	1.26
3	FREUD (98, Storm Cat), Sequel Stallions New York	\$7,500	49/11	1/1	1/1	(Bavaro, \$105,980)	\$637,222	*1251	51	1.55	1.24
4	FROST GIANT (03, Giant's Causeway), Irish Hill & Dutchess Views Stallions	\$2,500	53/12	1/1	1/1	(Frostie Anne, \$87,505)	\$629,782	*425	13	1.20	1.17
5	BUSTIN STONES (04, City Zip), Waldorf Farm	\$5,000	30/11	1/1	1/1	(Stonesintheroad, \$102,200)	\$528,778	200	8	1.31	1.38
6	MISSION IMPAZIBLE (07, Unbridled's Song), Sequel Stallions New York	\$7,500	44/6	1/1	0/1	(Espresso Shot, \$144,375)	\$457,113	182	5	1.28	1.09
7	CENTRAL BANKER (10, Speightstown), McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds	\$7,500	38/9	0/0	0/0	(Bebe Banker, \$47,400)	\$413,632	108	2	1.23	1.24
8	DESERT PARTY (06, Street Cry), Irish Hill Century Farm	\$3,000	42/13	0/0	0/0	(Aunt Babe, \$44,543)	\$376,335	235	6	0.95	1.36
9	FORTY TALES (10, Tale of the Cat), McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds	\$3,000	18/5	0/0	0/0	(Transistor, \$65,490)	\$245,189	*78	0	0.89	1.18
10	COURAGEOUS CAT (06, Storm Cat), Questroyal North	\$2,500	51/8	0/0	0/0	(Carrera Cat, \$37,840)	\$239,635	209	5	0.97	1.12
11	ALPHA (09, Bernardini), Sequel Stallions New York	\$5,000	16/2	0/0	0/0	(Seed Money, \$40,000)	\$186,447	*65	0	0.59	1.58
12	HONORABLE DILLON (10, Tapit), Rockridge Stud	\$4,000	18/4	0/0	0/0	(London House, \$68,200)	\$166,175	92	0	0.57	1.14
13	BOYS AT TOSCONOVA (08, Officer), Questroyal North	\$2,500	16/5	0/0	0/0	(Playinwiththeboys, \$34,875)	\$157,247	68	2	1.30	1.22
14	SOARING EMPIRE (07, Empire Maker)	Died, 2018	15/4	0/0	0/0	(The Big Lebanese, \$45,000)	\$134,612	63	0	0.95	1.11
15	HEAVY BREATHING (09, Giant's Causeway)	N/A	13/3	0/0	0/0	(San Juan Diego, \$63,000)	\$133,351	42	0	0.52	1.50
16	TEUFLESBERG (04, Johannesburg), McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds	\$5,000	19/1	0/0	0/0	(Devil's Flair, \$11,650)	\$69,833	143	4	1.28	1.10
17	BANK HEIST (07, Maria's Mon)	N/A	8/1	0/0	0/0	(Nice Bank, \$17,100)	\$67,766	70	1	0.93	1.31
18	GIANT SURPRISE (09, Giant's Causeway), Rockridge Stud	\$3,500	11/2	0/0	0/0	(Cause for Surprise, \$21,300)	\$62,832	83	2	1.69	1.25
19	A SHIN FORWARD (05, Forest Wildcat), Rockridge Stud	\$3,500	13/4	0/0	0/0	(Lord Ace, \$45,430)	\$62,422	28	0	0.44	0.76
20	MIRACLE MAN (02, Yankee Victor)	Died, 2015	2/2	0/0	0/0	(Jc's Shooting Star, \$47,300)	\$55,900	11	1	2.11	1.56

THERE WAS A TIME IN HIS LIFE when Bill Allen Jr. was working as a lawyer, specializing in corporate tax law and making a comfortable living. Yet there was something tugging at his heart.

“I practiced tax law for three years earlier in the decade, and I hated every minute of it,” he said. “It wasn’t the life for me. I had a great job with a firm in Fort Myers (Fla.), but the lifestyle was not conducive to my mental health. I couldn’t take being in an office staring at a computer 5½ days a week.”

So now Allen is back doing what he loves most—seven days a week.

His days are filled with long hours caring for horses, coordinating breeding sessions, and making sure a nearly 300-acre farm in Stillwater, N.Y., is operating at peak efficiency.

And he is loving every minute of it.

“I knew I had to get back into the breeding industry,” Allen said.

For Allen, working at a breeding farm has been a way of life. A third-generation horseman and son of Bill Allen, he spent much of his youth at John Brunetti’s Red Oak Farm near Ocala, Fla., where his father worked, and started working at that farm when he was 12. Years later he has swapped a life of law books for booking mares and is now the farm manager at Questroyal Stud North, which, in an interesting coincidence, is owned by Barry Ostrager, a New York State Supreme Court Justice.

“The judge tells me I should get a license in New York and practice tax law for

the farms up here in my spare time,” Allen said. “The problem with that is that I don’t get any free time.”

These are indeed busy times at Questroyal Stud North, where Ostrager keeps about 35 mares and stands five stallions.

“I have been involved in every aspect of Thoroughbred racing and breeding for at least 35 years,” Ostrager said. “And I’ve been New York-centric.”

Ostrager started in the breeding industry by leasing farm space and opened Questroyal in the 1990s at what is now Rockridge Stud near Hudson, N.Y. He then moved to Liberty Stud near Ghent, N.Y., and later Dutchess Views in Dutchess County. He made a major investment in 2012 by purchasing the Sez Who North property near Stillwater, just outside of Saratoga Springs, the summer mecca of New York racing. He also keeps about a dozen mares at Crestwood



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1	JUMP START (99, A.P. Indy), Northview PA	\$10,000	92/18	3/3	1/3	(Durkin's Call, \$106,375)	\$1,077,168	*1406	48	1.42	1.29
2	WARRIOR'S REWARD (06, Medaglia d'Oro), WynOaks Farm	\$4,500	111/29	0/0	0/0	(Night Ops, \$56,000)	\$799,325	*507	16	1.08	1.36
3	EL PADRINO (09, Pulpit)	Died, 2017	32/11	0/0	0/0	(Promised Storm, \$93,240)	\$519,132	146	1	1.41	1.27
4	SMARTY JONES (01, Elusive Quality), Equistar Training and Breeding	\$3,500	35/10	1/1	0/1	(Ujjayi, \$56,875)	\$344,269	*749	27	1.43	1.77
5	WEIGELIA (01, Safely's Mark), WynOaks Farm	\$3,500	33/6	0/0	0/0	(Chasing My Halo, \$82,004)	\$302,234	*127	7	1.48	1.01
6	DUBLIN (07, Afleet Alex), Mohns Hill Farm	Private	34/9	0/0	0/0	(Dublin Green, \$33,480)	\$278,800	175	2	1.06	1.18
7	CROWN OF THORNS (05, Repent), Equistar Training and Breeding	\$2,000	18/6	1/1	1/1	(Crown and Sugar, \$87,990)	\$250,725	55	2	0.89	1.07
8	FLASHBACK (10, Tapit), Diamond B Farm	\$3,500	29/7	0/0	0/0	(Poker Game, \$28,350)	\$202,762	143	0	0.80	1.31
9	FAIRBANKS (03, Giant's Causeway)	Pnsd	20/6	0/0	0/0	(Jeezum Jim, \$41,519)	\$160,487	229	3	1.05	1.21
10	MAD FLATTER (05, Flatter)	Died, 2016	16/6	0/0	0/0	(Glowing Star, \$40,907)	\$157,630	48	0	0.83	1.33
11	UPTOWNCHARLYBROWN (07, Limehouse), Diamond B Farm	\$4,500	9/3	0/0	0/0	(Midnightcharly, \$76,400)	\$141,833	38	2	2.12	0.80
12	TALENT SEARCH (03, Catienus), Diamond B Farm	\$2,500	24/5	0/0	0/0	(Cardcounter, \$29,150)	\$130,764	*158	2	1.00	1.20
13	ALBERT THE GREAT (97, Go for Gin)	Pnsd	10/4	0/0	0/0	(Can He Shine, \$31,738)	\$103,442	*412	9	1.11	1.11
14	BULLSBAY (04, Tiznow), Northview PA	\$3,000	16/2	0/0	0/0	(Disco Express, \$18,795)	\$101,389	85	3	1.28	1.22
15	LORD SHANAKILL (06, Speightstown), Pin Oak Lane Farm	\$3,500	28/9	0/0	0/0	(Ciao, \$18,064)	\$99,620	201	3	1.13	0.92
16	MEDALLIST (01, Touch Gold), Northview PA	\$2,000	8/1	0/0	0/0	(Winning the Medal, \$59,878)	\$96,298	204	7	1.27	1.32
17	WINCHILL (08, Tapit)	N/A	5/3	0/0	0/0	(You Must Chill, \$29,440)	\$92,150	21	0	0.71	1.34
18	CAL NATION (08, Distorted Humor), Kingfisher Lane Farm	\$2,500	15/1	0/0	0/0	(Bro Your Killingme, \$13,680)	\$73,323	49	0	1.00	1.19
19	CITY SHARPSTER (99, Carson City), Woodvale Farm	\$500	10/2	0/0	0/0	(Secuencia, \$17,640)	\$49,126	66	0	0.73	0.70
20	RIMROD (00, Danzig), Castle Rock Farm	\$1,500	7/2	0/0	0/0	(Girl Powder, \$19,200)	\$42,504	112	2	1.27	1.15

Farm in Kentucky.

When he needed a farm manager at the start of 2018, Ostrager reached out to Allen, who had worked in that capacity at Liberty Stud, and since then the two have been building an interesting success story centered on a strong broodmare band.

"We've been putting together a great band of broodmares. The mares are important to what we do here. The mares are something that Barry has put a lot of time, energy, and resources into. He's been doing this a long time and has a good eye for pedigrees. He's put together a really good group of mares that has given us some nice foals," Allen said. "Mostly we're trying to get some nice foals on the ground and get them to the Fasig-Tipton Fall sale in October at Saratoga. Those that don't make the sales, we race. With the New York State program the way it is, with the pots and the breeders' awards, that's a nice revenue source as well."

One of the farm's top mares is Landing My Way, a daughter of Southern Image, who produced a filly by Majestic City that sold for \$270,000 at the 2019 Ocala Breeders' Sales' March 2-year-olds in training auction.

Allen is also excited by what he has been

seeing from a colt by Tiznow out of the Gilded Time mare Eternal Grace that arrived March 4.

Allen said Questroyal's mares had produced 13 foals through mid-March and that he was "hard-pressed" to find one that he didn't like.

Since Ostrager's early days in the breeding industry, stallions have also played an integral role in his farm's success. Ostrager has stood some of New York's top stallions, including Belong to Me, Strategic Mission, Tomorrows Cat, dual classic winner Hansel, and Crusader Sword.



Ostrager opened Questroyal North in the '90s

The current roster of stallions checks in at five and offers a diverse mix of racetrack success and rich bloodlines as well as access to the lucrative New York State breeding program.

"It's challenging to operate up here. We can have five months of winter," Allen said. "So, to be able to do this in a spread-out state like this, you need an unbelievable breeding program, and this one in New York works better than any other program I have ever seen. We have the best purses day in and day out. It's amazing what they run for at Saratoga. When I first got here, I thought the purses were big, and now they are double in some cases. It's pretty nice. They manage the Fund very well. The checks go out each month like clockwork, and you can pick up 30% of a \$36,000 purse if it's a New York stallion. That's a very nice chunk of change. It's more than \$10,000, and that makes a big difference."

Two of the Questroyal North stallions are sires whose first crops turned 2 this year: Majestic City and Golden Ticket, a son of Speightstown who earned \$1.3 million and is best known for finishing in a dead heat with Alpha in the 2012 Travers Stakes (G1).

Camelot Kitten, in the midst of his first

Special Note For Sire Lists:

For stallions that stand, will stand, or stood (deceased) in the states featured in this section (stallions that are dead or exported prior to 2015 are excluded), and have runners in North America. Listed below are all available statistics for the Northern Hemisphere through March 31, 2019. As supplied to *BloodHorse* by The Jockey Club Information Systems Inc., lists include adjusted money from Japan, Hong Kong, and Singapore. Adjusted earnings are put on par with average North American earnings from the previous year. For example, the average North American purse in 2018 is \$23,755 or 50% of the 2018 average purse in Japan. To put earnings on par, all Japanese progeny earnings are multiplied by 50% before being credited to a sire's progeny earnings. Hong Kong earnings are adjusted by 15%; Singapore by 66%. Current year stakes winners include all Northern Hemisphere black-type stakes results from all available countries. *Foal counts include Southern Hemisphere. Cumulative stakes winners include all countries.

*AVERAGE-EARNINGS INDEX and COMPARABLE INDEX: Lifetime AVERAGE-EARNINGS INDEX indicates how much purse money the progeny of one sire has earned in relation to the average earnings of all runners in the same years; average earnings of all runners in any year is represented by an index of 1.00; COMPARABLE INDEX indicates the average earnings of progeny produced from mares bred to one sire, when these same mares were bred to other sires. Only 32% of all sires have a lifetime AVERAGE-EARNINGS INDEX higher than their mares' COMPARABLE INDEX.

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1	GREAT NOTION (00, Elusive Quality), Northview Stallion Station	\$5,000	42/17	2/2	2/2	(Anna's Bandit, \$71,790)	\$663,445	328	21	1.53	1.22
2	FRIESAN FIRE (06, A.P. Indy), Country Life Farm	\$4,000	58/13	1/1	0/1	(Call Paul, \$87,420)	\$533,315	217	5	1.21	1.26
3	NOT FOR LOVE (90, Mr. Prospector)	Died	34/15	0/0	0/0	(Clubman, \$70,422)	\$471,280	975	81	1.65	1.43
4	FREEDOM CHILD (10, Malibu Moon), Country Life Farm	\$2,500	23/9	0/0	0/0	(Ja's Malibu, \$53,064)	\$317,770	63	2	1.43	1.38
5	REDEEMED (08, Include), Northview Stallion Station	\$3,000	24/8	0/0	0/0	(Saint Main Event, \$47,180)	\$236,560	92	0	1.04	1.07
6	OUTFLANKER (94, Danzig), Shamrock Farm	\$2,500	19/8	0/0	0/0	(Leap to Glory, \$34,056)	\$212,584	*567	21	1.33	1.12
7	ORIENTATE (98, Mt. Livermore)	Pnsd	30/9	0/0	0/0	(Sonic Boom E Jet, \$35,812)	\$201,360	*845	32	1.23	1.58
8	SEVILLE (GER) (08, Galileo)	Died	15/1	1/2	0/1	(Las Setas, \$149,640)	\$200,203	*135	1	0.49	1.28
9	STREET MAGICIAN (04, Street Cry), Legacy Farm Stallions Standing at Roland Farm	\$3,000	21/6	0/0	0/0	(Ollie's Papa's Boy, \$28,020)	\$192,951	135	3	1.13	1.31
10	DESPITE THE ODDS (06, Speightstown)	N/A	16/6	0/0	0/0	(Bagels and Lox, \$26,169)	\$160,415	61	0	0.96	1.24
11	BANDBOX (08, Tapit), Northview Stallion Station	\$2,500	10/4	0/0	0/0	(Baptize the Boy, \$42,960)	\$148,456	57	1	1.19	1.28
12	TRITAP (09, Tapit)	Died, 2016	14/3	0/0	0/0	(Ten Oaks Miss, \$43,760)	\$141,567	40	1	1.42	1.45
13	ETCHED (05, Forestry)	N/A	9/3	0/0	0/0	(Tattooed, \$76,362)	\$112,468	50	1	0.90	1.04
14	BUFFUM (08, Bernardini), Northview Stallion Station	\$2,500	6/5	0/0	0/0	(Stormin Hongkong, \$41,034)	\$100,856	22	2	1.75	1.09
15	SUPER NINETY NINE (10, Pulpit), Country Life Farm	\$3,000	12/2	0/0	0/0	(Little Miss Raelyn, \$23,712)	\$100,563	53	0	0.55	1.39
16	NICANOR (06, Dynaformer)	N/A	11/6	0/0	0/0	(Fearless Terp, \$22,428)	\$99,958	44	0	0.53	1.03
17	PETIONVILLE (92, Seeking the Gold)	N/A	20/4	0/0	0/0	(Cardio Cowboy, \$22,664)	\$94,080	*752	42	1.26	1.26
18	LION HEARTED (96, Storm Cat)	Died	12/2	0/0	0/0	(Tricky Lion, \$57,375)	\$90,931	*624	18	1.16	1.26
19	LOUIS QUATORZE (93, Sovereign Dancer)	Pnsd	10/2	0/0	0/0	(Kosher Kontract, \$24,496)	\$73,921	*991	21	1.14	1.30
20	SCIPION (02, A.P. Indy), Murmur Farm	\$2,500	9/2	0/0	0/0	(In Arrears, \$25,650)	\$68,929	145	3	1.05	1.06

year at stud, is the first son of prolific turf sire Kitten's Joy to stand in New York. While standing at Questroyal North, he remains the property of his owners, Ken and Sarah Ramsey. He started 23 times in his career for the Ramseys, winning six of those starts and earning \$1,069,477. A multiple graded stakes winner, he captured the National Museum of Racing Hall of Fame Stakes (G2T) at Saratoga Race Course and the American Turf Stakes (G2T) at Churchill Downs, both in 2016.

The established stallions are Boys At Tosconova and Courageous Cat.

Boys At Tosconova was among the leading 2-year-olds in 2010. He won the Three Chimneys Hopeful Stakes (G1) and finished second to Uncle Mo in the Grey Goose Breeders' Cup Juvenile (G1).

"Boys At Tosconova was brilliantly fast, and he's probably my favorite horse in the barn, but that's because of his personality. I have to deal with these horses every day, and their personality means a lot to me," Allen said. "If you take a deep dive into his numbers, it's pretty impressive what he's done. He has sired consistent horses that have often turned into allowance and stakes horses who have picked up checks. That's all you can ask for."

A 16-hand son of Officer, Boys At Tosconova has sired such performers as My Boy Tate, who won both the Hollie



Questroyal Stud North stallion Boys At Tosconova

Hughes Stakes and the Say Florida Sandy Stakes for state-breds in 2018.

In 2018 Boys At Tosconova led all other New York-based third-year sires with an average earnings per starter of \$36,374. His 36 starters last year combined for 24 wins and earnings of \$1,309,467.

Allen calls Courageous Cat "the best-bred horse in the state," and there's certainly more than enough pedigree power there as he's a son of the famed Storm Cat out of Tranquility Lake, a multiple grade

1-winning daughter of Rahy.

"We have five foals by Courageous Cat on the ground, and each one looks better than the other," Allen said. "They say he's a turf sire, but about half of his horses' earnings and stakes wins are on dirt. He's a very useful sire. He'll get you some useful horses."

The 16.1-hand Courageous Cat, who won the Shoemaker Mile (G1T) in 2011 and earned more than \$1.1 million in his career, rose from 11th to sixth last year on the progeny earnings list in New York with \$2,372,042. He had 52 wins from 104 runners, with Unbridledadventure, third in the Bay Ridge Stakes at Aqueduct, leading the way with earnings of \$192,083.

"Everything is going very well," Allen said. "I think we're stepping up with the commercial sires we are using. We have some nice mares, and we're at full capacity. Down the road, maybe we'll consider taking boarders, but that's not the focus."

At Questroyal, which leases about two-thirds of its property to Chris Bernhard's Hidden Lake Farm, the focus is indeed on breeding.

Ostrager has been an important force in New York breeding for more than two decades. He has served as a member of the New York Racing Association's board of directors, and during 10 years from 2002-15 he served as board president of the New York Thoroughbred Breeders.

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2019 LEADING SIRES IN WEST VIRGINIA



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Rank	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands	2019 Stud Fee	Rnrs/ Wnrs	BT SWnrs/ Wns	Rstrct SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	Cumulative				
							2019 Earnings	Foals	Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	FIBER SONDE (05, Unbridled's Song), Beau Ridge Farm	\$1,000	61/28	1/2	0/1	(Late Night Pow Wow, \$210,000)	\$853,279	241	10	1.26	0.79
2	WINDSOR CASTLE (98, Lord Carson), Taylor Mountain Farm	\$2,000	61/20	0/0	0/0	(V. I. P. Ticket, \$55,420)	\$471,431	361	12	0.99	1.00
3	CHARITABLE MAN (06, Lemon Drop Kid)	Died, 2016	48/15	0/0	0/0	(Charitable Gold, \$31,310)	\$289,717	188	2	0.89	1.03
4	LIMEHOUSE (01, Grand Slam), O'Sullivan Farms	\$2,500	44/11	0/0	0/0	(Lymebyrd, \$41,556)	\$287,826	*460	23	1.16	1.14
5	EXCLUSIVE QUALITY (03, Elusive Quality), Pellinor Lane	\$1,000	41/11	0/0	0/0	(Fade Away, \$26,503)	\$228,400	344	7	0.91	1.06
6	DENIS OF CORK (05, Harlan's Holiday), Taylor Mountain Farm	\$750	27/7	0/0	0/0	(Cameron Street, \$32,460)	\$157,876	*129	5	0.71	1.05
7	SWISS YODELER (94, Eastern Echo), O'Sullivan Farms	\$2,000	21/7	0/0	0/0	(Swiss Sunrise, \$15,900)	\$101,027	785	15	0.97	1.02
8	OUR ENTOURAGE (09, Street Cry), O'Sullivan Farms	\$1,250	7/5	0/0	0/0	(Chiefs Kingdom, \$17,728)	\$61,160	25	0	0.77	0.64
9	GATTOPARDO (05, Johannesburg), O'Sullivan Farms	\$1,500	7/4	0/0	0/0	(Gattolottacharm, \$16,030)	\$52,340	28	1	1.12	0.72
10	MACHEN (08, Distorted Humor)	N/A	10/2	0/0	0/0	(Miss Problematic, \$27,400)	\$49,132	69	0	0.51	0.73

2019 LEADING SIRES IN NEW JERSEY



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Rank	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands	2019 Stud Fee	Rnrs/ Wnrs	BT SWnrs/ Wns	Rstrct SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	Cumulative				
							2019 Earnings	Foals	Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	HEY CHUB (00, Carson City), Joe-Dan Farm	\$1,000	12/8	0/0	0/0	(Izzadora Bella, \$81,760)	\$258,627	42	3	1.73	1.38
2	KING PUMA (06, Forest Wildcat), Sleeter Farm	Private	2/1	0/0	0/0	(Love Is Your Name, \$52,580)	\$53,910	26	0	0.80	1.47
3	CABLE BOY (04, Jump Start)	Died, 2017	3/1	0/0	0/0	(Optic Way, \$30,400)	\$33,928	23	2	1.37	0.98
4	DEFRERE (92, Deputy Minister)	Died, 2017	2/1	0/0	0/0	(Oak Bluffs, \$27,700)	\$28,700	*590	22	1.20	1.17
5	IL POSTINO (06, Distorted Humor), Colonial Farms	\$1,000	3/1	0/0	0/0	(Postino's Champion, \$15,000)	\$20,835	16	0	0.90	0.84

“Once purses became enriched with VLT (video lottery terminal) money through legislation (in 2011), ownership of New York-breds became much more attractive. Purse money has been increased here and there are more stakes races,” Ostrager noted. “As a result New York-breds are now competing in open company allowance races and stakes at major events such as the Breeders’ Cup. It keeps people

engaged in the breeding business because they know they can sell registered New York-breds for a large amount of money, like the Tapit (2-year-old) colt that sold for \$2 million at the Ocala Breeders’ Sales’ March auction.”

Yet for all of the passion Ostrager has for racing, he had to pull away from the day-to-day operation of Questroyal North in June 2015 when Gov. Andrew Cuomo appointed

him as an acting New York State Supreme Court Justice assigned to the Commercial Division. Two years later he was appointed to the State Supreme Court.

The demands of that position require Ostrager to have an experienced right-hand person running Questroyal North, which he has in Allen.

“Bill is doing a great job running the farm,” Ostrager said.

That’s hardly a surprise, given Allen’s lifelong involvement with the breeding industry, until he made that legal U-turn.

After attending college at The Citadel, he worked for his father in Florida until he came to Liberty Stud in New York. After that farm closed in 2008, he returned to Florida, and in 2009 he entered Stetson University and then the University of Florida to earn his law degree. When his interest in that new phase of his career waned, he returned to New York and became broodmare manager at Sunnyfield Farm in 2017. He was working there when Ostrager approached him about becoming farm manager at Questroyal North.

Since then, Allen has no regrets about putting on jeans instead of a business suit when he starts his work day.

“This is what is in my blood,” Allen said. “It’s what I love to do.” **BH**

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Eternal Grace and her Tiznow colt