Allegheny County Bar Association Recommends 12 Judges Running for Retention on Nov. 5

PITTSBURGH – The Allegheny County Bar Association has recommended for retention the 12 Allegheny County judges running for retention in the Nov. 5 general election. The judges are:

Superior Court of Pennsylvania

- The Hon. Judith Olson

Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania

- The Hon. Patricia A. McCullough

Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas

- The Hon. Kim Berkeley Clark, Family Division
- The Hon. Robert J. Colville, Criminal Division
- The Hon. Kim D. Eaton, Family Division
- The Hon. Susan Evashavik DiLucente, Criminal Division
- The Hon. Philip A. Ignelzi, Civil Division
- The Hon. Arnie Klein, Civil Division
- The Hon. Jeffrey A. Manning, Criminal Division
- The Hon. Kevin G. Sasinoski, Criminal Division
- The Hon. Donald R. Walko Jr., Civil Division
- The Hon. Joseph K. Williams III, Orphans’ Division

All 12 incumbents are serving the final year of their 10-year terms and will face the electorate in a “yes-no” retention election. Those who are retained will serve another 10-year term. Although sitting judges run unopposed, voters will be asked whether the judges should remain on the bench based on their qualifications, performance and merit.
The ACBA conducted a poll of its members – the attorneys of Allegheny County – during the spring, asking members to indicate whether each candidate should be “recommended” or “not recommended” for retention. Each of these judges received a “recommended” rating from the bar association membership.

“Keeping qualified judges on the bench is a critical aspect of our democracy. The challenge is, many members of the public – who don’t interact with judges on a regular basis – do not have the information necessary to determine if a judge is, in fact, qualified,” explained ACBA President Lori McMaster.

“That’s where the ACBA comes in. Our attorneys practice in front of these judges regularly and are knowledgeable about each judge’s qualifications and judicial temperament. We’ve surveyed our members, and they strongly recommend these 12 judges for retention. We encourage the public to trust the expertise of Pittsburgh-area attorneys and, on Nov. 5, vote ‘yes’ to retain these qualified judges.”

The ACBA rates all of the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas Judges who are seeking retention, as well as Pennsylvania appellate court judges whose primary office is located in Allegheny County.

For more information, visit www.JudicialVote19.org.

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