Allegheny County Bar Association Recommends Six Judges Running for Retention on Nov. 7

PITTSBURGH – The Allegheny County Bar Association (ACBA) has recommended for retention the six Allegheny County judges running for retention in the Nov. 7 general election. The judges are:

Pennsylvania Supreme Court

- The Hon. Debra Todd

Superior Court of Pennsylvania

- The Hon. Jacqueline O. Shogan

Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas

- The Hon. Kelly E. Bigley, Criminal Division
- The Hon. Cathleen Bubash, Family Division
- The Hon. Michael McCarthy, Orphans’ Court
- The Hon. John “Jack” McVay, Civil Division

All six incumbents are serving the final year of their 10-year terms and will face the electorate in a “yes-no” retention election; if retained, they 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 during the spring – asking the Pittsburgh legal community 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.

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“No one recognizes the importance of keeping qualified judges on the bench more than attorneys,” said Hal D. Coffey, ACBA President. “Allegheny County attorneys appear before these judges regularly, and as a result, are familiar with their qualifications and performance. We conducted an anonymous poll of our members earlier this year seeking critical evaluation of all of the judges in Allegheny County. The Pittsburgh legal community spoke, strongly recommending all six of these judges for retention. We encourage the public to trust the insight and expertise of the ACBA and vote ‘yes’ to retain these judges on Nov. 7.”

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About the ACBA
Chartered in 1870 and headquartered in downtown Pittsburgh, the Allegheny County Bar Association is a professional organization with more than 6,100 member attorneys, judges, district justices, legal administrators, and paralegals.