Allegheny County Bar Association Releases 2016 Judicial Survey Results

PITTSBURGH – The Allegheny County Bar Association today released the results of its 2016 Judicial Survey.

The survey gives attorneys practicing in Allegheny County the opportunity to evaluate the judges in the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas, the United States District Court for the Western District of PA, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, as well as local U.S. Magistrate Judges and Workers’ Compensation Judges. Full survey results (along with 2012 Judicial Survey results for comparison) can be found at www.ACBA.org.

ACBA bylaws require the survey to be conducted every four years and ask attorneys to rate judges on their impartiality, legal ability, diligence and judicial temperament.

“Allegheny County Bar Association attorneys, who frequently appear before these judges, are in the unique position of being able to make these evaluations,” said Melaine Shannon Rokey, President of the ACBA. “The results of this year’s survey continue to show that we have outstanding, impartial judges in Allegheny County.

“The survey does not compare the performance of our judges, and in no way are the results intended to be taken that way,” Rokey continued. “Lawyers evaluate only those judges whom they have appeared before during court proceedings in the past four years. Not only do our bylaws require us to conduct this survey, they require it to be conducted in precisely this way to ensure that the survey provides the most relevant, useful information possible.”

Each judge evaluated in the survey is provided a copy of the survey results. This year, approximately 520 attorneys who try cases and represent clients before these judges responded to the survey.

“This survey is a public service, as it informs the people of Allegheny County about the performance of our judges who are entrusted with these extremely important positions on the bench,” Rokey said. “Only attorneys who appear in front of judges are in the position to provide this type of valuable feedback.”

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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 approximately 6,000 member attorneys, judges, district justices, legal administrators, and paralegals.

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