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## **Allegheny County Bar Association Releases Judicial Candidate Ratings for Nov. 2 General Election**

**PITTSBURGH** – The Allegheny County Bar Association has announced its ratings for those individuals running for the nine vacancies in the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas in the Nov. 2 municipal election.

Additional information on the candidates and the ACBA ratings process can be found at [www.JudicialVote2021.org](http://www.JudicialVote2021.org). Asterisks indicate candidates who opted not to appear before the Judiciary Committee and were rated in absentia.

### **Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas**

<b>Hon. Bruce Beemer</b>	Highly Recommended
<b>Hon. P Thomas Caulfield</b>	Highly Recommended
<b>William (Bill) Caye</b>	Recommended
<b>Jessel Costa III *</b>	Unqualified
<b>Anthony DeLuca</b>	Highly Recommended
<b>Mark Patrick Flaherty</b>	Not Recommended at this Time
<b>Nicola Henry-Taylor</b>	Highly Recommended
<b>Rick Hosking</b>	Recommended
<b>Hon. Elliot Howsie</b>	Highly Recommended
<b>Hon. Daniel J. Konieczka, Jr.</b>	Highly Recommended
<b>Sabrina Korbel</b>	Highly Recommended
<b>Lisa Middleman</b>	Recommended
<b>Joseph Patrick Murphy *</b>	Not Recommended at this Time
<b>Chuck Porter</b>	Recommended

<b>Tiffany Sizemore</b>	Recommended
<b>Chelsa Wagner</b>	Not Recommended at this Time
<b>Wrenna Watson</b>	Recommended

\* Did not appear before Judiciary Committee; candidate rated in absentia.

### **About ACBA Judicial Ratings**

ACBA Judicial Ratings cover those candidates seeking seats on the bench of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, Superior Court of Pennsylvania, Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania and the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas.

According to ACBA By-Laws the Judiciary Committee must rate all candidates running for the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas, whether they have requested a rating or not. All candidates for the Court of Common Pleas had the opportunity to be interviewed by the Judiciary Committee; those who opted not to be interviewed, were rated in absentia.

For candidates running for the Supreme Court, Superior Court and Commonwealth Court, the ratings cover those candidates who have requested a rating, have been interviewed by the ACBA's Judiciary Committee and who live in and/or have an office in Allegheny County. The candidates included in the above listing for statewide courts did request to be interviewed and evaluated.

### Explanation of Ratings:

#### **Highly Recommended**

The candidate:

- Exhibits pre-eminence in the law by way of outstanding legal ability and a wide range of experience, either in a specialized field of law or a more varied practice, and has a reputation in the legal community as standing at the top of his or her profession.
- Possesses a reputation for the utmost integrity and temperament to excel as a judge of the court for which he/she is a candidate.
- Exhibits outstanding citizenship by way of community and professional contributions.
- Is an exceptional individual who will enhance or has enhanced the competence, dignity and public perception of the bench.

#### **Recommended**

The candidate possesses a reputation for the utmost integrity and the legal ability, experience and temperament to excel as a judge of the court for which he or she is a candidate.

#### **Not Recommended at this Time**

The candidate's legal ability, experience and reputation indicate that, at some future time in his or her legal career, he or she may have the potential to excel as a judge, but the candidate is not yet at that stage.

**Unqualified**

The candidate does not now possess and is not likely to acquire the ability, reputation or temperament necessary for a judicial position.

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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 5,500 member attorneys, judges, district justices, legal administrators, and paralegals.*