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Allegheny County Bar Association Recommends Four Judges Running for Retention on Nov. 2

PITTSBURGH – The Allegheny County Bar Association has recommended retaining the four Allegheny County judges running for retention in the Nov. 2 municipal election. The judges are:

Superior Court of Pennsylvania

- The Hon. **John T. Bender**
- The Hon. **Mary Jane Bowes**

Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas

- The Hon. **Alexander T. Bicket**
- The Hon. **Randy Todd**

All four 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.

“It is crucial to keep qualified judges on the bench. However, many members of the public don’t routinely interact with judges, and therefore may not be in a position to evaluate the performance of a sitting judge,” explained ACBA President Joseph R. Williams.

“The ACBA provides a vital public service on that front. Our attorneys practice in front of these judges regularly and are knowledgeable about each judge’s qualifications and performance. We’ve surveyed our members, and the attorneys of the Allegheny County Bar Association strongly recommend these four judges for retention. On Nov. 2, we encourage voters to vote ‘yes’ and retain these qualified judges.”

The ACBA releases ratings for all Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas judges up for retention, as well as judges from higher Pennsylvania courts who have a primary office in Allegheny County.

For more information, visit www.JudicialVote2021.org.

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