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JUDICIAL PLEBISCITE RESULTS

On November 7, 2017, the voters of Chester County will vote on whether to retain Judges David F. Bortner and Katherine B.L. Platt for such Court. In addition, voters throughout Pennsylvania will be deciding whether to retain judges for the appellate courts of Pennsylvania. As required by the bylaws of our association, the Chester County Bar Association conducted a Judicial Evaluation Plebiscite among its members. The members of the Chester County Bar Association were requested to rate the various judicial candidates seeking retention as “Qualified” or “Not Presently Qualified” or to indicate “No Opinion”.

The Bar Association’s Judicial Evaluation Committee sent out ballots to eight hundred thirty-eight (838) Association members, and received three hundred and seven (307) valid ballots. Under the Association’s Bylaws, a candidate shall be considered as “Qualified” if he or she receives “Qualified” votes from a majority (154) of those voting provided that at least 25% of the members eligible to vote have voted. A candidate shall be considered as “Not Presently Qualified” if he or she receives “Not Presently Qualified” votes from a majority (154) of those voting provided that at least 25% of the members eligible to vote have voted. A “No Opinion” ballot shall not be considered as a vote for these purposes. A candidate shall be deemed to have had “Insufficient Ballots Cast” if he or she is neither “Qualified” nor “Not Presently Qualified” as described above.

Plebiscite Results for Judges Seeking Retention:

Chief Justice Thomas G. Saylor  Supreme Court of PA  Qualified
Hon. Debra McCloskey Todd      Supreme Court of PA  Qualified
Hon. Jacqueline O. Shogan       Superior Court of PA  Qualified
Hon. David F. Bortner           Court of Common Pleas of Chester County  Qualified
Hon. Katherine B.L. Platt        Court of Common Pleas of Chester County  Qualified

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