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**Nashville Bar Association Releases Results of Member Poll for 2018 Primary Election**

**Nashville, TN** – The Nashville Bar Association released the results today of a member poll for candidates being considered for the 2018 Primary Election in Davidson County.

A survey ballot was conducted online, and six hundred and ninety-three (693) responses were received by the deadline of March 26, 2018. All bar members are polled and the results are reported as raw ballot results with no attempt to extrapolate results.

*The Nashville Bar Association routinely asks its members to complete a poll through which they comment on individuals who are running for positions as judges and as court clerks. The member poll is distributed to the media and to the community and is used to encourage the selection of highly-qualified judges and court clerks by asking attorneys with knowledge of these candidates to provide informed opinions regarding their qualifications. —Erin Palmer Polly, NBA President*

**POLL RESULTS**

In the selection for the 2018 Primary Election in Davidson County, Tennessee:

**Q1 – CHANCERY COURT, PART II**

	HIGHLY RECOMMEND	RECOMMEND	DO NOT RECOMMEND	NO OPINION	DO NOT KNOW CANDIDATE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Anne C. Martin	57.43% 398	16.31% 113	4.04% 28	6.06% 42	16.16% 112	693	2.09
Joy M. Sims	2.02% 14	4.04% 28	25.54% 177	15.44% 107	52.96% 367	693	0.40
Scott Tift	19.62% 136	15.15% 105	12.99% 90	14.43% 100	37.81% 262	693	1.02

**Q2 – CRIMINAL COURT, DIVISION II**

	HIGHLY RECOMMEND	RECOMMEND	DO NOT RECOMMEND	NO OPINION	DO NOT KNOW CANDIDATE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Angie Blackshear Dalton	47.47% 329	18.18% 126	5.05% 35	6.64% 46	22.66% 157	693	1.84
Joy Smith Kimbrough	3.90% 27	5.05% 35	19.48% 135	15.44% 107	56.13% 389	693	0.41

### Q3 – CRIMINAL COURT CLERK

	HIGHLY RECOMMEND	RECOMMEND	DO NOT RECOMMEND	NO OPINION	DO NOT KNOW CANDIDATE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Howard Gentry	40.26% 279	27.85% 193	8.37% 58	9.67% 67	13.85% 96	693	1.85
Steven Murff	4.33% 30	4.62% 32	12.99% 90	17.46% 121	60.61% 420	693	0.35

### Q4 – GENERAL SESSIONS, DIVISION III

	HIGHLY RECOMMEND	RECOMMEND	DO NOT RECOMMEND	NO OPINION	DO NOT KNOW CANDIDATE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Ana L. Escobar	55.99% 388	15.30% 106	6.49% 45	4.91% 34	17.32% 120	693	2.05
Newton S. Holiday, III	1.59% 11	3.75% 26	18.61% 129	17.32% 120	58.73% 407	693	0.31
Nick Leonardo	7.94% 55	13.56% 94	21.21% 147	14.57% 101	42.71% 296	693	0.72
Sheryl Guinn	3.61% 25	5.05% 35	17.17% 119	16.16% 112	58.01% 402	693	0.38

### Q5 – GENERAL SESSIONS, DIVISION X

	HIGHLY RECOMMEND	RECOMMEND	DO NOT RECOMMEND	NO OPINION	DO NOT KNOW CANDIDATE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Frank Mondelli, Sr.	16.74% 116	21.36% 148	14.57% 101	15.15% 105	32.18% 223	693	1.08
Joyce Grimes Safley	20.20% 140	15.15% 105	9.96% 69	13.71% 95	40.98% 284	693	1.01
Sam Coleman	8.66% 60	13.71% 95	19.34% 134	16.88% 117	41.41% 287	693	0.73
Tillman Payne	7.65% 53	8.66% 60	10.82% 75	17.60% 122	55.27% 383	693	0.51

### Q6 – JUVENILE COURT CLERK

	HIGHLY RECOMMEND	RECOMMEND	DO NOT RECOMMEND	NO OPINION	DO NOT KNOW CANDIDATE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Jeff Crum	0.43% 3	1.15% 8	7.94% 55	20.06% 139	70.42% 488	693	0.12
Lonnell Matthews, Jr.	14.29% 99	10.97% 76	7.65% 53	14.43% 100	52.67% 365	693	0.72
Michael D. Joyner	1.88% 13	2.16% 15	6.35% 44	20.06% 139	69.55% 482	693	0.16
Sherry Jones	8.51% 59	9.67% 67	11.98% 83	16.59% 115	53.25% 369	693	0.57
Tyese Hunter	1.01% 7	2.60% 18	8.08% 56	20.35% 141	67.97% 471	693	0.16

#### About the Nashville Bar Association

The Nashville Bar Association, established in 1831, is a professional organization serving the legal community of Nashville, Tennessee. The NBA—with over 2,500 members—is the largest metropolitan bar association in Tennessee.