

WASHINGTON COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

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TO: Candidates for Judge
FROM: Frank Arcuri, Chair, Court Relations Committee
DATE: March 30, 2017
RE: Use of Poll Results

To be clear: The Washington County Bar Association – as an entity – does not endorse, recommend, support or oppose any individual candidates in this election. When the poll results are released, no statements are made as to the endorsement, recommendation, support or opposition of any particular candidate by the Bar Association or the Court Relations Committee.

The poll reflects the opinion of the responding members regarding the candidates' qualifications. If you have any questions about how to appropriately use the poll results in an ad or campaign materials, please contact me. To assist you, following are some guidelines as to the accurate interpretation of and use of the poll results.

Inappropriate uses of the poll results:

- “Voted Highly Qualified by the Washington County Bar Association”
- “Endorsements: Washington County Bar Association (Highly Recommended)”
- “Recommended for Judge by the Washington County Bar Association”

Appropriate uses of the poll results:

- Reprinting of the actual poll results (i.e. number of votes in a particular rating category)
- “Voted ‘Highly Recommended’ or ‘Recommended’ by X% of Responding Members of the Washington County Bar Association”
- “Received a ‘Recommended’ or ‘Highly Recommended’ vote by [X#, i.e. 80] Members of the Washington County Bar Association”

To avoid confusion, and in fairness to all candidates and the public, your cooperation with respect to any ads or campaign materials is requested.