



LAKE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

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NEWS RELEASE

On Wednesday, April 27, 2022 the Judicial Selection and Endorsement Committee of the Lake County Bar Association conducted a poll of its membership requesting the opinion of the Bar on the question of whether or not the following judicial candidates are qualified to hold the judicial office indicated.

Judge, 11th District Court of Appeals
Unexpired Term
John Eklund
Sarah Thomas Kovoov

John Eklund: 72 votes, of which 66 were affirmative votes.
He received a 92% favorable vote.

Judge, 11th District Court of Appeals
Term Commencing 02/9/2023
Eugene Lucci
Thomas R. Wright

Eugene Lucci: 91 votes, of which 84 were affirmative votes.
He received a 92% favorable vote.

Thomas R. Wright: 75 votes, of which 68 were affirmative votes.
He received a 91% favorable vote.

Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Ohio
Jennifer Brunner
Sharon L. Kennedy

Jennifer Brunner: 75 votes, of which 65 were affirmative votes.
She received an 87% favorable vote.

Sharon L. Kennedy: 77 votes, of which 61 were affirmative votes.
She received a 79% favorable vote.

Justice, Supreme Court of Ohio
Term Commencing 01/01/2023
Terri Jamison
Patrick Fischer

Patrick Fischer: 67 votes, of which 59 were affirmative votes.
He received an 88% favorable vote.

Justice, Supreme Court of Ohio
Term Commencing 01/02/2023
Marilyn Zayas
Patrick DeWine

Patrick DeWine: 38 votes, of which 24 were affirmative votes.
He received a 63% favorable vote.

The rules of the Lake County Bar Association Judicial Selection and Endorsement Committee provide that any candidate who receives a favorable vote of more than 85% shall be deemed to receive the endorsement of the Association as “Highly Recommended”. Any candidate who receives a favorable vote between 60% to less than 85% shall be deemed to receive the endorsement of the Association as “Recommended”. Any candidate who receives a favorable vote of less than 60% shall be deemed “Not Recommended” by the Lake County Bar Association.

Therefore, the Lake County Bar Association endorses the following candidate(s) as
“Highly Recommended”:

John Eklund
Eugene Lucci
Thomas R. Wright
Jennifer Brunner
Patrick Fisher

The Lake County Bar Association endorses the following candidate(s) as
“Recommended”:

Patrick DeWine
Sharon L. Kennedy

The Lake County Bar Association deems the following candidate(s)
“Not Recommended”:

In addition, the rules of the LCBA Judicial Selection and Endorsement Committee provide that the Association should not express an opinion as to the qualifications of a particular judicial candidate unless more than 50% of the qualified ballots indicate a yes or no for such

candidate. The following candidate(s) did not receive the required minimum of the qualified ballots voted. Therefore, the LCBA does not express an opinion as the qualifications of following candidates(s):

Sarah Thomas Kovoov
Terri Jamison
Marilyn Zayas

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In addition, the rules of the Lake County Bar Association Judicial Selection and Endorsement Committee provide that the Association should not express an opinion as to the qualifications of a particular judicial candidate unless more than 50% of the qualified ballots voted indicate a yes or no vote for such candidates. The following candidates did not receive more than 50% of the qualified ballots cast indicating their respective qualifications for office. Therefore, the Lake County Bar Association does not express an opinion as to the qualifications of the following candidate(s):

Sarah Thomas Kovoov
Terri Jamison
Marilyn Zayas

Robert Simpson, Esq.
Joshua J. Strickland, Esq.
Judicial Poll Co-Chairs

Pamela D. Kurt, Esq.
Lake County Bar Association President

Date: April 29, 2022