



JUDICIAL CANDIDATES POLL RESULTS

Candidate		Responded "Do Not Know Candidate" or "Not Rated" (not calculated into evaluation percentages)	No. of Respondents Evaluating Candidate	Highly Qualified	Qualified	Unqualified
	Lori N. Goodwin	484	133	27% (36)	54% (72)	19% (25)
	Ellie Kerstetter	384	233	28% (66)	43% (100)	29% (67)
	Daren C. Neel	470	147	65% (96)	26% (38)	9% (13)

A special election for a seat in Jefferson Family Court (Division 3) will be on the November 3 ballot. Three candidates are vying to serve the remaining two years of the term of Judge Deborah Dewese who retired at the end of 2019.

As it has done in past years, the LBA recently polled Jefferson County attorneys for their opinions of the qualifications of candidates for this office. The poll is designed to provide a measure of guidance to voters who might otherwise be unfamiliar with the candidates.

The poll was conducted electronically between September 8–22 via SurveyMonkey. More than 4,700 members of the Kentucky Bar Association working and/or residing in Jefferson County were e-mailed a link to the poll with instructions to rate candidates with whom they have had substantial professional contact within the last two years. Attorneys were asked to consider the candidates' integrity, temperament, demeanor, legal ability, impartiality, industry, diligence and promptness and then rate them in one of these categories: "Highly Qualified," "Qualified"

or "Unqualified." Attorneys could also select "Do Not Know Candidate" if unfamiliar with a candidate or "Not Rated" if they could not objectively rate a candidate for any reason. All responses were anonymous.

A total of 617 attorneys completed the poll. Dean Dorton Allen Ford, PLLC, a regional accounting and consulting firm, tabulated the results of the SurveyMonkey responses. Results are shown in the accompanying chart.

The LBA has conducted judicial candidate polls regularly since 1982. The intent is not to endorse any particular candidate, but rather to inform the public of the opinions of attorneys actively practicing in Jefferson County of candidates' fitness to serve in the judicial offices to which they are seeking election. Because judges are different from other elected officials, and often not well known to the electorate, the polls are offered as a public service to help voters make informed decisions in judicial elections.