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JCBA Publishes Judicial Evaluation Results for Judges in the 10th District County Court

Johnson County, Kansas, September 24, 2018 – The Johnson County Bar Association (JCBA) has released the results of its 2018 Judicial Evaluations for the 10th Judicial District. As a service to the community, JCBA developed the survey in order to provide meaningful information for voters to assess the performance of district court judges, particularly those up for retention in November’s general election.

Johnson County district court judges are appointed through the nonpartisan merit selection process and they appear on the ballot for retention every four years. On November 6th, 15 judges will appear on the ballot. Because the judges are appointed through the nonpartisan merit selection process, rather than partisan elections, they cannot participate in any political campaign. This means voters have very little information with which to evaluate a judge sitting for retention.

Katie McClafin, JCBA Immediate Past President said *“A fair and impartial legal system requires judges who are knowledgeable, professional and willing to listen to the facts of each case and apply the law. The lawyers who appear before these judges are well positioned to help voters make informed decisions about each judge’s legal qualifications. By providing this mechanism for voters to evaluate judges for retention, JCBA continues its commitment to creating awareness of issues of importance to the community.”*

The survey was mailed to over 2200 attorneys with registered offices in Johnson County, the 10th Judicial District. Attorneys were asked to anonymously evaluate only those judges before whom they had appeared in the previous two years. Based on the number of responses, the survey results exceeded research industry standards for a 95% confidence level with a 5% margin of error.

The Johnson County Bar Association was formed in 1938 and has a volunteer membership of approximately 1,400 attorneys and judges practicing in the Johnson County, Kansas and surrounding county area.

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