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**LAKE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION  
PUBLISHES EVALUATIONS OF CANDIDATES FOR JUDICIAL OFFICE**

The Lake County Bar Association (LCBA) has just completed two separate evaluation processes for the current slate of candidates for the office of Associate Judge. Judges who preside in Illinois trial courts obtain their positions in two different ways: Circuit Judges are elected by the public, and Associate Judges are appointed by the Circuit Judges. Associate Judges must be reappointed every four years. The Nineteenth Judicial Circuit in Lake County currently has 15 Circuit and 24 Associate judge positions.

The LCBA evaluates judicial candidates in two different ways. The first way is a member survey, in which every active attorney member of the LCBA receives a ballot by e-mail. Regarding the candidates' qualifications for judicial office, members are asked to respond yes or no to questions relating to the candidates' integrity, impartiality, legal abilities, temperament, and court management ability. Members are asked to evaluate only those candidates they know, and a final question asks generally whether the member believes the candidate meets the requirements for judicial office. The complete results of the member survey regarding the Associate Judge applicants are enclosed with this press release (the LCBA only releases results for those candidates rated by at least 25% of the members responding).

The second way the LCBA evaluates candidates is through the Association's Judicial Selection and Retention Committee. The Committee is comprised of 16 members of the Association who are appointed for staggered three-year terms. The Committee meets when judicial positions need to be filled and vets candidates based on an extensive application and interview process.

After interviewing each candidate, the Committee votes anonymously, with each member choosing one of three rankings: highly recommended, recommended, or not recommended. Candidates receive a "highly recommended" rating if at least 60% of the Committee's voting members select that rating. Candidates are "recommended" if at least 60% of the Committee's members select either "recommended" or "highly recommended." Those candidates not receiving a 60% affirmative vote are rated as "not recommended." Evaluations are valid for three years. The results of the Committee's evaluation are enclosed with this release.

The LCBA's bylaws do not provide for the Association to make endorsements regarding judicial candidates or judicial re-appointments. Opinions expressed by individual members of the Lake County Bar Association do not constitute endorsements by the Association or by any of its committees.

The Lake County Bar Association is headquartered in Waukegan, Illinois and has a membership of over 900 lawyer members, as well as 100 non-lawyer associate members. Among other goals, the Association's members seek to foster respect for the administration of law, to increase attorneys' and the public's knowledge of law through continuing legal education, and to uphold the honor and dignity of the legal profession. For more information, visit [www.lakebar.org](http://www.lakebar.org).

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If you would like more information about this topic, or to schedule an interview with David Del Re, Chair of the Judicial Selection & Retention Committee, please call Virginia Elliott at (847) 244-3143 or email [velliott@lakebar.org](mailto:velliott@lakebar.org)

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## Evaluations of Candidates for Associate Judge

February 21, 2018

Last	First	Middle	Rating	Expiration
Ackley	Robert	O.	Recommended	4/6/19
Axelrod	David	J.	Not Recommended	1/10/21
Berman	Jeffrey	Alan	Recommended	3/29/19
Bertucci	James	C.	Recommended	1/10/21
Black	Nandia	P.	Recommended	1/10/21
Briscoe	Thomas	A.	Recommended	10/19/19
Bruno	Rhonda	Kind	Recommended	1/10/21
Conway	Michael	Joseph	Recommended	1/10/21
Cornell	Patricia	Lynn	Highly Recommended	1/10/21
DeRue	Stephen	Matthew	Recommended	1/10/21
Drobinski	Roderick	Andrew	Recommended	1/11/21
Fisz	Ari	Paul	Highly Recommended	1/11/21
Fратиanni	JoAnn	Marie	Highly Recommended	1/11/21
Hanson	Keith	Alan	Recommended	3/30/19
Haxall III	Bolling	Walker	Highly Recommended	3/30/19
Jeep	Markham	Matthew	Recommended	3/30/19
Kennedy	Christopher	M.	Highly Recommended	3/29/19
Koehl	Ryan	Patrick	Recommended	3/31/19
Kuzniar	Pamela	Jo-Ann	Recommended	3/29/19
LaRue	Kenneth	Warren	Recommended	3/31/19
Marcyan	Carlton	Richard	Highly Recommended	1/11/21
Mathews	Reginald	Charles	Recommended	3/31/19
Melius	Jacquelyn	Dolores	Highly Recommended	3/31/19
Naranjo	Daniel		Recommended	10/19/19
Neddenriep	Gretchen	Anne	Recommended	1/11/21
Newman	James	Robert Maynard	Recommended	3/31/19
Pascucci	Danielle	Mary	Recommended	3/31/19
Perillo	Michael	J.	Highly Recommended	1/12/21
Skinner	Joel	R.	Not Recommended	10/19/19
Turk	Scott	Adam	Recommended	1/12/21
Tyer	Donald	R.	Recommended	1/12/21
Walker	Charvis	Rahsaan	Recommended	1/12/21





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	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
NEDDENRIEP, Gretchen	44%												56%	
	150	165	110	37	107	39	85	61	92	55	96	46	84	65
NEWMAN, James	36%												76%	
	124	191	109	13	77	44	102	20	97	26	104	16	92	29
PASCUCCI, Danielle	38%												30%	
	130	185	69	56	46	80	47	80	46	79	57	67	39	89
PERILLO, Michael	35%												72%	
	121	193	103	17	89	31	96	23	85	33	93	23	86	34
TURK, Scott	36%												64%	
	123	189	111	10	80	40	86	36	96	26	89	31	78	44
TYER, Donald	30%												49%	
	102	210	78	24	65	36	51	51	71	31	58	41	49	52
WALKER, Charvis	34%												65%	
	116	196	105	11	93	21	55	61	97	17	83	30	74	40