

Preferred judicial candidates selected by local attorneys

The Columbus Bar's annual Preference Poll results report whom local attorneys would vote for in contested judicial races for Franklin County Tenth District Court of Appeals and Common Pleas Courts. This information is not intended as an endorsement for candidates, but as a service to help voters make an informed decision when voting for judicial candidates.

Polling ballots were sent to more than 7,000 attorneys in Franklin County. Respondents were asked to indicate which candidate they preferred. Of the fifteen judicial races being decided on November 2 in Franklin County, ten are contested. Running uncontested for re-election to the Tenth District Court of Appeals are incumbents Susan D. Brown and William A. Klatt and in the Court of Common Pleas, incumbents Beverly Pfeiffer and Alan C. Travis. Also running unopposed is another incumbent, Kim A. Browne, in the Domestic Division.

Hausser + Taylor, Certified Public Accountants, tabulated the 1,595 returned surveys. The Columbus Bar conducts two polls each year in an effort to provide merit-based, non-partisan information to voters about the elected judiciary. The preference poll of judicial candidates is conducted each fall. A performance poll of sitting judges is conducted each spring.

**THE COLUMBUS BAR ASSOCIATION
2004 JUDICIAL PREFERENCE POLL
RESPONSE RATE = 22%**

**CANDIDATES FOR 10TH
DISTRICT COURT OF APPEALS**

PREFERENCE

	<u>Number of Responses</u>	<u>Percentage of Responses</u>
Judith L. French	723	72.0%
Thomas C. Tootle	284	28.0%
	1007	100.0%

Patrick M. McGrath	1346	92.0%
Deborah P. O'Neill	120	8.0%
	1466	100.0%

**CANDIDATES FOR
COURT OF COMMON PLEAS**

John F. Bender	990	83.0%
Michael R. Rankin	200	17.0%
	1190	100.0%

Eric S. Brown	305	41.0%
Gregory S. Peterson	435	59.0%
	740	100.0%

John A. Connor	928	82.0%
Julie P. Hubler	200	18.0%
	1128	100.0%

Richard A. Frye	553	55.0%
Patrick E. Sheeran	460	45.0%
	1013	100.0%

William R. Hedrick	563	56.0%
Julie M. Lynch	442	44.0%
	1005	100.0%

Michael J. Holbrook	179	17.0%
Stephen L. McIntosh	860	83.0%
	1039	100.0%

Guy L. Reece II	786	60.0%
Mark A. Serrott	525	40.0%
	1311	100.0%

Charles A. Schneider	1126	88.0%
William A. Thorman III	148	12.0%
	1274	100.0%

7,190 ballots mailed

1,595 ballots received and counted

29 ballots received but not counted due to incorrect markings

30 ballots received but not counted due to postmarks after September 1st deadline