

# 2017 Judicial Preference Poll

The Columbus Bar Association's annual Judicial Preference Poll closed for voting on September 22. 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.

There are four judicial races being decided on November 7 in Franklin County, all of which are contested elections for seats on the Franklin County Municipal Court. Earlier this month, central Ohio attorneys were asked to indicate the candidate they preferred in each race. Polling ballots were sent to 7,481 attorneys in Franklin County and a total of 688 votes were cast. The poll was conducted online by Votenet Solutions and a statement included with the ballot requested that attorneys without "sufficient current knowledge or information about the candidates" abstain from voting in the poll.

**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. Results of both polls and findings of the Judicial Screening Committee are available at **[JudgeTheCandidates.org](http://JudgeTheCandidates.org)**, our non-partisan voter education portal designed to help voters make informed decisions at the ballot box.

Candidates for Franklin County Municipal Court

Total Voters: 7481

Choice	Votes	Percentage
Hon. Andrea C. Peeples	367	61
George W. Leach, Jr.	203	34
Edward L. Pfau	30	5

Candidates for Franklin County Municipal Court

Total Voters: 7481

Choice	Votes	Percentage
Hon. Cynthia A. Morehart	326	52
Sean V. McCarthy	305	48

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Jarrold B. Skinner	340	66
Glenn P. Willer	179	34

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Hon. Jodi L. Thomas	388	67
Morgan M. Masters	177	31
Keith J. Nowak	13	2