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PRESS RELEASE

The Akron Bar Association Commission on Judicial Candidates has been established by the Akron Bar Association to evaluate candidates for local judgeships. The Commission rates the candidates “Highly Recommended”, “Recommended”, “Acceptable”, or “Not Recommended”. Ratings are based on seven criteria: integrity, legal knowledge and ability, professional experience, judicial temperament, diligence, personal responsibility and public and community service.

All ratings require a majority vote of the Commission; a rating of “Highly Recommended” requires two thirds supermajority of the Commission. The ratings are not intended to be a comparison or endorsement of candidates, but represent the Commission’s evaluation of each individual candidate’s qualifications for the specific office sought.

A rating of “Acceptable” requires a vote of a majority of the Commission members present. If a candidate is rated “Acceptable”, a second ballot is taken to determine if the rating “Recommended” will be awarded, also requiring a vote of the majority of the Commission members present. If a candidate is rated “Recommended”, a third ballot is taken to determine if the rating “Highly Recommended” will be awarded. The “Highly Recommended” rating requires the affirmative vote of a two-thirds majority of the Commission members present.

The Commission is comprised of 28 experienced members of the Akron Bar Association selected by its Municipal Courts Committee, Common Pleas & Appellate Courts Committee, Family Law Section, Probate Law Section, the Chair of the Commission and the Bar President. No more than 50% of the Commission may be from any one political party. All candidates complete a questionnaire containing extensive biographical data and submit relevant materials, including writing samples. References for the candidates are interviewed and intensive interviews of the candidates are conducted.

This year the Commission, chaired by William D. Dowling, evaluated the judicial candidates running in the Election scheduled for November 8, 2011.

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The ratings are as follows:

AKRON MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE

Term Commencing January 1, 2012

Candace Kim Knox	Acceptable
Annalisa S. Williams	Highly Recommended

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Term Commencing January 2, 2012

Amy Corrigall Jones	Recommended
Kathryn Michael	Recommended

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Term Commencing January 3, 2012

Tom McCarty	Highly Recommended
Joy Malek Oldfield	Recommended

BARBARTON MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE

Term Commencing January 1, 2012

Christine Croce	Recommended
Stephen Dyer	Not Recommended

To view Cuyahoga County judicial ratings, go to www.judge4yourself.com