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Austin Lawyers Rate Judicial Candidates

Austin Bar Poll Results: Members Choose "Best Qualified" Candidates in Four Races

AUSTIN, TX – In a private Preference Poll, members of the Austin Bar Association rated 10 judicial candidates in four local races in Travis County. The purpose of the 2008 Judicial Preference Poll is to give the general public an opportunity to see how local attorneys evaluate the judicial candidates appearing on the ballot for the March primary.

Only contested judicial races are included in the Preference Poll. For each race, Austin Bar members were asked to indicate which candidate they believe is best qualified to serve in the position for which he or she is running. They did not have to vote in every race. The results are strictly the opinions of the individual attorneys returning their ballots and are not intended as an endorsement of any candidate or candidates by either the Austin Bar Association or any affiliated organization.

Members cast their votes either online through Austin Bar's proprietary balloting system or in person. Of the 3,567 eligible voters, 825 (23 percent) cast a ballot, one of the highest turnouts for the Preference Poll.

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Below are the results of the 2008 Judicial Preference Poll:

1: 98th District Court	Number of Votes	% of Answers
Robert D. Ettinger (D)	62	9.30%
Andy Hathcock (D)	346	51.87%
Rhonda Hurley (D)	259	38.83%
<i>Not answered</i>	<i>158</i>	
	<hr/> 667	100.00%

2: 353rd District Court	Number of Votes	% of Answers
Madeleine Connor (D)	70	9.94%
Scott Ozmun (D)	634	90.06%
<i>Not answered</i>	<i>121</i>	
	<hr/> 704	100.00%

3: 427th District Court	Number of Votes	% of Answers
Jim Coronado (D)	527	72.69%
Melissa Goodwin (R)	155	21.38%
Karyl Anderson Krug (D)	43	5.93%
<i>Not answered</i>	<i>100</i>	
	<hr/> 725	100.00%

4: County Court at Law No. 8	Number of Votes	% of Answers
Carlos H. Barrera (D)	225	43.35%
John Lipscombe (D)	294	56.65%
<i>Not answered</i>	<i>306</i>	
	<hr/> 519	100.00%

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