

Press Release

JUDICIAL CANDIDATES RATED By Bar Association of Lehigh County

Allentown, PA- The Judicial Evaluation Committee of the Bar Association of Lehigh County has announced the results of the Committee's evaluations of the qualifications of all judicial candidates for the Lehigh County Court of Common Pleas in the May 21st primary election.

Seven (7) candidates were reviewed.

Committee Evaluations Are As Follows:

Zachary J. Cohen, Esquire-Exceptionally Well Qualified
Eric K. Dowdle, Esquire-Well Qualified
Thomas A. Capehart, Esquire-Qualified
William A. Ehrlich, Esquire-Qualified
Anna-Kristie Morffi Marks, Esquire-Qualified
Jared J. Hanna, Esquire-Not Qualified
Rashid O. Santiago, Esquire-Not Qualified

The By-Laws of the Bar Association of Lehigh County direct the Judicial Evaluation Committee to evaluate whether candidates for judicial office are "Exceptionally Well Qualified, Well Qualified, Qualified or Not Qualified" to serve. In connection with its evaluations, the committee received candidate responses to a confidential questionnaire, received comments from bar association members, and interviewed each candidate. Evaluations were based on each candidate's ability to serve as judge and are not a personal comment on the candidate.

Criteria used by the committee included: Integrity, Legal Ability, Breadth of Legal Experience, Judicial Temperament, Work Ethic, and Fairness.

About the Bar Association of Lehigh County

The association was officially chartered in 1905 "to advance the science of jurisprudence and the administration of justice, to encourage a thorough legal education, to uphold the honor and dignity of the bar, to cultivate social and professional association among its members, to assist the courts in the orderly and efficient administration of justice and to perpetuate the history of the profession and the memory of its members within this judicial district."

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