

The Judicial Selection/Retention Committee of the Delaware County Bar Association conducts a plebiscite of its membership prior to each judicial election and retention. The “selection” plebiscite is conducted prior to the primary election for new judicial candidates, and the “retention” plebiscite is conducted after the primary but before the general election for judicial candidates running to retain their seats.

During the **judicial selection** process, the role of the Committee is to solicit standard information from each judicial candidate and disseminate that information (exactly as provided) to member attorneys. Based on that information, each member attorney is mailed a plebiscite ballot that he/she is asked to return to the committee with his/her rating of each judicial candidate as either “Well Qualified,” “Qualified,” “Not Recommended” or “No Opinion.” Those ballots, printed on special security paper to avoid duplication, are received and tabulated by the Judicial Selection/Retention Committee. The results are published as tabulated, reflecting the total votes cast in each category, and do not represent the opinion of the Committee or Board of Directors of the Association.

During the **judicial retention** process, the role of the Committee is to list the names of each judicial retention candidate for Court of Common Pleas, Superior Court, Commonwealth Court, and Supreme Court and disseminate that list to each member attorney along with a plebiscite ballot on which members can indicate “yes” or “no” for retention of a respective judicial candidate. As with the selection plebiscite, the ballots are printed on security paper to avoid duplication. Upon receipt, the ballots are tabulated by the Committee, and the results are published as tabulated, reflecting the total votes cast in each category, and do not represent the opinion of the Committee or Board of Directors of the Association. The Delaware County Bar Association and the Judicial Selection/Retention Committee supports the process of retention of judges.

The Delaware County Bar Association does not endorse any candidate for judicial office.

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