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YORK COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION RELEASES JUDICIAL EVALUATION SURVEY AND RETENTION POLL RESULTS

[York, PA – October 27, 2017] The York County Bar Association (YCBA) has tallied the results of the Judicial Evaluation Survey and Retention Poll of its 503 members with respect to the retention of York County Judges Richard K. Renn and Gregory M. Snyder on the ballot for the November 7, 2017 election.

“The YCBA conducted this survey and poll as a public service to provide important information to those who are served by the judicial system. It is often difficult for litigants and public to evaluate the performance of those in judicial office,” said John Uhler, Esq., YCBA Judicial Liaison. “The Bar Association takes no position on the retention of any individual judge.”

The survey sought the opinion of each member of the Bar as to the candidate with whom the member may have had experience regarding impartiality, legal ability, diligence and judicial temperament. The members of the Bar were asked if they had Extensive, Moderate, Limited or No Contact and to rate the performance of the judge with respect to each attribute based on the following point scale: 5 - excellent; 4 - good; 3 - acceptable; 2 - poor; and 1 - very poor (total 20 points).

The surveys were followed by a poll asking members whether he/she supported retention, opposed retention or had had no opinion, as to the candidate. 216 members responded. “We were very pleased with the high level of response from our membership, since many of our members do not practice in front of the Court of Common Pleas,” stated Uhler.

While the individual survey responses are completely confidential, the overall results are shown on the attached pages. The results of each attribute represent the total points awarded, divided by the total number of responses. The overall score is an average score based upon the points awarded for all attributes.

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YCBA 2017 JUDICIAL EVALUATION SURVEY RESULTS SUMMARY

Extent of Contact	Extensive	Moderate	Limited	No Contact	Total Respondents
The Honorable Richard K. Renn	28.70% 62	33.80% 73	29.17% 63	8.33% 18	216
The Honorable Gregory M. Snyder	30.56% 66	28.70% 62	25.93% 56	15.28% 33	216

The Honorable Richard K. Renn	Excellent	Good	Acceptable	Poor	Very Poor	Cannot Evaluate	Total
Impartiality	42.13% 91	26.85% 58	14.35% 31	5.56% 12	1.85% 4	9.26% 20	216
Legal Ability	52.78% 114	26.85% 58	8.33% 18	2.31% 5	0.93% 2	8.80% 19	216
Diligence	49.07% 106	25.46% 55	12.04% 26	2.31% 5	0.93% 2	10.19% 22	216
Judicial Temperament	29.63% 64	27.31% 59	21.76% 47	8.33% 18	4.17% 9	8.80% 19	216

The Honorable Gregory M. Snyder	Excellent	Good	Acceptable	Poor	Very Poor	Cannot Evaluate	Total
Impartiality	22.22% 48	23.61% 51	23.61% 51	11.11% 24	4.17% 9	15.28% 33	216
Legal Ability	10.65% 23	29.63% 64	31.48% 68	9.72% 21	3.70% 8	14.81% 32	216
Diligence	8.52% 40	31.02% 67	25.93% 56	5.56% 12	3.70% 8	15.28% 33	216
Judicial Temperament	3.70% 8	15.74% 34	20.83% 45	25.46% 55	19.91% 43	14.35% 31	216



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2017 JUDICIAL RETENTION POLL

Judge	Support Retention	Oppose Retention	No Opinion
The Honorable Richard K. Renn (216 responses)	79.17% 171	8.80% 19	12.04% 26
The Honorable Gregory M. Snyder (216 responses)	49.07% 106	27.78% 50	23.15% 50

