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Los Angeles County Bar Association Rates the Qualifications of Judicial Candidates Seeking Election to the Los Angeles Superior Court on Tuesday, June 5, 2018

Los Angeles – April 27, 2018 – The Los Angeles County Bar Association (LACBA) has released its 2018 Judicial Elections Evaluation Committee Report, which rates the qualifications of each of the judicial candidates seeking election to the Los Angeles Superior Court in a contested race based on professional ability, experience, competence, integrity, and temperament. The report is available at www.lacba.org/2018-jeec.

LACBA’s ratings of the candidates are:

SUPERIOR COURT OFFICE NO. 4
- Alfred A. Coletta..........................Qualified
- A. Veronica Sauceda...........Well Qualified
- Matthew Schonbrun...............Qualified

SUPERIOR COURT OFFICE NO. 16
- Patricia Hunter...........................Qualified
- Sydne Jane Michel.................Qualified
- Hubert S. Yun............................Qualified

SUPERIOR COURT OFFICE NO. 20
- Wendy Segall...........................Qualified
- Mary Ann Escalante..............Well Qualified

SUPERIOR COURT OFFICE NO. 60
- Tony J. Cho.................................Qualified
- Ben Colella..............................Not Qualified
- Holly L. Hancock.......................Qualified

SUPERIOR COURT OFFICE NO. 63
- Anthony Lewis..........................Not Qualified
- Hon. Malcolm H. Mackey...Exceptionally Well Qualified

SUPERIOR COURT OFFICE NO. 67
- Dennis P. Vincent......................Qualified
- Onica Valle Cole......................Not Qualified
- Hon. Maria L. Armendariz...Well Qualified

SUPERIOR COURT OFFICE NO. 71
- Danielle R.A. Gibbons..............Well Qualified
- David A. Berger......................Not Qualified

SUPERIOR COURT OFFICE NO. 113
- Javier Perez .........................Well Qualified
- Steven Schreiner .....................Well Qualified
- Michael P. Ribons .................Qualified

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Candidate ratings continued:

**SUPERIOR COURT OFFICE NO. 118**

- Troy G. Davis ..................................Qualified
- David D. Diamond .........................Qualified

**SUPERIOR COURT OFFICE NO. 126**

- Rene Caldwell Gilbertson ..............Qualified
- Shlomo Frieman .............................Not Qualified
- Ken Fuller ..................................Qualified

**SUPERIOR COURT OFFICE NO. 146**

- Emily T. Spear ..........................Qualified
- Armando Duron ..........................Qualified

“I would like to thank the members of LACBA’s Judicial Elections Evaluation Committee for their hard work and dedication to this arduous process of research and interviews to determine which candidates possess the experience, qualities, and temperament to make a good judge,” said LACBA President Michael E. Meyer. “We hope that Angelinos will take these ratings into consideration when casting their votes for judicial candidates.”

“We encourage everyone to read LACBA’s Judicial Elections Evaluation ratings and vote for their local judges,” said Jerrold Abeles, chair of LACBA’s Judicial Elections Evaluation Committee. “These are the candidates who will become judges and preside in our neighborhood courts. They could potentially be the very judges that voters appear in front of one day to resolve tickets, issue custody orders in family law disputes, and oversee criminal and civil trials.”

The committee is comprised of a cross section of the legal community, including lawyers from the private and public sectors, sole practitioners, members of small, medium, and large law firms, prosecutors, and criminal defense attorneys, as well as members of the plaintiff and defense bars. They review each candidate’s background, conduct a thorough analysis of their qualifications, and interview candidates and their peers to assign a rating of:

- “Exceptionally Well Qualified” – Candidates possess qualities and attributes considered to be of remarkable or extraordinary superiority so that, without real doubt, the candidate is deemed fit to perform the judicial function with distinction.

- “Well Qualified” – Candidates possess professional ability, experience, competence, integrity, and temperament indicative of superior fitness to perform the judicial function with a high degree of skill and effectiveness.

- “Qualified” – Candidates possess professional ability, experience, competence, integrity, and temperament indicative of fitness to perform the judicial function satisfactorily.
• “Not Qualified” – Candidates lack one or more of the qualities of professional ability, experience, competence, integrity, and temperament indicative of fitness to perform the judicial function satisfactorily.

About the Los Angeles County Bar Association
The Los Angeles County Bar Association (LACBA) is one of the largest voluntary metropolitan bar associations in the nation and has more than 15,000 members. LACBA is engaged in advancing the administration of justice and meeting the professional needs of lawyers. For more information on LACBA, visit www.lacba.org.

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