

CITIZENS FOR BETTER JUDGES

Press Release

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Citizens for Better Judges (CBJ) announced its endorsements today in the contested races for election to the Jefferson District Court, the Kentucky Court of Appeals and the Supreme Court of Kentucky, all of which are on the ballot in the upcoming election cycle. Endorsements of candidates seeking election to the Jefferson Circuit Court were announced on March 23, 2022.

CBJ was organized in January, 1983, in an effort to maintain and improve the quality of the judiciary by promoting the election of only the most highly qualified judicial candidates. It consists of a 30-member Steering Committee made up of lawyers who are all involved in litigation practice but concentrate in different fields of law, and a Citizens Review Board consisting of a cross-section of community-minded citizens with diverse occupations and backgrounds. Additionally, the organization has an Advisory Board made up of the past chairs of CBJ.

Each candidate for judicial office is personally interviewed by the Steering Committee. After the interviews have been completed, the Steering Committee members consider the information obtained during the interviews and share their personal knowledge of the candidates. Lay members of the Citizens Review Board are present to monitor the interviews and the integrity of the endorsement process. The Citizens Review Board must approve the endorsements recommended by the Steering Committee.

The endorsement process for contested seats in nine of the divisions of the Jefferson District Court involved consideration of a total of twenty-two (22) candidates. There were seven candidates interviewed for appellate positions on the Kentucky Court of Appeals and the Supreme Court of Kentucky.

After a lengthy and rigorous evaluation of each candidate's qualifications for election to the district and appellate court benches, CBJ made the following endorsements:

Jefferson District Court, Division 1 -- Anthony Jones
Jefferson District Court, Division 3 -- [No Endorsement]
Jefferson District Court, Division 4 -- Yvette De La Guardia
Jefferson District Court, Division 6 -- Justin C. Brown
Jefferson District Court, Division 7 -- [No Endorsement]
Jefferson District Court, Division 8 -- Karen Faulkner
Jefferson District Court, Division 9 -- Tanisha Ann Hickerson
Jefferson District Court, Division 10 -- [No Endorsement]
Jefferson District Court, Division 15 -- Mary Jude Wolford

Kentucky Court of Appeals (4th Appellate District, Div. 1) - [No Endorsement]
Kentucky Court of Appeals (4th Appellate District, Div. 2) - [No Endorsement]

Supreme Court of Kentucky (4th Appellate District) – Angela McCormick Bisig

As noted above, CBJ made the following endorsements for election to the Jefferson Circuit Court on March 23rd :

Jefferson Circuit Court, Division 4 – Ebert Haegele
Jefferson Circuit Court, Division 5 – Mary M. Shaw
Jefferson Circuit Court, Division 7 – [No Endorsement]
Jefferson Circuit Court, Division 9 – Sarah Clay
Jefferson Circuit Court, Division 10 - Dorislee Gilbert

These candidates meet the high standards and demanding criteria established for endorsement by Citizens for Better Judges and they are recommended to the electorate as the most qualified in the aforementioned judicial races.

CBJ Officers for 2022 are:

Margaret E. Keane (Chair of CBJ and the Attorney Steering Committee)
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As previously noted, the members of the Citizens Review Board consist of a cross-section of community leaders from professional and service organizations, as well as from the fields of business, labor, government and education.

The members of the **Citizens Review Board** are:

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