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## 2014 Fall Contested Judicial Election – Attorney Survey Results

BOISE – The Idaho State Bar recently conducted a survey of its members on the qualifications of candidates in contested judicial elections. The Idaho State Bar conducts this survey and disseminates the survey results to help voters learn more about the judicial candidates. The Nov. 4 General Election will include two contested judicial elections.

The Idaho State Bar does not interpret or express any opinion about the enclosed results of these surveys. These results show the number of surveys sent to Idaho State Bar members in Idaho and the number and percentage of surveys returned. The information presented is limited to the responses received. The Idaho State Bar makes no endorsements.

The ISB membership passed a resolution in 2003 that requested a survey be developed for use in contested judicial elections. A committee of lawyers and judges developed the four-question survey and the ISB has conducted the survey for every contested judicial election since 2006.

The survey rates candidates on four criteria:

- 1). Integrity and Independence
- 2). Knowledge and Understanding of the Law
- 3). Judicial Temperament and Demeanor
- 4). Legal Ability and Experience.

Attorneys were asked to vote only if they have personal and/or professional experience with the candidate. Results are posted on the Bar’s website: [www.isb.idaho.gov](http://www.isb.idaho.gov).

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For further information, including the original text of the survey, please contact Dan Black, Communications Director (208) 955-8866.

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**Idaho State Bar**  
**Survey of Candidates in the Contested Fourth District Judicial Election**  
**Judicial Election Results – October, 2014 Survey**

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	<i>Total responses</i>	<i>% of surveys returned</i>
<b>Statewide Results</b> (all Judicial Districts) - surveys sent <b>3,880</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>6.3%</b>

<i>Judicial Districts*</i>	<i>Responses</i>	<i>% of total responses</i>
First Judicial District	12	5%
Second Judicial District	3	1%
Third Judicial District	6	2%
Fourth Judicial District	196	80%
Fifth Judicial District	11	5%
Sixth Judicial District	10	4%
Seventh Judicial District	6	2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>100 %</b>

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**Statewide Responses**

<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Rebecca Arnold</b>							
	1-Does not meet expectations	2-Average	3-Above Average	4-Exceeds expectations	Average of scores, statewide	Total scored responses	I do not know candidate well enough in this area	Total Responses
<b>Integrity and Independence</b>	58	55	12	16	<b>1.90</b>	141	99	<b>240</b>
<b>Knowledge and Understanding of the Law</b>	56	55	12	17	<b>1.93</b>	140	94	<b>234</b>
<b>Judicial Temperament and Demeanor</b>	79	42	7	14	<b>1.69</b>	142	94	<b>236</b>
<b>Legal Ability and Experience</b>	66	46	15	14	<b>1.84</b>	141	93	<b>234</b>
<b>Overall Average</b>					<b>1.84</b>			

**Statewide Responses**

<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Samuel A. Hoagland</b>							
	1-Does not meet expectations	2-Average	3-Above Average	4-Exceeds expectations	Average of scores, statewide	Total scored responses	I do not know candidate well enough in this area	Total Responses
<b>Integrity and Independence</b>	4	9	24	124	<b>3.66</b>	161	78	<b>239</b>
<b>Knowledge and Understanding of the Law</b>	3	12	42	102	<b>3.53</b>	159	77	<b>236</b>
<b>Judicial Temperament and Demeanor</b>	8	6	23	121	<b>3.63</b>	158	78	<b>236</b>
<b>Legal Ability and Experience</b>	3	13	33	107	<b>3.56</b>	156	80	<b>236</b>
<b>Overall Average</b>					<b>3.60</b>			

**Bar members were asked to rate the qualifications of judicial candidates on a scale of 1(low) to 4(high).**

**Idaho State Bar**  
**Survey of Candidates in the Contested Seventh District Judicial Election**

Judicial Election Results – October, 2014 Survey

The Idaho State Bar does not interpret or express any opinion about the results of this survey.

	<i>Total responses</i>	<i>% of surveys returned</i>
<b>Statewide Results</b> (all Judicial Districts) - surveys sent 3,880	<b>144</b>	<b>3.7%</b>

<i>Judicial Districts*</i>	<i>Responses</i>	<i>% of total responses</i>
First Judicial District	15	10%
Second Judicial District	7	5%
Third Judicial District	5	3%
Fourth Judicial District	43	30%
Fifth Judicial District	9	6%
Sixth Judicial District	15	10%
Seventh Judicial District	50	35%
<b>Total</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>100 %</b>

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**Statewide Responses**

<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Bruce L. Pickett</b>							
	1-Does not meet expectations	2-Average	3-Above Average	4-Exceeds expectations	Average of scores, statewide	Total scored responses	I do not know candidate well enough in this area	Total Responses
<b>Integrity and Independence</b>	5	12	15	30	<b>3.13</b>	62	80	<b>142</b>
<b>Knowledge and Understanding of the Law</b>	6	19	17	20	<b>2.82</b>	62	73	<b>135</b>
<b>Judicial Temperament and Demeanor</b>	3	13	19	27	<b>3.13</b>	62	73	<b>135</b>
<b>Legal Ability and Experience</b>	6	21	12	23	<b>2.84</b>	62	73	<b>135</b>
<b>Overall Average</b>					<b>2.98</b>			

**Statewide Responses**

<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Stevan H. Thompson</b>							
	1-Does not meet expectations	2-Average	3-Above Average	4-Exceeds expectations	Average of scores, statewide	Total scored responses	I do not know candidate well enough in this area	Total Responses
<b>Integrity and Independence</b>	1	6	20	39	<b>3.47</b>	66	76	<b>142</b>
<b>Knowledge and Understanding of the Law</b>	2	7	21	35	<b>3.37</b>	65	71	<b>136</b>
<b>Judicial Temperament and Demeanor</b>	2	7	14	41	<b>3.47</b>	64	72	<b>136</b>
<b>Legal Ability and Experience</b>	2	5	20	37	<b>3.44</b>	64	71	<b>135</b>
<b>Overall Average</b>					<b>3.44</b>			

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