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2018 Contested Fifth District Judicial Election – Attorney Survey Results

BOISE – The Idaho State Bar recently conducted a survey of its members on the qualifications of candidates for the contested Fifth District Court Judge position. The four candidates are Samuel S. Beus, Theodore Booth, David W. Gadd and Roger B. Harris.

The Idaho State Bar does not interpret or express any opinion about the attached results and makes no endorsements. Of the 5,273 Idaho attorneys and judges sent the survey, 178 responded between April 9 and April 20. Attorneys were asked to rate a candidate only if they have personal and/or professional experience with the candidate.

The ISB membership passed a resolution in 2003 that requested a survey be developed for 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.

Results are attached and also posted on the Bar's website: www.isb.idaho.gov.

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Idaho State Bar
Survey of Candidates in the Contested Fifth District Judicial Election
Results – April 2018 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>
Statewide Results (all Judicial Districts) - surveys sent 5,273	178	3.4%

<i>Judicial Districts</i>	<i>Responses</i>	<i>% of total responses</i>
First Judicial District	11	6.18%
Second Judicial District	4	2.25%
Third Judicial District	5	2.81%
Fourth Judicial District	70	39.33%
Fifth Judicial District	71	39.89%
Sixth Judicial District	8	4.49%
Seventh Judicial District	7	3.93%
Out of State Active	2	1.12%
Total	178	100%

Bar members were asked to rate the qualifications of judicial candidates on a scale of 1(low) to 4(high). The calculation for the average does not include the responses to the question "I Do Not Know This Candidate."

Statewide Responses

Candidate	Samuel S. Beus							
	1-Does not meet expectations	2-Average	3-Above Average	4-Exceeds expectation	Average of scores, statewide	Total scored responses	I do not know candidate well enough in this area	Total Responses
Integrity and Independence	5	12	8	27	3.10	52	119	171
Knowledge and Understanding of the Law	3	19	12	19	2.89	53	102	155
Judicial Temperament and Demeanor	3	14	8	27	3.13	52	103	155
Legal Ability and Experience	4	18	13	18	2.85	53	102	155
Overall Average					2.99			

Candidate	Theodore Booth							
	1-Does not meet expectations	2-Average	3-Above Average	4-Exceeds expectation	Average of scores, statewide	Total scored responses	I do not know candidate well enough in this area	Total Responses
Integrity and Independence	1	12	10	27	3.26	50	124	174
Knowledge and Understanding of the Law	4	11	11	24	3.10	50	111	161
Judicial Temperament and Demeanor	3	11	8	28	3.22	50	109	159
Legal Ability and Experience	6	9	12	23	3.04	50	110	160

Overall Average					3.16			
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Candidate	David W. Gadd							
	1-Does not meet expectations	2-Average	3-Above Average	4-Exceeds expectation	Average of scores, statewide	Total scored responses	I do not know candidate well enough in this area	Total Responses
Integrity and Independence	7	12	19	29	3.04	67	102	169
Knowledge and Understanding of the Law	4	17	19	27	3.03	67	86	153
Judicial Temperament and Demeanor	7	13	18	29	3.03	67	86	153
Legal Ability and Experience	9	18	16	24	2.82	67	86	153
Overall Average					2.98			

Candidate	Roger B. Harris							
	1-Does not meet expectations	2-Average	3-Above Average	4-Exceeds expectation	Average of scores, statewide	Total scored responses	I do not know candidate well enough in this area	Total Responses
Integrity and Independence	5	16	23	42	3.19	86	86	172
Knowledge and Understanding of the Law	14	20	19	33	2.83	86	79	165
Judicial Temperament and Demeanor	8	16	22	40	3.09	86	79	165
Legal Ability and Experience	10	17	23	36	2.99	86	79	165
Overall Average					3.03			

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