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## 2018 Contested First 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 First District Court Judge position. The two candidates are John T. Mitchell and Douglas A. Pierce.

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, 222 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](http://www.isb.idaho.gov).

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**Idaho State Bar  
Survey of Candidates in the Contested First Judicial District 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>
<b>Statewide Results</b> (all Judicial Districts) - surveys sent 5,273	<b>222</b>	<b>4%</b>

<i>Judicial Districts</i>	<i>Responses</i>	<i>% of total responses</i>
First Judicial District	93	41.89%
Second Judicial District	13	5.86%
Third Judicial District	3	1.35%
Fourth Judicial District	79	35.59%
Fifth Judicial District	6	2.70%
Sixth Judicial District	10	4.50%
Seventh Judicial District	11	4.95%
Out of State Active	7	3.15%
<b>Total</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>100%</b>

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**

<b>Candidate</b>	<b>John T. Mitchell</b>							
	1-Does not meet expectations	2-Average	3-Above Average	4-Exceeds expectation	<b>Average of scores, statewide</b>	Total scored responses	I do not know candidate well enough in this area	<b>Total Responses</b>
<b>Integrity and Independence</b>	37	27	12	71	<b>2.80</b>	147	70	217
<b>Knowledge and Understanding of the Law</b>	25	37	24	62	<b>2.83</b>	148	65	213
<b>Judicial Temperament and Demeanor</b>	61	14	22	50	<b>2.41</b>	147	65	212
<b>Legal Ability and Experience</b>	20	39	20	69	<b>2.93</b>	148	65	213
<b>Overall Average</b>					<b>2.74</b>			

<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Douglas A. Pierce</b>							
	1-Does not meet expectations	2-Average	3-Above Average	4-Exceeds expectation	<b>Average of scores, statewide</b>	Total scored responses	I do not know candidate well enough in this area	<b>Total Responses</b>
<b>Integrity and Independence</b>	10	26	15	20	2.63	71	143	214
<b>Knowledge and Understanding of the Law</b>	21	20	16	14	2.32	71	137	208
<b>Judicial Temperament and Demeanor</b>	12	21	16	20	2.64	69	138	207
<b>Legal Ability and Experience</b>	20	23	14	14	2.31	71	137	208
<b>Overall Average</b>					<b>2.48</b>			

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