



**Information Sheet
2026 Contested Judicial Elections**

- On April 15, 2026, the Idaho State Bar (ISB) invited its members (Idaho attorneys and judges) to participate in a confidential survey regarding the qualifications of candidates in the upcoming contested judicial elections on May 19, 2026.
- The survey is the result of ISB Resolution 03-1 from 2003, in which ISB membership resolved that the ISB should (a) determine the appropriate form, composition, and structure of a survey to be used in contested judicial elections; and (b) establish the manner in which it is implemented and its results are publicly disseminated.
- The survey was drafted by the ISB’s Committee on Judicial Integrity and Judicial Independence and utilizes a simple four-point scale regarding the following categories: (1) Integrity and Independence; (2) Knowledge and Understanding of the Law; (3) Judicial Temperament and Demeanor; and (4) Legal Ability and Experience. ISB members were asked to rate a candidate only if they have personal and/or professional experience with the candidate.
- The ISB emailed its members to notify them of the forthcoming survey and process on April 14, 2026.
- The survey was provided to ISB members by email, via a third-party platform, SurveyMonkey, on April 15, 2026. SurveyMonkey provided a unique link to each member, from which members were allowed to vote only once. The responses members provided are anonymous and reported in aggregate.
- A reminder was sent to ISB members on April 22, 2026.
- The survey closed on April 27, 2026.
- The ISB does not interpret or express any opinion about the survey results or endorse any of the candidates.
- The ISB published the results of the survey in aggregate on its website and sent them to media outlets on April 28, 2026.

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