

Survey Notice

November 6, 2018

County Division IV-Merit Selection Panel

On November 7, 2018, the Lake County Bar Association (LCBA) will conduct a survey of candidates, who have applied for the vacancy within the Superior Court of Lake County, Indiana, County Division IV. Last evening we received the list of applicants to include within the survey. Accordingly, we anticipate that the survey will commence as scheduled. In accordance with the LCBA Survey Policy, results of the surveys for candidates for merit-selected judgeships shall be released to the Judicial Nominating Commission, LCBA membership and the press; however, the results will first be given to the candidates. So that candidates will be afforded this opportunity within a very compressed timeline, we do need candidates to timely provide email addresses to Debra White, LCBA Executive Director, via email at executive@lakecountybar.com. **The poll will remain open from November 7- November 26 at 5:00 pm CST.**

Performing surveys of sitting and prospective judicial officers has been essential to the mission of this organization since its formation. As established by previous practice in recent years, the LCBA will again conduct the survey online based on the assessment that conducting the survey online presents the platform for the greatest level of participation, accuracy, anonymity, security and integrity. Conducting this survey process fairly and comprehensively is of the utmost concern to the Board and members of the organization and demands considerable attention. We will again utilize the services of Ballot Box Online to conduct the survey. For further information regarding the anonymity and security measures in place to prevent unauthorized and/or multiple submissions of a survey response, please feel free to visit <http://www.ballotboxonline.com/pages/why-ballotbox/simply-secure.php>.

If you have an e-mail address on file with the LCBA, you will soon receive (anticipated date-November 7, 2018) an e-mail message from Ballot Box Online and/or Lake County Bar Association Online Voting inviting you to participate in the online survey. You will be directed to provide identifying information, which will enable you to participate in the survey. Again, each person will receive a unique, password protected account based upon that individual's bar number. If you do not receive the e-mail message inviting you to participate in the survey, please send an e-mail message to the LCBA office at executive@lakecountybar.com.

Also, if you believe that the LCBA does not have a current e-mail address for you, please contact LCBA office at (219.738.1906) to provide your e-mail address. **To enable you to participate in the online survey, it is essential that you provide and report your current e-mail address to the LCBA office.** Please remember that both LCBA members and non-LCBA members are entitled to participate in the survey. But, to participate, we must be able to report your e-mail address to Ballot Box so that you can receive your online invitation.

If you don't have a computer available to you, the LCBA will make a computer available at the LCBA Office at 1078 W. 84th Drive, Merrillville, Indiana 46410 where you can complete the survey online.

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