

## Memorandum

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**To:** Local News Agencies  
**CC:** Clallam County Bar Association  
**From:** William Payne, 2010 President Clallam County Bar Association  
**Date:** 7/28/2010  
**Re:** 2010 Clallam Count Bar Association Prosecutor and District Court 1 Judge Candidate Forum Poll

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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The Clallam County Bar Association (CCBA) recently conducted candidate forums on June 18, 2010 (Prosecutor) and July 16, 2010 (Judicial). Each candidate was given ten (10) minutes to present their platform and questions were taken from the floor. There were approximately fifty (50) members at the prosecutor forum and twenty-five (25) at the judicial forum.

There are approximately One Hundred Forty Two (142) attorneys residing in Clallam County, seventy-one (71) of whom are dues paying members of CCBA. Only members of the CCBA who are current on their dues for 2010 were allowed to participate in the poll. The bar uses the dues from its members to award scholarships to local students and to support local programs like the YMCA Youth and Government program. After the forums were concluded, a poll was mailed and William Payne, president of the CCBA, released the results.

Ballots were sent to the seventy-one (71) dues paying members and forty-eight (48) prosecutor and fifty (50) judicial polls were returned. All ballot information was tabulated and some candidates were not ranked or scored in the categories on a ballot, which results in a less than total ballot number in the ranking section. The results were tabulated by committee consisting of 2009 President, Carol Mortensen, current 2010 President, William Payne, and 2011 President, Chris Koenig.

As has been done in the past polls, the candidates were evaluated on the following criteria: temperament, demeanor, legal ability, administrative ability, organization, work habits, experience, objectivity/impartiality and judgment/common sense. Each ballot rated the candidates in these areas

on a scale of 1-5, as follows: 5 = Excellent; 4 = Good; 3 = Adequate, 2 = Poor, 1 = Deficient. The results were as follows: (Names are ordered alphabetically).

The poll also asked for the participants to indicate their order of preference by ranking either 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> each candidate. The ranking is not related to the criteria evaluation and those results follow the criteria.

**Judicial**

	Tim Davis	Pam Lindquist	Rick Porter
Temperament	4.17	3.20	1.78
Demeanor	4.17	2.85	1.88
Legal ability	3.90	2.59	2.32
Administrative ability	3.59	2.37	2.73
Organization	3.85	2.29	2.98
Work habits	4.07	2.59	2.76
Experience	3.59	2.34	2.80
Objectivity/impartiality	4.22	3.00	1.78
Judgment/common sense	4.15	2.73	1.88

<u>Votes received</u>	<u>1<sup>st</sup></u>	<u>2<sup>nd</sup></u>	<u>3<sup>rd</sup></u>	<u>Ballots with ranking</u>
Tim Davis	35	9	1	45
Pam Lindquist	3	24	17	44
Rick Porter	9	10	27	46

**Prosecutor**

	Lauren Erickson	Larry Freedman	Deb Kelly
Temperament	3.59	3.77	2.85
Demeanor	3.46	3.79	2.82
Legal ability	3.54	3.92	3.03
Administrative ability	3.21	3.31	1.56

Organization	3.13	3.44	1.97	
Work habits	3.31	3.44	2.87	
Experience	3.87	3.97	3.59	
Objectivity/impartiality	3.36	3.33	2.05	
Judgment/common sense	3.46	3.49	1.95	
<u>Votes received</u>	<u>1<sup>st</sup></u>	<u>2<sup>nd</sup></u>	<u>3<sup>rd</sup></u>	<u>Ballots with ranking</u>
Larry Freedman	19	19	6	44
Lauren Erickson	21	16	8	45
Deb Kelly	4	11	30	45

Mr. Payne stated that he was pleased with the level of participation in the poll. “Given the short campaign season and summer vacations, we did well to get this kind of response.” The committee wishes to thank the CCBA members for their responses and patience while waiting for the results.

Questions about the CCBA Poll may be directed to William Payne at 1-360-303-0877 or [wplawps@gmail.com](mailto:wplawps@gmail.com).