

The Loudoun County Bar Association's Judicial Qualification Evaluation Committee has completed its evaluation process of the candidates for the Circuit Court vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Burke F. McCahill. The members of the Committee are: Cheryl Graham, Steve Jackson (County Attorney's Office), Steve Price, Angela Vernail (Commonwealth's Attorney's Office), Lori O'Donnell (Public Defender's Office), Bill Fitzpatrick and Rhonda Paice, Chairperson. In accordance with the protocol approved by the membership, the Committee solicited interested candidates, reviewed the detailed questionnaire completed by each candidate, solicited and reviewed all evaluations of each candidate received from members of the LCBA, and conducted interviews of each candidate. Upon completion of this process, the Committee issued ratings to each candidate based on the information received and in accordance with the evaluation criteria detailed in the protocol. The rating assigned to each candidate is as follows:

Highly Qualified

Alexander Levay

Qualified

Sean Morgan

Lorrie Sinclair

Zaida Thompson

Not Qualified

Germaine (Gigi) Lawless

Alejandra (Alex) Rueda

The meeting concerning the vacancy on the Loudoun Circuit Court bench has been formally noticed for Wednesday, January 11, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. in the Old Courthouse. At that time, each candidate for the vacancy will be given the opportunity to give a brief statement of his/her qualifications and the membership will vote on the candidates. The details of the evaluation process and ratings assigned by the Committee, and the vote of the membership will be transmitted to the General Assembly forthwith.

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