

CITIZENS FOR BETTER JUDGES

Press Release

March 31, 2010

Citizens for Better Judges (CBJ) announced its endorsement today in the contested judicial election for Jefferson District Court (Div. 14).

CBJ was organized in January, 1983, in an effort to maintain and improve the quality of the judiciary by promoting the election of only the most highly qualified judicial candidates. It consists of a 30-member Steering Committee made up of lawyers who are all involved in litigation practice but concentrate in different fields of law, and a Citizens Review Board consisting of a cross-section of community-minded citizens with diverse occupations and backgrounds. Additionally, the organization has an Advisory Board made up of the past chairs of CBJ.

Each candidate for judicial office is personally interviewed by the Steering Committee. After the interviews have been completed, the Steering Committee members consider the information obtained during the interviews and share their personal knowledge of the candidates. Lay members of the Citizens Review Board are present to monitor the interviews and the integrity of the endorsement process. The Citizens Review Board must approve the endorsements recommended by the Steering Committee.

The endorsement process for the upcoming primary election was completed March 30, 2010, and involved consideration of three candidates for the Jefferson District Court (Div. 14). After a lengthy and rigorous evaluation of each candidate's qualifications for election to the bench, CBJ made the following endorsement:

Jefferson District Court, Division 14 – Stephanie Pearce Burke

This candidate meets the high standards and demanding criteria established for endorsement by Citizens for Better Judges and, as a result, she is recommended to the electorate as the most qualified in this judicial race.

CBJ Officers for 2010 are:

Homer Parrent, III, Chair
Darryl W. Durham, Vice-Chair
Mark W. Dobbins, Secretary/Treasurer

Reginald A. Bruce, Ph.D. and Curtis L. Barrett, Ph.D. serve as Co-Chairs of the Citizens Review Board.

The members of the Attorney Steering Committee are:

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As previously noted, the members of the Citizens Review Board consist of a cross-section of community leaders from professional and service organizations, as well as from the fields of business, labor, government and education.

The members of the Citizens Review Board are:

J. Stephen Barger
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Curtis L. Barrett, Ph.D.
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