

**JUDICIAL ADVISORY POLL**

**Tenth Judicial Circuit  
Circuit Judge Vacancy**

Candidates for a circuit judge vacancy in the Tenth Judicial Circuit have been rated in an advisory poll of lawyers conducted by the Illinois State Bar Association (ISBA). Ballots were sent to all ISBA members who practice or reside in the 10th Judicial Circuit. Licensed Illinois attorneys who are not members of the ISBA or are outside the circuit could request a ballot. The results of this poll are being released to the public at the request of Supreme Court Justice Lisa Holder White. *Opinions expressed in the poll are of those attorneys who chose to respond and do not reflect the opinion of the Illinois State Bar Association or the opinion of all Illinois Attorneys.*

Tenth Judicial Circuit Marshall, Peoria, Putnam Stark, Tazewell	Number of Responses	Integrity	Impartiality	Legal Ability	Temperament	Court Management	Health	Sensitivity	Meets Requirements Of Office
William Wytte Phillip Atkins	101	94.85	90.32	86.60	91.58	90.36	98.88	90.24	81.52
Timothy Cusack	137	95.52	91.04	94.70	84.85	88.19	98.48	92.97	86.72
Jason Ramos	63	81.03	84.48	60.66	82.46	23.72	96.36	87.93	56.67
Dale Thomas	108	82.00	84.16	69.90	75.49	65.56	78.02	81.91	60.42

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## **Judicial Advisory Polls Work**

This poll of lawyers is conducted by the Illinois State Bar Association (ISBA). The advisory poll is conducted electronically and by mail and is sent to all ISBA members in the circuit from which a candidate seeks appointment. Illinois licensed attorneys who are not members of ISBA, or any attorney outside the circuit may request a ballot. Attorneys are asked to respond only if they have sufficient knowledge about the candidate's qualifications for judicial office to give a fair, informed opinion.

**Candidates for an appointed associate or circuit judge vacancy are not rated. Only scores are released to the chief judge/justice.**

The following questions are asked.

***In your opinion, with respect to this judicial office and in off-the-bench conduct affecting the judicial office, will the candidate:***

### Integrity

Adhere to the high standards of integrity and ethical conduct required of the office?

### Impartiality

Act and rule impartially and free of any predisposition or improper influence?

### Legal Ability

Have adequate legal experience, knowledge, and ability?

### Temperament

Exercise the appropriate temperament with courtesy, consideration, firmness, fairness, patience, and dignity?

### Court Management

Attend to all professional responsibilities including the management of cases/clients, and complete work in a prompt and skillful manner?

### Health

Have the physical, mental, and emotional health, stamina and stability needed to perform judicial duties?

### Sensitivity to Diversity and Bias

Conduct self and deal with others appropriately to reduce or eliminate conduct or words which manifest bias based on race, gender, national origin, religion, disability, age, sexual orientation or socio-economic status against parties, witnesses, counsel, or others?

### Meets Requirements of Office:

Considering the qualifications of the candidate, do you believe this candidate meets acceptable requirements for the office?

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