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BAR ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES RESULTS OF JUDICIAL CANDIDATE PLEBISCITE

MINNEAPOLIS: -- Lawyers from the Hennepin County Bar Association have expressed their preference between judicial candidates who will appear on the general election ballots in Hennepin County in November. All seven incumbents were preferred above the challengers, by margins ranging from 74% to 91%.

The Hennepin County Bar Association today released results of a survey of its members, polling preferences for candidates for the seven contested Hennepin County District Court judgeships. Twenty incumbent judges will also be running unopposed in the general election.

For each of the contested seats for the office of judge of Hennepin County District Court, the plebiscite asked attorneys to vote for one candidate. The survey had a **23%** response rate, with over 7,900 member attorneys given the opportunity to express their preference.

Results:

Totals and percentages for seat 12, the judgeship now held by Harry Seymour Crump		
<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Number of votes</u>	<u>Percentage of votes cast</u>
Harry Seymour Crump	1,547	91.4%
Kevin J. Kolosky	145	8.6%

Totals and percentages for seat 46, the judgeship now held by Stephen C. Aldrich		
<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Number of votes</u>	<u>Percentage of votes cast</u>
Stephen C. Aldrich	1,503	86.8%
Judd Edward Gushwa	228	13.2%

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Totals and percentages for seat 47, the judgeship now held by Tanya M. Bransford		
<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Number of votes</u>	<u>Percentage of votes cast</u>
Tanya M. Bransford	1,459	85.8%
Joseph (Pat) McCormick	241	14.2%

Totals and percentages for seat 53, the judgeship now held by Thomas W. Wexler		
<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Number of votes</u>	<u>Percentage of votes cast</u>
Jill Clark	447	26%
Thomas W. Wexler	1,273	74%

Totals and percentages for seat 56, the judgeship now held by Herbert P. Lefler		
<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Number of votes</u>	<u>Percentage of votes cast</u>
Herbert P. Lefler	1,377	82.5%
Liz Pierce	292	17.5%

Totals and percentages for seat 58, the judgeship now held by James T. Swenson		
<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Number of votes</u>	<u>Percentage of votes cast</u>
Robert D. Schwartz	212	12.5%
James T. Swenson	1,478	87.5%

Totals and percentages for seat 60, the judgeship now held by Lloyd Zimmerman		
<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Number of votes</u>	<u>Percentage of votes cast</u>
Julie Delgado O'Neil	253	15%
Lloyd Zimmerman	1,439	85%

In order to educate the public and to provide information that may be used as voters choose these elected officials, the HCBA conducts this preference poll in each election year where there is at least one contested judicial seat. In voting for a judicial candidate, members are asked to consider the qualifications of the candidates, their willingness to make a sacrifice for the public good, their willingness to perform the duties of the position and their reputation for integrity and independence. Biographical information supplied by the candidates was included with the survey.

For further information on the Judicial Plebiscite, visit www.hcba.org/judges.htm or contact HCBA Executive Director Larry Buxbaum at (612) 752-6610.

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