

SUSAN CRAWFORD RECEIVES HIGHER RATINGS THAN OPPONENT IN ALL CATEGORIES
IN JUDICIAL CANDIDATES POLL CONDUCTED BY DANE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
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Attorney Susan Crawford, a candidate for Dane County circuit court judge, was rated more highly than her opponent in the Judicial Candidates poll released this morning by the Dane County Bar Association. Lawyers, who are the candidates' professional peers, give Susan significantly higher scores in every category.

The survey, conducted by the Dane County Bar Association, asked respondents to rate the candidates, on a four-point scale, for "ten objective criteria the DCBA's Judicial Selection Committee determined to be important characteristics of a good judge: "character and integrity; promptness and efficiency; preparedness; range of legal experience; courtroom experience; temperament and demeanor; legal knowledge; decisiveness; fairness; and oral and written communication. Out of the approximately 1,100 members who received the poll, 224 completed the survey.

Crawford's overall average was 3.47, while her opponent, Marilyn Townsend, averaged 2.61, well below a "good" rating. Crawford was rated more than a full point higher than Townsend in the key areas of courtroom experience (3.47 to 2.17) and range of legal experience (3.6 to 2.07). The survey results were especially striking among attorneys who reported direct legal experience with the candidates, with Crawford receiving ratings between 3.77-3.89 across all categories and Townsend receiving ratings of 2.57-3.02, with a "good" rating in only one category.

Full results can be viewed at:

<https://mailchi.mp/966cd6f0904e/2018-judicial-selection-poll-results-state-supreme-court-1158881?e=586623f204>

"Attorneys in Dane County have sent a clear message about which candidate they believe is better qualified to be a Dane County Judge," said Eric LaGesse, campaign manager for Crawford for Judge. "Attorneys, who know what it takes to be a good judge, gave Susan higher marks than than her opponent in every one of these 10 benchmarks. This survey gives voters an important perspective as they go into the polls."