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### Orange County Bar Association Releases Ratings of Candidates Running for Judicial Office in the June 7 Election

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif.—As a public service to assist the voters in Orange County, the Orange County Bar Association (OCBA) has conducted a review of nine candidates running for Superior Court Judge in the June 7 election. The OCBA considered each candidate and assigned one of four ratings: “Exceptionally Well Qualified,” “Well Qualified,” “Qualified,” or “Not Qualified.”

#### OCBA RATINGS OF JUDICIAL CANDIDATES

Race	Candidate	Rating
Superior Court Office No. 3	Wayne Philips	Qualified
Superior Court Office No. 3	Andrew Stein	Qualified
Superior Court Office No. 3	Megan Wagner	Well Qualified
Superior Court Office No. 40	Lawrence Yellin	Exceptionally Well Qualified
Superior Court Office No. 40	Thuy Dinh Pham	Qualified

Race	Candidate	Rating
Superior Court Office No. 48	Hon. Scott Steiner	Not Qualified
Superior Court Office No. 48	Karen Lee Schatzle	Well Qualified
Superior Court Office No. 49	Thomas Martin	Qualified
Superior Court Office No. 49	Mike Murray	Qualified

The review of candidates was conducted by the Judiciary Committee of the OCBA, which is comprised of a diverse group of 34 attorneys, all in practice for at least 10 years. Each of the candidates was asked to complete a detailed questionnaire and to participate in a personal interview. The process for all of the candidates included independent review in order to reach the final rating. The Committee considers the character, temperament, professional aptitude, and experience of the candidates, without regard to political considerations. The OCBA does not endorse any candidate for election and provides this information as a public service.

**About the Orange County Bar Association**

Established in 1901, the Orange County Bar Association is one of the largest voluntary bars in California. The mission of the Orange County Bar Association is to enhance the system of justice, to support the lawyers who serve it and to assist the community served by it.