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Houston Bar Association Releases Results of 2008 Judicial Candidate Qualification Poll

(HOUSTON - February 15, 2008) The Houston Bar Association (HBA) today released the results of its 2008 Judicial Candidate Qualification Poll. The results are posted on the HBA Web site, www.hba.org. **The Judicial Candidate Qualification Poll is not an endorsement by the Houston Bar Association.***

Before the primary in each election year, the HBA asks its members to indicate whether they feel each judicial candidate is qualified, well qualified or not qualified. Races in which there is only one candidate are not included. The 2008 Judicial Candidate Qualification Poll includes races for the Supreme Court of Texas, the Court of Criminal Appeals, the Houston Courts of Appeals, Harris County District Courts, Justice of the Peace Courts, Harris County District Attorney, Harris County District Clerk, Harris County Judge and Harris County Attorney. There were 11,444 polls mailed out to HBA members, with 2,068 members returning polls, or a return rate of 18 percent.

Believing that an informed electorate is vital to the efficient administration of justice, the Houston Bar Association has conducted judicial polls since the early 1970s.

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