

JUSTICE FOR ALL

IN THE ABSENCE OF AN IMPARTIAL JUDGE, THERE IS NO JUSTICE

In less than one week, you have the opportunity (I would say the responsibility) to vote for various individuals who are running for public office. The outcome of this election will determine who holds offices ranging from the President of the United States to your local tax collector.

This abbreviated issue of *Justice For All* addresses the upcoming election. Specifically, I am recommending that you vote for three judicial candidates.

Because of the long hours that I work, combined with the fact that I seldom watch network television, this usually keeps me somewhat isolated from all of the negative, “attack” ads that seem so commonplace in this day and age. This year has been an exception. It is virtually impossible to listen to the radio, pick up the newspaper, turn on the television, or even open my mail box without seemingly countless malicious accusations being made by one candidate against another.

I will not presume to tell you who to vote for as our next President, or even your tax collector. However, because I do practice law for a living, I have gotten to know many of the candidates running for judicial offices. I strongly encourage you to vote for each of the following in the upcoming election:

Alabama Supreme Court – Deborah Bell Paseur (Democrat). Judge Paseur has been a trial court judge for over 27 years. Prior to that, she practiced law in Florence and, before going to law school, was a police officer in Lauderdale County. I have spoken with Judge Paseur on several occasions regarding the election and believe that I have gotten to know her fairly well. I consider Judge Paseur to be honest, hard-working, intelligent, and capable of impartially fulfilling the responsibilities of a Justice on the Alabama Supreme Court. I will not cast aspersions on her opponent, but sincerely believe that, if you want your rights as a citizen of the State of Alabama to be protected, she is the person for the job. Please vote for Judge Paseur on Tuesday.

Madison County District Court – Ruth Ann Hall (Republican). Judge Hall was appointed by Governor Riley approximately one year ago to fill a vacancy on the District Court bench. I have known Judge Hall for about 16 years and can personally vouch for her integrity and work ethic. Prior to becoming a judge, she practiced law in Huntsville for over 17 years. She is an experienced trial attorney and is capable of handling the large volume of cases assigned to her. Judge Hall deserves your vote (in addition to mine) next Tuesday.

**Madison County District Court --
Schuyler ("Dick") Richardson (Republican).**

Judge Richardson was also appointed by Governor Riley as a District Court judge about two years ago. I have known Judge Richardson and his family since I was in law school. He is a true gentleman, whom I consider to be extremely honest and intelligent. Not once have I ever heard Dick Richardson say a negative word about anyone. In my profession that silence says a lot about his character. Before being appointed to the bench, he had continuously practiced law in Huntsville since 1978. Judge Richardson is the best candidate for this position and I ask that you cast your vote for him.

If you live outside Madison County, I will not assume that I am in a position to suggest whom you should vote as a judge in your county. Although I have handled cases in just about every county in North Alabama, I do not personally know all of the candidates who are running for

judicial offices. Therefore, you may be better qualified than me to decide.

As you can probably tell, by making these recommendations, I have no hidden political agenda, nor am I suggesting that you should vote for someone simply because he or she is a Republican or Democrat. My recommendations are based solely on my experience as a practicing attorney, with the intention of helping you select those candidates whom I consider to be the best qualified.

With respect to whom you choose to vote for President, Congress, or any other state or local political position, I will leave that to your best judgment and discretion. **Whomever you may support, please get out and vote next Tuesday, November 4, 2008. Your vote (or failure to vote) could decide the outcome of this election for several candidates.**



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