

**LOCAL LAWYERS VOTE ON RETENTION OF  
JUDGES DOMITROVICH, DUNLAVEY AND KELLY**

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(9/15/09, Erie, PA) — The voters of Erie County will vote in November on the question of whether Common Pleas Court Judges Stephanie Domitrovich, Michael E. Dunlavey and Elizabeth K. Kelly should be retained for additional ten year terms.

The Erie County Bar Association recently conducted a plebiscite, or poll, of its active members to determine how the lawyers, who practice before these Judges, would answer the question of whether they should be retained. Individual members were asked to vote either in favor of retention, in opposition to retention, or to state that they had “No Opinion.”

Of the 477 ballots sent to active members of the Bar Association, 257 or 54% were returned. A majority of the voting attorneys endorsed Judge Michael E. Dunlavey, who received a 61% “Yes” vote, and Judge Elizabeth K. Kelly, who received an 88% “Yes” vote.

<b>Summary of Ballots — Judicial Retention Plebiscite</b>		
Total Qualified Votes — <u>257</u>		
Judge Stephanie Domitrovich	Yes -	111      43%
	No -	118      46%
	No Opinion -	28      11%
Judge Michael E. Dunlavey	Yes -	156      61%
	No -	80      31%
	No Opinion -	21      8%
Judge Elizabeth K. Kelly	Yes -	227      88%
	No -	17      7%
	No Opinion -	13      5%

This year for the first time attorneys were given the option to cast their ballots electronically. An independent third-party provider of web-based election services, *electionsonline.us*, located in Arlington, Virginia, conducted the voting through their secure web-based system. Attorneys could alternatively choose to vote by written ballot if they preferred. The written ballots were tabulated by the independent local Certified Public Accounting firm of Maloney, Reed, Scarpitti and Co., who added together the electronic and the written ballots to arrive at the final tabulation.