

Elections, Elections, Elections!

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This is the year of elections—nationally, locally, and even in the Federal Bar Association (FBA). Everywhere we turn we have candidates vying for our vote. We have stalwarts stumping for their candidate and undecideds holding out until the last moment. But in every election, there is a day of reckoning—election day—a day where you are privileged to cast your vote and let your voice be heard.

June 15 is the start date of this year's FBA elections (you may vote anytime until June 30). We have many wonderful candidates competing for national and regional FBA offices. All of the candidates have worked hard to qualify themselves to earn your vote. I encourage you to take time and look at each candidate's credentials, experience, and vision for the FBA and then decide who will best represent the FBA and cast your VOTE!

Walter H. Judd said, "People often say that, in a democracy, decisions are made by a majority of the people. Of course that is not true. Decisions are made

by a majority of those who make themselves heard and who vote—a very different thing."

I would offer the following to encourage you to vote in this year's FBA elections:

- If you don't vote you really have no right to complain.
- It sets a positive example for your FBA colleagues.
- Voting means you believe in the FBA.
- If you don't vote, you are missing out on a great privilege.
- You should vote because you can.
- The reality is that your vote counts.

Remember, the online FBA election poll is open June 15 through 30. Please vote! ☺

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