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HEADLINE: Gatekeepers Association of Alabama releases 2016 Jefferson County Judicial and District Attorney Candidate Evaluations

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The Gatekeepers Association of Alabama (GAA), a diverse group of pastors united to empower the church to influence the governmental realm, has released its **2016 Jefferson County Judicial and District Attorney Candidate Evaluations** based upon an original 0-5 Star rating system that measures each candidate's probability that he/she will exemplify a Biblical world view if elected. The evaluation is based upon an individual's adherence to the **commandments of God, wisdom of God and virtue of God** as revealed by their known personal behavior, stated principles and supported policies. The ratings reflect a **collective average evaluation** of the entire group and **are not considered endorsements** by any individual members of GAA, the group as a whole, or any organizations with which the members are affiliated.

Please note, though all Jefferson County Judicial and District Attorney Candidates were invited to a Monday, October 24th GAA sponsored forum, only the candidates who completed the prerequisite questionnaires and were able to attend the forum received ratings listed below.

Candidate	Average Star Rating
Laura Petro, Circuit Court, Place 2	No response to GAA invitation.
Javan Joielle Patton, Circuit Court, Place 4	3.20
Bobby Lott, Jr., Circuit Court, Place 4	Written response only. No rating.
Brendette Brown Green, Circuit Court, Place 11	3.71
Pat Thetford, Circuit Court, Place 11	3.52
Annetta H. Verin, Circuit Court, Place 12	No response to GAA invitation.
Clyde Jones, Circuit Court, Place 14	3.33
Michael Glover, Jr., Circuit Court, Place 14	3.41

Elisabeth French, Circuit Court, Place 17	4.29
James Whitfield, Circuit Court, Place 17	No response to GAA invitation.
David J. Hobdy, Circuit Court, Place 19	No response to GAA invitation.
Nakita Perryman Blocton, Circuit Court, Place 20	3.73
Julie A. Palmer, Circuit Court, Place 20	3.26
Bob Vance, Jr., Circuit Court, Place 21	No response to GAA invitation.
Tamara Harris Johnson, Circuit Court, Place 22	3.30
Bentley Patrick, Circuit Court, Place 22	Written response only. No rating.
Agnes Chappell, Circuit Court, Place 23	3.46
Dorothea Batiste, Circuit Court, Place 23	1.91
Stephen Wallace, Circuit Court, Place 24	No response to GAA invitation.
Reginald Jeter, Circuit Court, Place 25	3.14
John Tindle, Circuit Court, Place 25	2.98
Michael Streety, Circuit Court, Place 26	4.57
Gloria Bahakel, Circuit Court, Place 26	No response to GAA invitation.
William A. "Tony" Bell, Jr., District Court, Place 4	3.19
Riggs Walker, District Court, Place 4	3.39
Shera Craig Grant, District Court, Place 5	3.92
Lee Cleveland, District Court, Place 5	3.62
Robert P. Bynon, Jr., District Court, Place 7	4.01
Virginia P. Meigs, District Court, Place 7	2.63
Debra Bennett Winston, District Court, Place 10	3.32
Teresa Hester, District Court, Place 10	3.40
Eric M. Fancher, Sr., District Court, Place 11	No response to GAA invitation.
Cynthia Vines Butler, District Court, Place 11	No response to GAA invitation.
Charles Todd Henderson, District Attorney	4.01
Brandon K. Falls, District Attorney	Written response only. No rating.
Lynneice Olive-Washington, DA Bessemer Div.	Written response only. No rating.
Bill Veitch, District Attorney Bessemer Division	No response to GAA invitation.

Our GAA prayer for all current judges, as well as those who will be elected, comes from Isaiah 1:17, which charges, **"Learn to do good. Seek justice. Rebuke the oppressor. Defend the fatherless. Plead for the widow."** Ideally, we want the result for Birmingham to be the same as found in Isaiah 1:26, where the Lord says He "will restore our judges and our leaders as at the first, and afterward, **YOU WILL BE CALLED THE CITY OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, THE FAITHFUL CITY.**"

"All tyranny needs to gain a foothold is for people of good conscience to remain silent." - Thomas Jefferson. So, *"person of good conscience"*, let your voice be heard this November 8th, and VOTE!

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