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## JUDICIAL ELECTIONS RECOMMENDATIONS

2008

PRIMARY

Remember to vote in the August 19 primary! Unlike other races, a judicial candidate who garners more than 50% of the primary vote advances to the general election without a challenger, effectively securing his/her election in the primary. At least two of the three races highlighted by the LRC will be determined in the August 19 primary.

After a thorough interview/research process, the LRC has made recommendations for the upcoming judicial elections.

Electing a person to public office is a duty and responsibility for voters. But unlike many other political races, it is often difficult to decipher the qualifications and judicial philosophy of judicial candidates.

It is for this reason the LRC has a long history of interviewing candidates and studying their backgrounds in an effort to determine the best candidates who share the LRC mission to end lawsuit abuse.

### Michael J. Bond

### SUPREME COURT POSITION 3

Mr. Bond's legal career spans 28 years and includes extensive trial and appellate work. He is a strong believer in judicial restraint and the duty of judges to adhere to the constitution when deciding cases. In 1997 he founded Gardner Bond Trabolsi, PLLC where he specializes in civil litigation.

Mr. Bond is running against Justice Mary Fairhurst. Justice Fairhurst has a middle-of-the-road score on the LRC Judi-

cial Scorecard. However, a closer examination shows that her infrequent record of judicial restraint is limited largely to cases involving government liability. Her support for judicial restraint doesn't measure up as well for private sector defendants. In addition, Justice Fairhurst wrote the majority opinion in the disastrous *Woo vs. Fireman's Fund* case which allowed a dentist to recover over \$1 million from his insurance company after playing a cruel

practical joke on one of his patients who was also his employee.

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### No recommendation

### SUPREME COURT POSITION 4

Justice Charles Johnson is making a bid for a fourth term on the Supreme Court. He has a lifetime score of 33% on the LRC Judicial Scorecard which puts him in second-to-last place. Given this

score, the LRC cannot recommend him for another term.

Frank Vulliet and James Beecher are running against Justice Johnson although neither candidate fully responded to the

LRC's request for more information about their candidacies and campaigns. For this reason, the LRC is unable to recommend either challenger.

### (Joyce) Robin Hunt

### COURT OF APPEALS DIVISION II, DISTRICT 2

Judge Hunt has ably served on the Court of Appeals for 11 years and the LRC believes she deserves another six years on the Court. A close look at her record reveals that she has a judicial score of 67% based on her rulings on cases in Division II which were eventually decided by the

Supreme Court and scored on the LRC Judicial Scorecards.

Judge Hunt is running against a very capable challenger, Tim Ford. But given Judge Hunt's impressive service on the Court of Appeals, the LRC recommends her in this race.

#### People to Re-Elect Judge Robin Hunt

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## Our mission:

- To limit expansion of tort liability
- To reduce lawsuit defense costs
- To speed resolution of lawsuits
- To improve fairness & certainty of civil justice system

# Lifetime

## Supreme Court Justice

### Judicial Liability Score

1.	James M. Johnson	94%
2.	Barbara Madsen	63%
3.	Bobbe J. Bridge	58%
4.	Mary E. Fairhurst	53%
5.	Susan Owens	52%
6.	Gerry L. Alexander	48%
7.	Richard B. Sanders	35%
8.	Charles W. Johnson	33%
9.	Tom Chambers	13%

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