

Ann Lokuta For Judge



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On November 5th when the people of Luzerne County vote to select four new judges they will have a genuine alternative.

Listen to what one former candidate has to say ...

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Dear Ann:
Following our recent conversation concerning recent news articles covering challenges to your qualifications for judicial office, you asked whether I would be willing to provide you with my thoughts on this matter. I am willing to do so in the hope that it may in some way contribute to an election result in the judicial races that will be based upon the merits and strengths of the candidates over a broad spectrum of criteria and not just on campaign rhetoric or strategies.

We are approaching the final few weeks of an historical election year in Luzerne County in which our Court was expanded to eight judges and in which seventeen lawyers vied in the primary election for four nominations. As unusual and unwieldy as that was, the electorate scrutinized all of those candidates and accorded the coveted judicial nominations to five, of which you were one. Three of those candidates were accorded double nominations and already have begun serving the people of Luzerne County on our Court.

In my opinion, to single you out as the only victorious primary candidate who is less than fully qualified to serve as a Judge in our county is both unfair and misleading and also ignores every fair criterion applied over the years to innumerable judicial candidates.

Without intending in any way to diminish the superior qualifications of any other candidate aspiring for the judicial office you seek, **I feel compelled to say that not only are you qualified to serve as a judge, but I feel also that you are equal to the task.** To assert otherwise is to adopt a double standard, and we as lawyers should not allow a member of our profession to be so evaluated.

I hope that my response to you gives you a welcome lift at a time when you are suffering the slings and arrows of unfair comments.

In closing, may I suggest that you keep in mind that the ultimate qualifications for a lawyer who aspires to be a judge under our system of justice is the support and acceptance of the people he or she will be called upon to judge. **By that standard also I would conclude that you have eminent qualifications.**

Sincerely,
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ON NOVEMBER 5th voters of Luzerne County will elect four (4) new judges.

With your continued help Ann Lokuta,
FOR ALL THE RIGHT REASONS,
will be one of them!



Republicans

Democrats

Independents



VOTE
ANN LOKUTA
JUDGE

Paid for by "FRIENDS OF ANN LOKUTA FOR JUDGE," Douglas Barbacci, Chairman

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