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<u>Judge Feliciani Receives 99.02% Retention Vote From Bar</u> Judge Bilik-DeFazio Receives 96.08% Retention Vote From Bar

The voters of Westmoreland County will vote on November 7th on the question of whether Common Pleas Court Judges Christopher A. Feliciani and Meagan Bilik-DeFazio should be retained for an additional ten-year term.

The Westmoreland Bar Association recently conducted a poll of its participating members to determine how the lawyers, who practice before these Common Pleas Court Judges, answer the question of whether Judge Feliciani and Judge Bilik-DeFazio should be retained. Individual members were asked to vote either "in favor of" or "in opposition to" retention.

The results show that Westmoreland Bar Association attorneys **overwhelmingly support** Judge Feliciani and Judge Bilik-DeFazio with a substantial majority "in favor of" retention in the November election. Bar President Maureen Kroll announced the results as follows: Judge Feliciani – 99.02% and Judge Bilik-DeFazio – 96.08%.

"Member polls regarding the retention of local judges are an important part of our mission of community service and education," said Attorney Kroll. "Our goal in publicizing these results is to help voters be better informed when retaining judges."

By law an incumbent judge can seek a new term in office on a "yes-no" retention basis in the general election. The election is non-partisan and non-political.

For additional information on the retention process, contact the Pennsylvania Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts.