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**PRESS RELEASE**

The Butte County Bar Association has completed its first annual Judicial Report Card. Our hope was to provide members of the Butte County Bench with a constructive view of our members' opinions as to court performance. It is our sincere desire this endeavor be received by all in the positive and constructive spirit in which it was created.

Complete anonymity was afforded all participants in order to encourage candor. Each judicial officer received a copy of the survey and any individual comments directed to him/her prior to release of the results to the membership and the public.

The scoring sheet used a scale of 1 to 5. The scoring values and their meanings are at the top of the results page. This is the only portion of the survey which is made public. The individual comments were only provided to the respective judicial officer.

It is the mission of the Butte County Bar Association to advance the role of law and legal process in Butte County by (1) advocating efficient court administration and access to legal services for all; (2) supporting legal education and the resolution of conflicts; (3) expanding knowledge of law practice management, economics and ethics; (4) encouraging a positive image of the profession; and (4) promoting empathy and understanding among the courts, the attorneys and the communities they serve.

Thirty (30%) of our membership responded to this, our first, survey and the results should be viewed with that in mind. We trust, in future years, more members will choose to participate.

Carroll A. Ragland, President  
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