

Here's who a Louisville judicial group wants as next Jefferson Circuit Court judge

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A group of Louisville lawyers and other community members has announced its pick in a contested Jefferson Circuit Court race.

Citizens for Better Judges selected [Darryl Lavery](#) as the most qualified candidate to preside over division two of Jefferson Circuit Court.

Lavery is already serving on the bench, [appointed](#) by Gov. Matt Bevin last July following the retirement of longtime judge James Shake.

Also vying for the seat is Annie O'Connell, a Louisville native in private practice specializing in criminal defense.

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Lavery spent 16 years in civil law private practice, specializing in personal injury insurance defense, pharmaceutical litigation and product liability.

He most recently was a law partner with Boehl Stopher & Graves in Louisville.

Lavery is a graduate of The Catholic University of America and the Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law.

The primary election is set for May 22. The top two vote earners in each nonpartisan race will advance to the Nov. 6 general election.

Circuit judges make \$124,620 annually.

Citizens for Better Judges announced endorsements in most other Jefferson district and circuit court races [in March](#).

The group is made up of a 30-member steering committee of lawyers in various practice areas as well as a citizens board. The committee interviews candidates and makes recommendations, which then need to be approved by the citizens board.

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