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ProgressPAC Endorses Judge Sarah Stewart in Supreme Court Primary

MONTGOMERY, Ala. - The board of directors of ProgressPAC has endorsed Mobile County Circuit Judge Sarah H. Stewart in the June 5, 2018, Republican Supreme Court primary, ProgressPAC Chairman Perry Hand announced today.

“ProgressPAC is proud to endorse Circuit Judge Sarah Stewart in next spring’s Supreme Court primary,” said Hand, chairman and chief executive officer of Volkert Inc., in Mobile. “Judge Stewart possesses the qualities that businesses desire in members of the state’s highest court, which include the ability to look at each case fairly and neutrally and to strictly interpret the law.

“She is supremely qualified, knows the law, and will uphold the Constitution,” said Hand, who becomes BCA chairman for 2018 on Jan. 1.

A circuit judge since 2006, Judge Stewart seeks the Supreme Court seat held by Supreme Court Associate Justice Glenn Murdock, who is not seeking reelection. “I am honored to receive the BCA’s endorsement and I will strive to continue to be fair and impartial and follow the rule of law,” Judge Stewart said.

Judge Stewart earned B.A. and M.A. degrees from the University of Arkansas and a law degree from Vanderbilt University School of Law. Gov. Bob Riley appointed her to the bench in 2006 and she was elected without opposition as a Republican that year and was reelected in 2010 and 2016. She serves as vice-president of the Alabama Circuit Judges Association, and has served as secretary-treasurer, education chair, and on the board of directors.

From 1992 to 2006, Judge Stewart practiced law before juries and on non-jury cases and handled cases on appeal including at all three Alabama appellate courts and the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. Judge Stewart established her own law firm in 1996.

ProgressPAC is the political arm of the BCA, Alabama’s foremost voice for business. The BCA is a non-partisan statewide business association representing the interests and concerns of nearly 1 million working Alabamians through its member companies and its partnership with the Chamber of Commerce Association of Alabama. The BCA is Alabama’s exclusive affiliate to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the National Association of Manufacturers.

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