

# *The Fix is In*



## **Baseball Players Don't Get To Pick Their Own Umpires, Why Should Johnson County Lawyers Get To Pick Their Own Judges?**

In a court of law, those seeking justice look to the judge like baseball players look to the umpire.

**Umpires** make calls based on their knowledge of the rules. **Judges** are called on to make rulings based on their knowledge of the law.

A baseball game isn't fair unless the umpires are impartial ... and justice isn't fair unless judges are impartial. The administration of justice isn't a game. But, because our current method of selecting judges allows lawyers to load the courts with like-minded judges, friendly to their cause, *the fix is in.*

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# **VOTE YES**

 **On Nov. 4**

**To Elect Our Johnson County Judges**

Under the current system, a committee dominated by trial lawyers selects a group of three potential judges in a meeting which is held behind closed doors. These three names are then sent to the governor and the governor makes the judicial appointment without public hearing or input.

This so-called "merit system" was devised to reduce the role of politics in judicial selection. But, as the *Wall Street Journal* recently noted, the reality has been anything but nonpartisan. A system designed to make things better has actually made things worse. **It's not about merit but about who you know.**



On November 4th, you will have the opportunity to change the system so that all Johnson County voters will be allowed to directly elect our judges, just like other counties in our state and around the nation.

A **YES** vote on November 4 will:

- Make judges accountable to **ALL** the people
- End the current system dominated by lawyers for their own benefit
- Make the judge selection process open and transparent; not closed and secretive
- Allow all of us to know more about our judges

***LET THE  
PEOPLE  
VOTE!***

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