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2020 North Carolina Voter Guide Questionnaire for State Judicial Candidates

Candidate Information

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Candidate Questionnaire

Please indicate your responses below to the following questions. You may provide additional comments and explanations for your responses on a separate sheet of paper.
(Failure to answer a question will result in a listing of "No Response" in the 2020 Voter Guide.)

1. Which one of the current Justices on the U.S. Supreme Court best reflects your judicial philosophy?

N/A - see response to #4

Alito Breyer Ginsburg Gorsuch Kagan Kavanaugh Roberts Sotomayor Thomas

2. Rate your judicial philosophy toward the Constitution on a scale of 1-10 with a "living document" approach being a 1 and an "originalism" approach being a 10.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
Living Document Approach ~~3~~ ~~8~~ Originalism Approach

3. Please list the organizations with which you have been involved over the past five years through membership, religious affiliation, pro-bono legal work, or volunteer service.

Served on Board Vineyard Camp + Retreat Center / Stokes County, NC

Served on Board Friends of the NC Museum of Natural Science

NC Bar Association - Various committees

Member - Edenton Street Church / Raleigh, NC

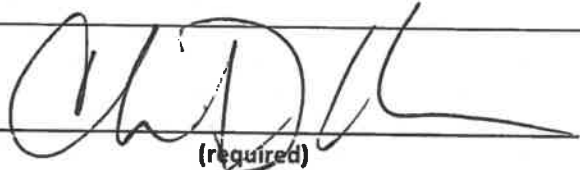
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4. In the space below, or on a separate sheet of paper, please describe your overall judicial philosophy.

See Attached

5. In the space below, or on a separate sheet of paper, please describe the role faith plays in your daily life.

See attached

Candidate Signature  (required)

Date *6/19/20* (required)

**Please return completed questionnaire to the
NC Family Policy Council by Friday, June 19, 2020**

By mail to: NCFPC, P.O. Box 20607, Raleigh, NC 27619
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By Fax to: (919) 807-0900

4. My judicial philosophy is simply to apply the law as I find it. I am not too keen on describing myself as a textualist, pragmatist, etc. For example, sometimes legislators *purposely* use ambiguous language in a law because they originally intended for Courts to apply a contemporary meaning, e.g., what constitutes “cruel and unusual” punishment may be a little different today than in late 1700’s.

I do not believe any judge truly follows a particular canon of judicial interpretation all of the time. I believe, though, that judges *should* apply the law as it is found rather than justifying their desired outcome by hiding behind a canon of judicial interpretation. With that said, I lean more to an “originalist” approach, as that view better lends itself to an understanding of what the law is. Of course, I am bound by decisions from our Supreme Court, and will follow those, as is my job as a Court of Appeals judge.

Put another way, I believe that a judge should take an “exegesis” approach to the law, which is to honestly and humbly seek out what the law actually says. A judge should avoid an “eisegesis” approach, which is where a judge reads the text in a way to get to his or her presupposed/desired result.

5. I am a Christian. My faith in God plays a great role in my life, though I often fall short. I sometimes put my faith in the wrong things, for example, in my 401(k) instead of being content with my “daily bread.” Regarding my job, my faith informs me to perform my job with humility...to stay in my lane as an appellate judge. For example, I may not personally agree with a law passed by our General Assembly, but I will apply it as long as it was within the General Assembly’s constitutional authority to enact the law.

Chm Dillon 6/18/20