



2020 North Carolina Voter Guide Questionnaire for State Judicial Candidates

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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?

See attach.

 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. **See attach.**

 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
Living Document Approach *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.

See attach.

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

See attach.

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

See attach.

Candidate Signature Mark Q. A. Date 6/4/2020
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**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

By Email to: vote@ncfamily.org

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1. I am not able to answer this question as it is phrased. There is no one member of the US Supreme Court with whom I always agree or always disagree. Although I am bound to apply the decisions of the U.S. Supreme Court under the federal constitution, I prefer to decide each case that comes before me on its own merits as opposed to trying to follow individual members of the Supreme Court.
2. I am not able to answer this question as it is phrased for several reasons. The phrases "living document" and "originalism" are defined in different ways and are somewhat ambiguous. My judicial philosophy is to apply the law fairly and impartially to every case that comes before my court.
3. I am proud to be the first Jewish member of the NC Supreme Court. I am a longtime member of the Sha'arei Israel synagogue. I currently serve as a member of the Raleigh Rotary Club and as a member of the board of governors of the NC Bar Association.
4. My concern with judges who profess to have an overarching judicial philosophy is that it gives the impression to others that they have prejudged certain issues that are likely to come before them. I have written over 500 judicial opinions as an appellate judge and I am proud of the fact that in every one of those opinions I have done my very best to apply the law to the facts that were presented before me without any consideration of partisanship or any other form of bias.
5. There is nothing more important in my life than my faith. I strive to be at all times an observant member of the Jewish faith. Religion is of huge importance to my wife and family as well.

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