

North Carolina Voter Guide

Questionnaire for State Judicial Candidates

Candidate Information

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Candidate Signature _____ Date _____

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 2022 Voter Guide.)

1. Which Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court best reflects your judicial philosophy?
X Alito Barrett Breyer 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 X 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.

Adjunct Professor, Campbell Law School; North Carolina Bar Association (Vice-president, Appellate Rules Committee, Women in the Profession Committee); Wake County Bar Association; 10th Judicial District Bar Association; North Carolina Association of Women Attorneys (Judicial Division); Judicial Division of American Bar Association; Craven Everett Inn of Court (Vice-President); Chief Justice's Rules Advisory Commission (Chair); Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism; Family Court Advisory Commission; North Carolina Courts Commission; The Shepherd's Church, Cary, NC (formerly known as Colonial Baptist Church)

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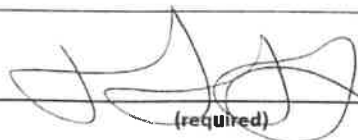
4. In the space below, or on a separate sheet of paper, please describe your overall judicial philosophy.

Please see attached.

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

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Date

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**Please return completed questionnaire to the
NC Family Policy Council by Friday, July 15, 2022**

By mail to: NCFPC, P.O. Box 20607, Raleigh, NC 27619

By Email to: vote@ncfamily.org

By Fax to: (919) 807-0900

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

There are many different definitions and ways to describe "judicial philosophy," so I will describe it in the context of my work as a judge. The Court of Appeals is an error-correcting court. Our primary job is to consider the issues raised in appeals from a trial court or administrative agency to determine if there was any legal error in the proceedings and, in most cases, if that error was prejudicial. In considering the question of legal error, we must follow any prior precedential rulings of the Supreme Court of North Carolina or the North Carolina Court of Appeals, or in cases involving federal constitutional issues, the United States Supreme Court. Our role is to interpret and apply the law as adopted by the General Assembly. My overall judicial philosophy is textualist. Most simply, this means that I apply the law exactly as it is written. The role of the judicial branch is to fairly and impartially apply the law as it is written; the role of the legislative branches of government is to make the laws and set policies for the State of North Carolina. I have served on the Court of Appeals for over 15 years, so voters may also evaluate my judicial philosophy as shown in more than 1200 opinions I have written. All these opinions are available at nccourts.gov.

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

As a Christian, my faith guides my daily life. My service as a judge is my calling and ministry. I am a member of The Shepherd's Church in Cary, NC.

In my role as a judge, I believe I serve as a "governing authority" as described in Romans 13:1-5. Thus, as a judge I am also subject to governing authorities as established by the North Carolina Constitution, North Carolina statutes, and the United States Constitution, since my role is to apply the law as it has been established by the governing authorities who have the role of adopting laws -- legislative bodies -- and courts who have issued prior precedential rulings.