



2022 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 2022 Voter Guide.)

1. Which Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court best reflects your judicial philosophy? My judicial philosophy is closest to that of former Justice Scalia.
 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 9 X 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.

Committee Member, Scout Troop 438

Member, Federalist Society

Instructor, Warrior-Scholar Project

Volunteer, Church Youth Program

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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.

Please see attached.

Candidate Signature /s/ Trey Allen

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Date July 14, 2022

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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

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4. Overall judicial philosophy

Many people have lost faith in our courts because they believe that judges ignore or distort the law to reach outcomes consistent with their political views. To restore public trust in the judiciary, we must select judges who will base their decisions solely on the law and the facts. Judges must always remember that they are the servants—not the masters—of the law.

In cases that raise constitutional issues, judges should be guided by the text and original understanding of the Constitution. Although judges frequently have to apply the Constitution to new circumstances, they must resist the temptation to read their personal opinions into the Constitution. When interpreting a statute, a judge's main goal should be to identify the intent of the legislature. Ordinarily, when the text of the statute is clear, judges have no reason to consult the legislative history. They must follow the plain meaning of the statute. When the statutory text is unclear, judges may examine the statute's legislative history to determine what the legislature had in mind.

Judges should give due respect to precedent. Like Justice Antonin Scalia, I think that judges should consider several factors when they are asked to reject a prior decision's interpretation of the law. These factors include (1) whether the prior decision is well-reasoned and (2) the extent to which the government and the people have come to rely on the prior decision. If the prior court decision involves the interpretation of a constitutional provision, judges should pay special attention to how well the interpretation agrees with the original understanding of the provision.

5. The role faith plays in your daily life

I am a committed but admittedly imperfect Christian. I believe that God is just but also full of mercy and that he wants everyone to come to know him through his Son Jesus Christ. I believe that we must have the courage to stand up for what is right but that we should do so without bitterness or self-righteousness. I believe that, in our personal lives, we should be slow to condemn and quick to forgive. I believe that God expects us to help those in need and that we should do so cheerfully, grateful for the many blessings that we have received.