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1. I am a practicing attorney, which means I am an advocate. I am not a judge, so I have not shouldered the awesome burden of having to make decisions that affect people's lives, often in dramatic and indeed life-altering ways. To the extent I have any *judicial* philosophy right now, it is certain to change when called to serve on the bench. I am thus not prepared to say any of the sitting United States Supreme Court Justices best reflect my judicial philosophy.
2. Because I am an advocate, I have an *advocate's* philosophy toward our constitutions. Any *judicial* philosophy I develop toward our constitutions necessarily will be forged by the North Carolina Supreme Court and the United States Supreme Court. Only they have the power to say what our constitutions mean. A judge on the North Carolina Court of Appeals is *bound* to follow those courts' decisions, reached by *their* approaches to constitutional interpretation.
3. In the last five years, I have been a member of the North Carolina Advocates for Justice, the North Carolina Bar Association, and the Orange County Bar Association. Of course, I am also a member of the North Carolina State Bar and my local District 18 Bar Association. I routinely perform pro bono legal work, and I serve my community and North Carolina by focusing my practice on indigent defense. I am a member of a local running club, and I performed considerable volunteer work at my daughter's public school during COVID.
4. Please see my answers above. Our entire legal system is based on the faith that judges will keep their oaths. Those oaths necessarily encompass the maxim inscribed on the United States Supreme Court building: Equal Justice Under Law.
5. My faith is a personal matter which I do not use for political advantage. As a judge, I will work for everyone in North Carolina regardless of their faith.

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Candidate Information

(Please Print or Type)

Candidate Name PLEASE SEE ATTACHED Party Affiliation _____

Office Sought _____ Seat _____

Campaign Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Campaign Phone/Fax _____ / _____ Campaign Website _____

Campaign Email _____ Campaign Facebook _____

Candidate Signature _____ Date _____
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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 2024 Voter Guide.)

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

Alito Barrett Gorsuch Jackson 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 *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.

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

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

Candidate Signature _____ (required) Date _____ (required)

Please return completed questionnaire by Friday, July 19, 2024
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