



26th Legislative District Democrats JUDICIAL Endorsement Questionnaire

Candidate: _____

Position:

Date:

In judicial elections, the 26th LD Democratic seeks to endorse well qualified candidates with the education, experience, ability, and temperament to reach just decisions in the individual cases brought before them and who will also seek to make the justice system more understandable, accessible, and equitable for all. There is more than one way to reach these goals. The 26th LD Dems Executive Committee screens candidates for and makes endorsement recommendations to the 26th LD Dems membership. The Committee looks forward to learning your qualifications and goals for the court position you seek.

The 26th LD Dems may withdraw its endorsement of any judicial candidate it determines has acted in conflict with the answers provided during the screening process or it determines has violated the letter or the spirit of the Code of Judicial Conduct or the Rules of Professional Conduct.

Please do not change or delete questions. Instead, respond N/A to questions that aren't relevant to position sought. Please be brief and to the point in your answers.

1. Tell us how your professional experience(s) make you ideally qualified for this office?
2. Why should the 26th LD Dems support you for this position?
3. Please list any key endorsements (you may attach an additional page) and note any support you have within the legal community?
4. Have you been rated for this position by a Bar Association, either in this election or a prior one?
5. Has any professional or disciplinary body made a finding that you violated any rule or code of judicial or professional conduct? If so, please provide a full explanation.
6. To what bar groups or special interest sections do you belong now or have belonged to in the past?
7. Tell us how you have supported pro bono or low-cost legal services?
8. Should you be elected, how would you educate and inform the public about your court and the justice system?



9. What would you do to provide greater access to the judicial system for people involved in civil law disputes but who don't have enough money to pursue them in court?
10. If you think that the judicial system improperly treats certain groups or classifications differently or produces different results for those groups or classifications, what would you do to address that problem?
11. Do you think there is a problem with the way in which legal financial obligations or other costs and fines are currently imposed on criminal defendants? If so, what would you do to address that problem?
12. Do you support or oppose alternatives to criminal prosecution, such as drug courts, mental health courts, diversion programs, etc.? If so, how would you address these solutions?
13. Is there anything else you would like to share with the Committee?