



**Judicial Candidate Information Form
for the Judicial Poll on the
November 3, 2020 Election**

Instructions: Please only respond using 10 pt. Arial font in the spaces provided. Any items left blank will be noted that the candidate chose not to respond.

1. Name	Stephanie Bridges
2. Date of Birth	Month: <u>November</u> Year: <u>1960</u>
3. Place of Birth	City: <u>New Orleans</u> State: <u>LA</u>
4. Marital Status	<input type="checkbox"/> Single <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Married <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced <input type="checkbox"/> Widowed
5. Undergraduate Education Include name of school, degree(s) and graduation year(s)	George Washington University, Washington, D.C, Graduate Studies in Communications, 1989-1991 University of New Orleans, New Orleans, LA, Bachelor of Arts in Communications, Minor in Business, May 1984
6. Legal Education Include name of law school, degree(s) and graduation year(s)	Loyola University Law School, New Orleans, LA, Juris Doctor - August 2006 Loyola Law Clinic—Criminal Defense & Civil Practice New Orleans, LA, Spring 2006 Student Practitioner. Conducted investigations and prepared cases regarding criminal defense. George Washington University School of Law, Washington, D.C., Visiting Student, Fall 2005 Eotovos Lorand University School of Law, Budapest, Hungary, Visiting Student, June 2005, GPA: 3.9 The University of Vienna Law School, Austria - Visiting Student, July 2005
7. Date of Admission to Louisiana Bar	Month: <u>October</u> Year: <u>2007</u>
8. Professional Experience Including Nature of Practice and Extent of Civil and/or Criminal Trial Experience	I have experience in both criminal and civil law practice. I served as Assistant City Attorney from 2008 to 2012. As In-House Counsel, my duties included advising and representing several departments including Board of Zoning and Adjustments, Department of Safety and Permits. I successfully represented the City of New Orleans before the Civil District Court and the Court of Appeal, Fourth Circuit. In my solo law practice as well as a co-counsel, I represented clients in criminal cases in Jefferson, St. Bernard, and East Baton Rouge. I have practiced in courts throughout Louisiana, including Jefferson, Orleans, St. Bernard, St. Tammany, Ascension, and East Baton Rouge Parishes; and before the Court of Appeals, First Circuit and Fourth Circuit.



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9. Bar Associations, Court Admissions, Professional Organizations and Legal Fraternities	The Louisiana Bar Association
10. In the past ten years, have you ever filed for or declared bankruptcy?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, please explain. I am an officer of a non-profit organization that has been active in the community since 1927, catering mostly to the undeserved population. After Hurricane Katrina, the organization, like many other non-profits, suffered in garnering funding. To keep the organization afloat so that we could continue to serve the community, I amass credit card debt to pay the organization's expenses.
11. In the past ten years, have you ever been arrested, charged, or convicted of a criminal violation other than a minor traffic violation? Include matters that have been dismissed, expunged, subject to diversion or deferred prosecution or otherwise set aside.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If yes, please explain.
12. Have you ever been publicly sanctioned by the Louisiana Attorney Disciplinary Board or the disciplinary body of any court, administrative body, or other entity before which you function as an attorney or judge?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If yes, please explain.



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Instructions: For sections 13 through 19, please provide us with your perspective on why you are well-suited to uphold the following well-accepted principles essential to any strong and vibrant judicial system. Comment only in the space provided. If you do not comment, it will be noted that the candidate chose not to respond.

13. Judges should uphold the rule of law.	A judge should uphold the rule of law, and promote the independence, integrity, and impartiality of the judiciary.
14. Judges should be independent and impartial.	Absolutely, Judges should be able to administer justice fairly and equally, and preside over cases without undue influence.
15. Judges should possess the appropriate judicial temperament and character.	Absolutely, Judges should be even tempered; and while no one is perfect, a Judge should respect and comply with the law and should act at all times in a manner that promotes public confidence in the integrity and impartiality of the judiciary.
16. The judicial system should be racially diverse and reflective of the society it serves.	The judicial system should be racially diverse and reflect the society it serves so that it could reflect the principles of citizenship and social justice with a fair distribution of rights, resources and opportunities.



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<p>17. Judges and the judiciary should have the confidence of the public.</p>	<p>Yes, Judges and the judiciary should have the confidence of the public. Confidence in the judiciary is the cornerstone of fair and impartial administration of justice. If Judges and judiciary respect and comply with the law and act at all times in a manner that promotes public confidence in the integrity and impartiality of the judiciary, then and only then, will they have the confidence of the public.</p>
<p>18. Judges should possess the appropriate capabilities and credentials.</p>	<p>Yes, Judges should possess the appropriate capabilities and credentials which includes knowledge of trial procedure, broad experience and training.</p>
<p>19. Please comment on how you plan to manage your docket from an efficiency standpoint.</p>	<p>I intend on managing my docket by availing myself and being present at work, setting time-tables and schedules, and holding the prosecutors and defense counsels accountable to be prepared and ready to proceed in a proficient and timely manner.</p>