



**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	Judge Christopher J. Bruno
2. Date of Birth	Month: _____ ⁰⁸ Year: _____ ¹⁹⁶¹
3. Place of Birth	City: _____ ^{New Orleans} State: _____ ^{LA}
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)	Louisiana State University B.S 1984
6. Legal Education Include name of law school, degree(s) and graduation year(s)	Tulane University College of Law JD 1988
7. Date of Admission to Louisiana Bar	Month: _____ ^{October} Year: _____ ¹⁹⁸⁸
8. Professional Experience Including Nature of Practice and Extent of Civil and/or Criminal Trial Experience	Bruno & Bruno 1988-2008 Plaintiff's practice



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<p>9. Bar Associations, Court Admissions, Professional Organizations and Legal Fraternities</p>	<p>Member NOBA Louisiana State Bar Association Louisiana District Judges Association St. Thomas More Society National Board of Trial Advocacy, Judicial Fellow</p>
<p>10. In the past ten years, have you ever filed for or declared bankruptcy?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If yes, please explain.</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If yes, please explain.</p>
<p>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?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If yes, please explain.</p>



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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.

<p>13. Judges should uphold the rule of law.</p>	<p>I took an oath as an attorney and a judge to uphold the rule of law. The answer is yes.</p>
<p>14. Judges should be independent and impartial.</p>	<p>Of course. I have been serving the community as a judge since 2009. I have not waived in my belief that everyone must be treated equally before the law. No matter how powerful or weak a party is, the judge has a duty to decide the matter based on the facts and the law. I have not and will not be controlled by anyone. My actions are controlled by the law.</p>
<p>15. Judges should possess the appropriate judicial temperament and character.</p>	<p>This is a necessary component of the judiciary. Overall, I believe I have the appropriate temperament and character to do this job. Like everyone, I have had moments of frustration but I work hard to recognize when I am frustrated and will always accept that I can do better. Not only is it important to adjust for moments of frustration, but it is also important to be able to act well under pressure and to be creative with unpredictable matters. For instance, when the Court was closed due to the public health crisis, as chief judge I had to find a way to ensure the safety of the court staff, litigants and attorneys, while ensuring access to justice.</p>
<p>16. The judicial system should be racially diverse and reflective of the society it serves.</p>	<p>These are trying times. Our country is politically polarized. Neither side will listen to the other. Judges have a duty to listen and weigh opinions and facts from both sides of a dispute. The judiciary does not necessarily need to mirror every aspect of our society nor should it be weighted in favor of one culture over another. It should represent a cultural cross-section of our community which fosters the melding of different viewpoints, which serves to introduce new ideas and perspectives.</p>



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<p>17. Judges and the judiciary should have the confidence of the public.</p>	<p>This goes back to being independent. The judiciary should not be for sale. Justice should truly be blind. The only reason why a judge should know who the lawyers or litigants are in a case, is to evaluate for potential conflicts of interest. Judges need to remind themselves that most people do not know what civil judges do. When I meet somebody and tell them what I do, they immediately assume that I am a criminal judge. This should put more pressure on judges to act impartially. If not, the entire justice system becomes a farce.</p>
<p>18. Judges should possess the appropriate capabilities and credentials.</p>	<p>Let's not forget that we elect judges. In a perfect world no one would ever be allowed to be a judge without experience and competence. A ruling in favor or against a party can drastically impact that individual's life. It is okay for a judge to be wrong however, it is not okay for a judge to be wrong if they do not know the law or if they favor a party because of political relationships. It is important to note that wanting to be a judge and being qualified to be a judge are different points on the spectrum of competence.</p>
<p>19. Please comment on how you plan to manage your docket from an efficiency standpoint.</p>	<p>Since I started in 2009 to the present, my docket has remained up to date. I hear motions and/or exceptions every friday and discovery disputes every thursday. Division F is available anytime to conduct a status conference or to mediate a disputed jury trial case.</p>