



**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	R. Christopher Cox III
2. Date of Birth	Month: <u>December</u> Year: <u>1971</u>
3. Place of Birth	City: <u>New Orleans</u> State: <u>LA</u>
4. Marital Status	<input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Married <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Divorced <input type="checkbox"/> Widowed
5. Undergraduate Education  Include name of school, degree(s) and graduation year(s)	Louisiana State University Bachelor of Science in Accounting 1993
6. Legal Education  Include name of law school, degree(s) and graduation year(s)	Tulane University Law School Juris Doctor 1999
7. Date of Admission to Louisiana Bar	Month: <u>October</u> Year: <u>1999</u>
8. Professional Experience Including Nature of Practice and Extent of Civil and/or Criminal Trial Experience	Judicial Law Clerk, Eastern District of Louisiana -- Sept. 1999 through Sept. 2000 Assistant District Attorney, Jefferson Parish -- Oct. 2000 through June 2004 (54 felony jury trials, and 52 felony and misdemeanor judge trials) Associate Attorney, Rome, Arata & Baxley -- July 2004 through Dec. 2004 (1 judge trial) Assistant United States Attorney, E.D.La. -- Jan. 2005 through Nov. 2010 (12 felony jury trials) Chief Operating Officer, Jefferson Parish -- Nov. 2010 through Jan. 2014 Executive Assistant District Attorney, Jefferson Parish -- Jan. 2014 through June 2020



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<p>9. Bar Associations, Court Admissions, Professional Organizations and Legal Fraternities</p>	<p>All Louisiana Courts United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit Jefferson Bar Association St. Thomas More Catholic Lawyers Association Phi Alpha Delta Legal Fraternity Society of Louisiana Certified Public Accountants</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>With my twenty years of experience as my guide, I am well-suited to uphold the rule of law, and I pledge the following. I will set trial dates. I will keep my court on schedule, and my decision-making will be based solely on the law.</p>
<p>14. Judges should be independent and impartial.</p>	<p>Politics and favoritism have absolutely no place in the courtroom. I will use my training as a prosecutor and a litigator to ensure that every decision I make is fair and made without bias. I pledge that my decisions will not be affected by any outside influences.</p>
<p>15. Judges should possess the appropriate judicial temperament and character.</p>	<p>I am well-suited to be a judge because I possess the steady, calm demeanor that is requisite for a jurist. My temperament and character will allow me to treat every litigant, defendant, and attorney with the utmost respect while pleading his or her case before me. I will expect, and I will demand, that witnesses in my courtroom also be treated with civility and respect.</p>
<p>16. The judicial system should be racially diverse and reflective of the society it serves.</p>	<p>I do believe that the judicial system should be diverse and reflective of the society it serves. Again, I will treat every litigant, defendant, attorney, and witness with the utmost respect regardless of his or her age, gender, race, religion, or sexual orientation.</p>



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<p>17. Judges and the judiciary should have the confidence of the public.</p>	<p>A judge's moral character and fitness must be beyond reproach. The public should have confidence that a judge will render decisions based solely upon the evidence put before the court and nothing else. The public also should have confidence that the court will treat everyone with the utmost respect. I enjoy an excellent reputation for professionalism in our legal community, and I am well-suited to be a judge because of my moral character. The public will have complete confidence that I will not be swayed by outside influences and will treat all parties with civility and respect.</p>
<p>18. Judges should possess the appropriate capabilities and credentials.</p>	<p>In order for the public to have confidence in the judiciary as a whole, all judges must possess appropriate capabilities and credentials. I believe it is extremely important that judges possess significant trial experience. As indicated above, I have tried 66 cases before juries in state and federal court, and I have tried an additional 53 cases before judges. In addition, for the past seven years, I have served on the adjunct faculty at Tulane Law School instructing law students enrolled in the Trial Advocacy Program on the fundamentals of trying cases.</p>
<p>19. Please comment on how you plan to manage your docket from an efficiency standpoint.</p>	<p>Again, I pledge the following. I will set trial dates. I will keep my court on schedule, and my decision-making will be based solely on the law. In addition and in order to keep my docket moving efficiently, I intend to set regular status conferences to ensure that cases are progressing to final resolution.</p>