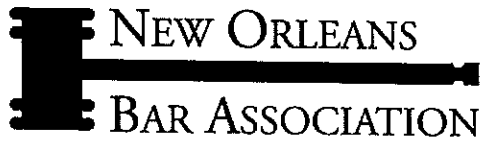


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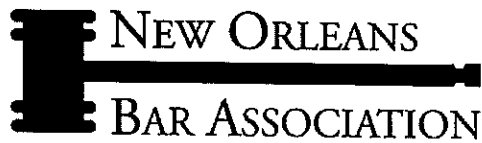
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1. Name	Ernest F. Charbonnet
2. Date of Birth	Month: <u>February</u> Year: <u>1954</u>
3. Place of Birth	City: <u>New Orleans</u> State: <u>LA</u>
4. Marital Status	<input type="checkbox"/> Single <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Married <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced <input type="checkbox"/> Widowed
5. Undergraduate Education Include name of school, degree(s) and graduation year(s)	Xavier University- B.S. Accounting -graduated 1976
6. Legal Education Include name of law school, degree(s) and graduation year(s)	Loyola University School of Law- graduated 1982
7. Date of Admission to Louisiana Bar	Month: <u>April</u> Year: <u>1983</u>
8. Professional Experience Including Nature of Practice and Extent of Civil and/or Criminal Trial Experience	Served as assistant city attorney for City of New Orleans where I was assigned to City's Legislative Lobbying Team in Baton Rouge. I was also assigned to prosecute in Municipal and Traffic Courts where I tried numerous cases. I have maintained a private law practice for past 27 years and have practiced and tried cases in both Criminal and Civil State Courts. My practice has consisted of over 90% Civil Cases including personal injury, successions, contract and general business matters. I also served as Interim City Councilman for Dis. E in 2012.



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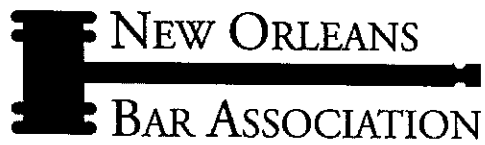
9. Bar Associations, Court Admissions, Professional Organizations and Legal Fraternities	Admitted to Louisiana Bar, Federal Court, and I have in different time periods over past 30 years been a member of New Orleans Bar Association as well as American Bar Association.
10. In the past ten years, have you ever filed for or declared bankruptcy?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If yes, please explain.
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.

<p>13. Judges should uphold the rule of law.</p>	<p>I believe this is the purpose of our legal system. I have certainly followed this principle as an attorney and as a person. My record with the Bar over 30 years reflects my regard for the rule of law.</p>
<p>14. Judges should be independent and impartial.</p>	<p>Public officials in all three branches of government must be independent and impartial. This is particularly important in our judicial branch. Citizens go to Court to resolve conflicts and seek justice. I am an independent candidate and will remain so on the bench. While serving on the City Council, I proved my independence and impartiality.</p>
<p>15. Judges should possess the appropriate judicial temperament and character.</p>	<p>A judge's temperament sets the tone for how a courtroom functions as well as how attorneys and others behave in that courtroom. Since Courts are where conflicts are resolved and tough decisions are made, a judge must show strength, consideration, and respect for all interested parties. I am confident that I possess the appropriate judicial temperament and character. I believe I have developed many of these skills being in supervisory positions and holding public office.</p>
<p>16. The judicial system should be racially diverse and reflective of the society it serves.</p>	<p>While Lady Justice is blind to race, creed, and economic status, I fully realize that all citizens of our community must feel included in all branches of government. Our legal system must have the trust of the people to be truly effective. While on the Council, I built a record of working to improve our DEB ordinance to accomplish a similar goal regarding public contracts.</p>



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<p>17. Judges and the judiciary should have the confidence of the public.</p>	<p>I know that our judicial system cannot be effective if there is no public confidence. This is exactly why a judge must be independent, impartial, and always mindful of the rule of law.</p>
<p>18. Judges should possess the appropriate capabilities and credentials.</p>	<p>I believe the ideal candidate for judge in any court should have broad legal, professional, and life experiences. As a candidate, I believe my resume best fits that profile. I know first hand that young boys cannot become productive men unless they learn the true meaning of "consequences". This is how I was taught at home and at St. Augustine High School. If elected, I will bring the benefit of all of my knowledge and experiences to do the best job I can as Juvenile Court Judge.</p>
<p>19. Please comment on how you plan to manage your docket from an efficiency standpoint.</p>	<p>During my interim term on the City Council, I participated in and voted on the City's budget for 2013. I understand the efforts of our City leaders and Council to streamline our Judicial System. The realities of our budget require such action. I will work hard to make sure the staff is effective and efficient. I know that no public resources can be wasted.</p>