



**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	Tenee Felix
2. Date of Birth	Month: <u>07</u> Year: <u>1977</u>
3. Place of Birth	City: <u>Brooklyn</u> State: <u>NY</u>
4. Marital Status	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Married <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced <input type="checkbox"/> Widowed
5. Undergraduate Education Include name of school, degree(s) and graduation year(s)	Boston University Bachelor of Arts in Biology and Psychology 2001
6. Legal Education Include name of law school, degree(s) and graduation year(s)	Loyola University New Orleans College of Law Juris Doctor 2006
7. Date of Admission to Louisiana Bar	Month: <u>April</u> Year: <u>2008</u>
8. Professional Experience Including Nature of Practice and Extent of Civil and/or Criminal Trial Experience	January 2009 - present Staff Attorney, Louisiana Center for Children's Rights Represent clients at every stage of juvenile delinquency and family in need of services (FINS) proceedings Advocate for client interests and goals in court appearances ranging from continued custody hearings through adjudication, disposition, contempt, and revocation hearings Litigate legal and factual issues through motions practice and appellate review



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<p>9. Bar Associations, Court Admissions, Professional Organizations and Legal Fraternities</p>	<p>Louisiana state Bar Association New Orleans Bar Association Southern Juvenile Defender Board - Louisiana representative (2014-2017)</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 believe that I can uphold the rule of law in cases that come before me because as a mother and a juvenile defense attorney, I have come to realize that children can and will make mistakes. Children need to be held accountable for their mistakes in ways that will rehabilitate them and ultimately make our community safer. I recognize that a failure to uphold the rule of law will ultimately cause more harm to our children and also to our community.</p>
<p>14. Judges should be independent and impartial.</p>	<p>I have been a juvenile defense attorney for the entirety of my legal career. I know juvenile law. What has always resonated with me was having judges make decisions based on the facts and law presented to them, whether a child actually committed the offense or not. I am well suited to follow this principle because I have represented innocent children as well as guilty ones. I am proud to say that I have fought equally hard to get the best outcomes for every child that I represent.</p>
<p>15. Judges should possess the appropriate judicial temperament and character.</p>	<p>As a judge, it is important to listen to others with an even temper and an open mind. I work in a team oriented organization where listening to others is a vital key to getting good outcomes for clients. I pride myself on my ability to treat people with respect and to build trust with my colleagues and my clients.</p>
<p>16. The judicial system should be racially diverse and reflective of the society it serves.</p>	<p>Diversity is key to instilling public trust in our justice system. We should strive for a justice system that is reflective of the community that it serves. 98% of the children in Orleans Parish Juvenile Court are children of color. As a black woman and a mother I am well positioned to understand the value of inclusion and cultural competence.</p>



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<p>17. Judges and the judiciary should have the confidence of the public.</p>	<p>I have worked in the juvenile justice arena for over a decade. I have faithfully and efficiently performed my job day in and day out. I have adhered to the ethical responsibilities that come with being an attorney and I have effectively carried out my duties to every client I have represented. These are the traits that build confidence. I am well suited to uphold this principal because it is already my work ethic.</p>
<p>18. Judges should possess the appropriate capabilities and credentials.</p>	<p>I am an active member of the Louisiana State Bar. I have engaged in courtroom practice for over a decade. I have written numerous writs and appeals. I have argued in the Louisiana Supreme Court. I was the recipient of the Louisiana State Bar Association's Children's Law Award. My education and experience demonstrates that I am capable and have the credentials to be well suited for juvenile court judge,</p>
<p>19. Please comment on how you plan to manage your docket from an efficiency standpoint.</p>	<p>The Louisiana Children's Code demands expedited proceedings for juveniles. As a practicing attorney, I have a heavy caseload but I do everything in my control to be ready and prepared for every hearing. I would expect no less from any attorney who is practicing before me. As a juvenile court judge, I will hold both the State of Louisiana and the assigned defense attorneys, accountable for operating within legislative and constitutional time lines for juvenile matters. Furthermore, I will not allow cases to be continued beyond statutory deadlines without good cause. I will respect the time of every witness, child, and family that comes before me and I will reduce in court waiting by staggering court appearance times on my docket.</p>