



**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	Donald " Chick " Foret
2. Date of Birth	Month: <u>July</u> Year: <u>1953</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)	Louisiana State University Studied Business Administration 3 years
6. Legal Education  Include name of law school, degree(s) and graduation year(s)	Tulane University School of Law Law Degree 1977
7. Date of Admission to Louisiana Bar	Month: <u>October</u> Year: <u>1977</u>
8. Professional Experience Including Nature of Practice and Extent of Civil and/or Criminal Trial Experience	Assistant District Attorney Orleans Parish Assistant U.S. Attorney Eastern District of La. Magistrate City of Harahan Harahan City Attorney Assistant Parish Attorney Jefferson Parish Over 200 Jury Trials



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9. Bar Associations, Court Admissions, Professional Organizations and Legal Fraternities	La. State Bar Association Louisiana Supreme Court Eastern District of Louisiana Middle District of Louisiana United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeal
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 would best be defined as a constitutionalist who firmly upholds the rule of law. I do not support activism on the bench meaning that I do not believe judicial rulings should not be influenced by racial, religious, or partisan beliefs. Instead, judges should rule based solely on the law and follow the wisdom of our founding fathers and the constitution as written. I believe when we follow the legal theory of upholding the rule of law, we are poised to protect democracy and individual rights. When judges rule to determine a desired outcome, justice is degraded.</p>
<p>14. Judges should be independent and impartial.</p>	<p>For anyone to have faith in the judiciary, we must have confidence that the presiding judge is disciplined to remain unbiased and open-minded when hearing all sides of an argument. There is no place for external pressures in a fair justice system. Now, all humans have some biases and personal beliefs. But to overcome that throughout the hallowed halls of justice, I note my commitment to uphold the rule of law. If I never waiver from what the law states or precedent dictates, the rule of law will prevail over any personal ideals.</p>
<p>15. Judges should possess the appropriate judicial temperament and character.</p>	<p>For there to be confidence in the court, the judge must present himself in a manner that is befitting the stature of the court. I will be measured in my demeanor. I will listen intently. I will treat all who rely on the court with respect. Having the proper judicial temperament is nothing more than managing emotions and behavior. I will exercise the judicial temperament and character expected of a jurist.</p>
<p>16. The judicial system should be racially diverse and reflective of the society it serves.</p>	<p>This issue is seldom addressed. The judicial system should be reflective of the ethnic diversity of the jurisdiction. Even though there are more lawyers of color than ever before, that is not reflected on the bench. When the ethnic make-up of judges mirrors the community they serve, trust and confidence from the community is stronger.</p>



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<p>17. Judges and the judiciary should have the confidence of the public.</p>	<p>Maintaining the public trust is paramount to the success of the judiciary. The justice system relies on the public for critical support and information. If the public were to lose confidence in its judges, the system would be ineffective. That ' s why it is so important for judges to be fair, impartial, dedicated to the rule of law, and committed to moving justice at an accelerated pace.</p>
<p>18. Judges should possess the appropriate capabilities and credentials.</p>	<p>I believe firmly that the best judges are those who have experienced all aspects of justice. Having the credentials, qualifications and abilities will give those who rely on the court confidence in the system. I have dedicated much of my life to the law. I have experienced law from the view of prosecution and defense. I have practiced in nearly every jurisdiction in our region. I have extensive experience in both civil and criminal matters. Those qualifications give me confidence in my ability to be a respectful, fair, impartial, and effective judge.</p>
<p>19. Please comment on how you plan to manage your docket from an efficiency standpoint.</p>	<p>Attorneys and their clients want their cases heard. I will accelerate justice by agreeing to pre-trial conferences as needed, starting court on time, offering standardization in case-processing, limiting needless delays, establishing smart caseload management systems, offering decisive rulings with justified clarity, controlling voir dire, maintaining proper decorum throughout the hearing from all parties and employing the latest in technology to make the court user-friendly.</p>