



**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	Robin M. Giarrusso
2. Date of Birth	Month: <u>January</u> Year: <u>1952</u>
3. Place of Birth	City: <u>Denver</u> State: <u>CO</u>
4. Marital Status	<input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Married <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Widowed
5. Undergraduate Education Include name of school, degree(s) and graduation year(s)	Newcomb College of Tulane University BA political science, 1974 Participated in the Tulane Junior Year Abroad program 1972-1973 studying at the Political Science Institute at the Sorbonne
6. Legal Education Include name of law school, degree(s) and graduation year(s)	Tulane University, Juris doctorate awarded in January of 1978
7. Date of Admission to Louisiana Bar	Month: <u>April</u> Year: <u>1978</u>
8. Professional Experience Including Nature of Practice and Extent of Civil and/or Criminal Trial Experience	Judge, Civil District Court starting in April of 1988 where I currently sit as a judge. Prior to that I served as an assistant and deputy city attorney for the City of New Orleans. I litigated primarily in Civil District Court and wrote legal opinions for City officials. Towards the end, I was the Chief Legal Counsel for construction and contract litigation.



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9. Bar Associations, Court Admissions, Professional Organizations and Legal Fraternities	Louisiana Bar Association, New Orleans Bar Association, National Association of Women Attorneys, American Judges Association, New Orleans Bar Association Inn of Court vice president, long time chair of New Orleans Bar Association's Professional committee
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.

13. Judges should uphold the rule of law.	It is my obligation as a judge to uphold the rule of law. The legislature is charged with making the laws; the courts are charged with interpreting them. Part of my obligation as a judge is to stay current with the rulings of the Supreme Court and the appellate courts.
14. Judges should be independent and impartial.	In my years on the bench, I have shown that I am independent and impartial. I cannot be influenced by special interests or political considerations. Over the years, I have earned the trust and respect of the people of New Orleans and the legal community for the job I have done. I want to continue to earn that trust and respect.
15. Judges should possess the appropriate judicial temperament and character.	I have shown over the 30 years that I have served on the trial court bench that I have the appropriate temperament and demeanor to serve as a judge. Everyone in my courtroom is treated with dignity and respect.
16. The judicial system should be racially diverse and reflective of the society it serves.	I believe that racial diversity is very important in every part of the judicial system, including judges, staff and vendors. Equal justice must be the bedrock of our legal system.



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<p>17. Judges and the judiciary should have the confidence of the public.</p>	<p>Public confidence in an ethical and unbiased judiciary is critical to the administration of justice. Throughout my years as Civil Court Judge in Division G, I have earned the trust and respect of the people of New Orleans and the legal community for the job I have done. I want to continue to earn that trust and respect.</p>
<p>18. Judges should possess the appropriate capabilities and credentials.</p>	<p>My experience as Deputy City Attorney litigating cases in Civil District Court was an important qualification for my service as judge. I believe it is essential to have litigation experience in the court in which one aspires to be a judge. I am also proud of my education at Newcomb College and Tulane Law School. As a judge of more than 30 years, I have proven to be fully capable of managing the docket of division in a fair and efficient manner.</p>
<p>19. Please comment on how you plan to manage your docket from an efficiency standpoint.</p>	<p>I plan to continue to manage my court's docket as I have always done. I work hard, am consistent in my rulings, make myself available for settlement conferences, and encourage alternative dispute resolution. When I first became a judge, I inherited more than 250 civil cases on my trial docket. Today, there are about 50 cases set on the docket and my staff can give lawyers early trial settings.</p>