



**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	Rhonda Goode-Douglas
2. Date of Birth	Month: <u>September</u> Year: <u>1970</u>
3. Place of Birth	City: <u>Hollywood</u> State: <u>CA</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)	Tulane University 1992 Bachelor of Arts
6. Legal Education  Include name of law school, degree(s) and graduation year(s)	Tulane Law School 1995
7. Date of Admission to Louisiana Bar	Month: <u>10</u> Year: <u>2002</u>
8. Professional Experience Including Nature of Practice and Extent of Civil and/or Criminal Trial Experience	I practiced for six years as a criminal prosecutor in Chicago, Illinois conducting numerous trials. When I returned to Louisiana I clerked for one year at the Louisiana Supreme Court in the Central Staff Division working on pro-se post-conviction relief cases. I practiced for almost thirteen years in the New Orleans District Attorney's Office conducting numerous jury and bench trials. I practiced for almost three years as a prosecutor in the Jefferson Parish District Attorney's Office conducting several jury and bench trials. I practiced for one year as an attorney with the Law Offices of Carl Danna where I conducted several bench civil trials in the area of insurance defense.



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<p>9. Bar Associations, Court Admissions, Professional Organizations and Legal Fraternities</p>	<p>Louisiana State Bar Association Martinet Bar Association New Orleans Bar Association Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. The Links Incorporated Admitted to the State Courts in Louisiana Admitted to the Federal Courts in the State of Illinois</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>It is important for every judge to uphold the rule of law. When litigants enter a courtroom, they are seeking justice. In my case, there will be criminal penalties at stake. It is important to ensure that the law will be applied equally to restore faith in the criminal justice system. Judges are required to make decisions based upon facts and the law and should not be swayed by a particular agenda or personal relationships.</p>
<p>14. Judges should be independent and impartial.</p>	<p>An independent jurist is a necessary requirement to uphold the respect of the law. Judges should not be influenced by private or political interests. This concept is important to retain the idea of separation of powers. A judge should serve as a neutral arbitrator and not favor either side.</p>
<p>15. Judges should possess the appropriate judicial temperament and character.</p>	<p>I believe that appropriate judicial temperament is one of the most important qualities in a judge. It is important that judges be temperate and attentive in order to fully dispense justice in a case. Judges should not allow personal feelings to sway their rulings in court.</p>
<p>16. The judicial system should be racially diverse and reflective of the society it serves.</p>	<p>It is extremely important for the judiciary to reflect the society it serves. It is important for a judge to have the ability to understand the life experiences of the litigants that are before the court. In order to restore faith in the judicial system, the members of the judiciary should reflect the society that it serves.</p>



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<p>17. Judges and the judiciary should have the confidence of the public.</p>	<p>In order to foster trust in the judicial system, Judges should have the confidence of the citizens that appear before them. The best way to foster that confidence is for the Court to run efficiently with a well managed docket. The Court should also ensure fairness by applying the law to the facts of the case.</p>
<p>18. Judges should possess the appropriate capabilities and credentials.</p>	<p>Judges should participate in continuing legal education classes as well as judicial conferences to stay informed. Judges should also possess the requisite amount of years and experience level to preside over their docket.</p>
<p>19. Please comment on how you plan to manage your docket from an efficiency standpoint.</p>	<p>I plan to manage my docket as follows. Upon arraignment, the defendant will be ordered to return in 10 days with an attorney. The case will be set for a pretrial conference 14 days after the attorney appearance date. The matter will be set for a Pre-Trial Motion hearing in 30 days. After the Motion Hearing, the matter will be set for trial.</p>