



**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	Kevin P. Guillory
2. Date of Birth	Month: <u>November</u> Year: <u>1977</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 Bachelor of General Studies Minors: Business Administration, Psychology and Sociology Class of 2000
6. Legal Education  Include name of law school, degree(s) and graduation year(s)	Paul M. Hebert Law Center Louisiana State University Juris Doctorate and Bachelor of Civil Law Class of 2004
7. Date of Admission to Louisiana Bar	Month: <u>April</u> Year: <u>2005</u>
8. Professional Experience Including Nature of Practice and Extent of Civil and/or Criminal Trial Experience	<p>July 2013-present: Major Offense Trial Attorney at the Orleans Parish District Attorney's Office  -Lead Prosecutor on numerous Homicide, Rape and Kidnapping cases in multiple sections of Criminal District Court, Magistrate Court and Juvenile Court.</p> <p>May 2011 - July 2013: Partner at the Law Office of Guillory, Johnson, Phillips &amp; Thompson  -Practiced Criminal Defense, Civil Litigation and Family Law in various parishes throughout Louisiana.  -Lead Defense Attorney on numerous felony and misdemeanor trials.</p> <p>May 2005-May 2011: Trial Supervisor at the Orleans Parish District Attorney's Office  -Lead Prosecutor on numerous Homicide, Rape, Kidnapping and Armed Robbery cases in multiple sections of Criminal District Court, Magistrate Court and Juvenile Court.  -Supervised and trained Senior and Junior Assistant District Attorneys in multiple sections of court.</p>



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<p>9. Bar Associations, Court Admissions, Professional Organizations and Legal Fraternities</p>	<p>Louisiana District Attorneys Association American Bar Association National Black Prosecutors Association Wex S. Malone American Inn of Court</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>The most important duty of a judge is to uphold the rule of law. Unfortunately, some judges do not fully know the law and/or have not made themselves familiar with the changes in the law, including, in relevant part, criminal law and the Children's Code. I have practiced criminal law throughout my entire career - in fact, I have more Criminal Court and Juvenile Court experience than both of my opponents combined - so not only do I know criminal law and procedure, but I understand and adhere to it in my daily practice.</p>
<p>14. Judges should be independent and impartial.</p>	<p>On account of my time as both a prosecutor and a defense attorney, I am the only candidate in the Juvenile Court Judge, Section "A" race that has experience working on both sides of a courtroom in Criminal and Juvenile Court. I have witnessed the impact of the criminal justice system on victims of crime, the juveniles and adults who are accused of crimes, the family members of all parties involved, and the community as a whole. There is no doubt that my experience will positively inform my thinking on the bench and ensure that I will be a fair adjudicator of the issues and cases that come before me. It is the impartial administration of justice that is the foundation of liberty.</p>
<p>15. Judges should possess the appropriate judicial temperament and character.</p>	<p>It is axiomatic that all people, but especially judges, must treat people fairly, kindly and respectfully, regardless of their attitude, role or demeanor. My candidacy is supported by an overwhelming majority of the prosecutors and defense attorneys that practice criminal law in Orleans Parish in large part because I am known in both Criminal and Juvenile Court for always treating all people - including the accused, victims, family members, colleagues, opposing attorneys, and the general public - with dignity. I believe this reputation is a product of (1) my zealous advocacy for the State of Louisiana in cases that warrant punishment and (2) my equally zealous use of discretion to show compassion in cases where diversion or other alternative programs are more appropriate.</p>
<p>16. The judicial system should be racially diverse and reflective of the society it serves.</p>	<p>It is impossible to be a fair and impartial judge without understanding the community you serve. A racially diverse bench not only provides different perspectives from which to draw upon to solve problems, but it also ensures a greater sense of empathy for all people who come before the court. 80 percent of the children who interact with Juvenile Court are young, African-American males, and yet there is not a single African-American male judge serving on that court. Having grown up as a black male in New Orleans, and having lived in under-served areas of our city, I am keenly aware of the daily challenges faced by our most vulnerable youth. Furthermore, as referenced above, my experience as both a prosecutor and a defense attorney has given me particular insight into the frustrations and fears of those who have been victims of crime and those who have been accused of crimes. I look forward to bringing these life experiences and my legal experiences to the Juvenile Court bench, and in that way serving not just as a judge, but also as a positive role model for the youth that interact with the criminal justice system.</p>



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<p>17. Judges and the judiciary should have the confidence of the public.</p>	<p>I am proud to once again note that my personal and professional interactions with crime victims, defendants, the general public, and other actors in both Criminal and Juvenile Court have garnered me not only the esteem of, but also the trust of, the community. I am not a perennial candidate, or a candidate with no relevant experience, or a candidate merely searching for the next attractive opportunity to become an elected official; instead I am, and have been, a public servant dedicated to the practice of criminal law, and I believe our city truly appreciates that distinction.</p>
<p>18. Judges should possess the appropriate capabilities and credentials.</p>	<p>Of the candidate for Section "A" in Juvenile Court, I have - by far - the most experience practicing criminal law. I have logged countless hours on both sides of the courtroom, having tried over 200 jury trials and even more judge trials and motion hearings. In fact, I was honored to receive the 2016 Excellence in Law Enforcement Award from the Metropolitan Crime Commission, but even more significantly, I have been honored over my many years as an attorney to receive the respect and trust of the Criminal and Juvenile Court judges in whose courtrooms I have appeared, my colleagues at the District Attorney's Office and in the defense bar, and the general public. My experience makes me the candidate most prepared to hit the ground running on day one.</p>
<p>19. Please comment on how you plan to manage your docket from an efficiency standpoint.</p>	<p>Accountability starts with respecting the various people that come to court. As it stands now in Juvenile Court, too often court sessions start late, start at indefinite times, are delayed, or are abruptly cancelled without notice. This uncertainty causes financially struggling parents, crime victims, and witnesses to take unnecessary time away from their employment, causes children to miss valuable time at school, and takes police officers off of our streets. As a Juvenile Court Judge, I will start court on time, minimize delays to the best of my ability, and hold prosecutors and defense attorneys accountable to ensure that cases are handled efficiently. Additionally, I will strictly adhere to the Children's Code and the Code of Criminal Procedure in regards to time limitations for filings, continuances, motions and trials. Justice for all parties in a courtroom necessarily involves the judge's commitment to efficiency, and I pledge to enact best practices in this regard in Section "A".</p>