



**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	Kimya Holmes
2. Date of Birth	Month: <u>August</u> Year: <u>1974</u>
3. Place of Birth	City: <u>New Orleans</u> State: <u>LA</u>
4. Marital Status	<input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Married <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Divorced <input type="checkbox"/> Widowed
5. Undergraduate Education Include name of school, degree(s) and graduation year(s)	University of New Orleans Bachelor of Art, 1997
6. Legal Education Include name of law school, degree(s) and graduation year(s)	Southern University Law Center Juris Doctorate, 2000
7. Date of Admission to Louisiana Bar	Month: <u>April</u> Year: <u>2001</u>
8. Professional Experience Including Nature of Practice and Extent of Civil and/or Criminal Trial Experience	Ad Hoc Judge, Orleans Juvenile Court Assistant District Attorney, Orleans Parish District Attorney's Office (Trial, Homicide and Economic Crime Divisions) Senior Trial Attorney, Capital Defense Project Criminal Justice Panel Attorney, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana Attorney Advisor, Department of Health & Human Services Law Instructor, National College of Capital Voir Dire Assistant Bar Examiner, State of Louisiana



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9. Bar Associations, Court Admissions, Professional Organizations and Legal Fraternities	Admitted to the U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana Louisiana State Bar Association Louisiana Board of Examiners of Certified Shorthand Reporters, Member Assistant Bar Examiner, Code II Louis A. Martinet Legal Society
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>For nearly 20 years, I have served with integrity in all aspects of the court--as a prosecutor, defense attorney, and as an appointed ad hoc judge. In each role, I have advocated for clients or managed court proceedings in a manner that is consistent with the rule of law and the U.S. Constitution. I will continue to lead in this regard as an elected Judge for Orleans Criminal District Court, Section D.</p>
<p>14. Judges should be independent and impartial.</p>	<p>Fairness is a right for all citizens, and the judiciary exists to ensure that this right is realized. I've practiced law from all angles as a prosecutor, criminal and capital defense attorney, and ad hoc judge. I understand the strengths and challenges on both sides and am most prepared to preside independently and with impartiality.</p>
<p>15. Judges should possess the appropriate judicial temperament and character.</p>	<p>As a former ad hoc judge, I demonstrated the ability to manage a court docket while presiding over sensitive cases involving child abuse, neglect, and other juvenile matters. As a prosecutor, I effectively worked with victims, witnesses, and criminal justice partners to resolve cases. As a defense attorney I unassumingly represented indigent defenders throughout Louisiana at the state and federal levels. As Orleans Criminal District Court Judge for Section D, I will continue to treat all parties involved in criminal justice, including colleagues, with respect as I have done throughout my career.</p>
<p>16. The judicial system should be racially diverse and reflective of the society it serves.</p>	<p>When the judicial system is reflective of the society it serves, the general public benefits by having a judiciary composed of individuals of diverse backgrounds. This diversity promotes a sense of inclusion and impartiality.</p>



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<p>17. Judges and the judiciary should have the confidence of the public.</p>	<p>As a Criminal Court judge, I will remain accountable to the citizens I am elected to represent. I will accomplish this by operating a courtroom that upholds the constitution and prioritizes fairness and due process.</p>
<p>18. Judges should possess the appropriate capabilities and credentials.</p>	<p>Knowledge of the law and application of the law work harmoniously in the judiciary. Proper education and training have been key to my legal career and are why I began investing in attorneys as a national voir dire law instructor. I am also a proponent and practitioner of continuing education.</p>
<p>19. Please comment on how you plan to manage your docket from an efficiency standpoint.</p>	<p>As Judge for Criminal Court, Section D, I will prioritize violent crime cases, establish mental health and drug courts, and implement pre-sentencing investigations and reports to efficiently manage the docket.</p>