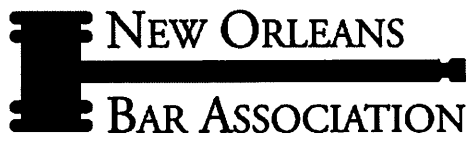


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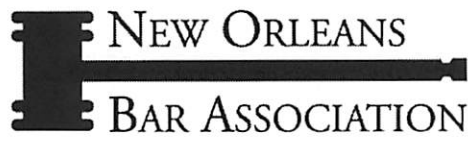
**Instructions:** Please only respond using 10 pt. Arial font in the spaces provided. Any items left blank will be noted that the candidate chose not to respond.

1. Name	Janet Ahern
2. Date of Birth	Month: <u>July</u> Year: <u>1961</u>
3. Place of Birth	City: <u>Litchfield</u> State: <u>MN</u>
4. Marital Status	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Married <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced <input type="checkbox"/> Widowed
5. Undergraduate Education  Include name of school, degree(s) and graduation year(s)	Necomb College of Tulane University - B.S. in Psychology Graduated May 1983
6. Legal Education  Include name of law school, degree(s) and graduation year(s)	Loyola University School of Law, New Orleans J.D. 1986
7. Date of Admission to Louisiana Bar	Month: <u>March</u> Year: <u>1987</u>
8. Professional Experience Including Nature of Practice and Extent of Civil and/or Criminal Trial Experience	Assistant District Attorney, Orleans Parish 1987 - 1991 - Criminal Prosecution Lea, Plavnicky & Moseley 1991 - 1993 - General Civil Practice Moseley & Associates 1993 - 2001 - General Civil Practice, Emphasis on Family Law Hearing Officer for the City of New Orleans - 1994 - 1999 Janet M. Ahern, PLC - 2001 to present - General Civil Practice, Emphasis on Family Law Mitchell Ahern 2001 - 2005 - General Civil Practice, Emphasis on Family Law Court Watch NOLA, Executive Director 2010 - August 2012



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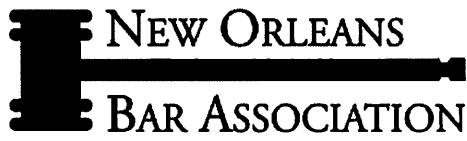
<p>9. Bar Associations, Court Admissions, Professional Organizations and Legal Fraternities</p>	<p>Louisiana State Bar Association - March 1987 American Bar Association New Orleans Bar Association</p>
<p>10. In the past ten years, have you ever filed for or declared bankruptcy?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> 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>Upholding the rule of law is integral to our system. Judges take an oath to follow the laws of the Louisiana and the United States of America. In my 27 years of practice, I have worked hard for my clients to ensure justice and fairness. It is important that when parties appear before the court, they are assured that decisions reached are reasoned judicial decisions. Upholding the rule of law allows the public to have confidence that justice will be evenly applied. Throughout my career, including my 5 years serving as a hearing officer for the City, I worked hard to always maintain the application of fairness and justice to all.</p>
<p>14. Judges should be independent and impartial.</p>	<p>In order for our system to work, it is imperative that all parties appearing before the court are treated with fairness and impartiality. If elected, I will never forget that the impact that a ruling will have on the people that appear before me. It is imperative that no bias be allowed. A judge must maintain a level of independence in order to foster public confidence in the fairness and objectivity of the justice system.</p>
<p>15. Judges should possess the appropriate judicial temperament and character.</p>	<p>I have learned that when citizens go to court, they are often intimidated and frightened. They are entering an unfamiliar world. In my many years of practice, I have seen the impact that a judge has had on my clients. I understand the importance of maintaining a professional and courteous demeanor. However, such a demeanor does not mean that a judge cannot be compassionate and patient. When a client comes to me, it may be the worst day of their lives. As a judge, I will never forget families' lives are at issue. I will treat each person that comes to my court with the same dignity and respect that I have treated my clients.</p>
<p>16. The judicial system should be racially diverse and reflective of the society it serves.</p>	<p>The judicial system should reflect the community it serves. As a court, we must make sure that all of our citizens are represented. Interpreter services must be available so that parties are able to communicate with the court. Additionally, a judge has the ability to maintain a staff that is diverse and reflective of the community it serves and I intend to do that with both my staff making decisions as well as decisions concerning judicial administration decisions that affect Civil District Court.</p>



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<p>17. Judges and the judiciary should have the confidence of the public.</p>	<p>The public must have confidence in the justice system in order for the public to feel comfortable with allowing the system to resolve their disputes. Louisiana jurisprudence often quotes the following: "signatures are not mere ornaments." My signature on any ORDER will always be done to uphold the integrity of the office I hold and to maintain what the law dictates. By doing such, I will be working to have the confidence of the public with every Order made by me.</p>
<p>18. Judges should possess the appropriate capabilities and credentials.</p>	<p>I have been practicing law for over 27 years, with an emphasis on family law for over 21 years. I have represented hundreds of clients in that time. I will bring honor and integrity to the bench. However, I will never forget that each case before me there is a family - children - mothers - fathers- husbands - wives . I will strive to bring those families real help, not just a legal judgment. When presiding over the family law docket, individuals of all walks of life will be before me and my credentials will provide me with insight and empathy for the litigants and attorneys before me.</p>
<p>19. Please comment on how you plan to manage your docket from an efficiency standpoint.</p>	<p>I will consider the schedules of the parties, witnesses, experts and attorneys, and work to decrease wasted time, expenses and court costs. I will also consider the nature of the matter that is being set. For example, a confirmation of a divorce does not require the same time as a more complex issue such as custody. I will also set matters throughout the day ("staggered settings"), rather than setting all matters at the same time. I will maintain a current docket, with all initial settings scheduled within 30 days of filing.</p>