



**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	Sandra Cabrina Jenkins
2. Date of Birth	Month: <u>January</u> Year: <u>1961</u>
3. Place of Birth	City: <u>Baton Rouge</u> State: <u>LA</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)	Louisiana State University, (Political Science) BA 1984
6. Legal Education Include name of law school, degree(s) and graduation year(s)	Southern University Law Center, JD 1989
7. Date of Admission to Louisiana Bar	Month: <u>October</u> Year: <u>1989</u>
8. Professional Experience Including Nature of Practice and Extent of Civil and/or Criminal Trial Experience	Assistant District Attorney Office of the District Attorney for the Parish of Orleans, 1989-1992 Pro Se Staff Attorney Louisiana Fourth Circuit Court of Appeal, 1992-1997 Criminal Justice Act Panel Attorney U. S. District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana, 1998-2012



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9. Bar Associations, Court Admissions, Professional Organizations and Legal Fraternities	American Bar Association National Bar Association Greater New Orleans Louis A. Martinet Legal Society New Orleans Bar Association Louisiana State Bar Association National Association of Women Judges Association of Women Attorneys American Judges Association
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>Judges are compelled to honor the rule of law. The rule of law is the basic premise the judiciary and legal profession relies upon for structure and guidance in the law. The public's trust in the judicial branch of government is directly influenced by the Court's respect for the rule of law. Justice is not served when the court ignores the rule of law and renders decisions outside of sound legal precepts established by a body of law. Judge Jenkins is intentional in balancing fairness, equity, and the rule of law.</p>
<p>14. Judges should be independent and impartial.</p>	<p>Judge Jenkins is committed to the fair and impartial administration of justice. Judge Jenkins refuses to perpetuate any form of injustice or wrong for the purpose of maintaining the status quo. She competently and proudly serves as an appellate court judge on the Louisiana Fourth Circuit Court of Appeal. Albeit judges have to participate in the political process through elections, Judge Jenkins is not influenced by politics, special interest, or public opinion. Her judicial decision-making process is based on the law applicable to the facts and legal issues before the court.</p>
<p>15. Judges should possess the appropriate judicial temperament and character.</p>	<p>Judge Jenkins possesses the judicial temperament and character to serve as an Associate Supreme Court Justice. Her extensive and diverse practice of law prior to service on the court helped mold her ability to evaluate legal issues. Her transition from attorney to judge, however, did not cause Judge Jenkins to abandon her perspective and concern about the unintended social and economic consequences society experiences as a result of interacting with the judiciary.</p>
<p>16. The judicial system should be racially diverse and reflective of the society it serves.</p>	<p>Judges bring to the bench not only their legal knowledge but life experiences, culture, heritage, morals, and values. Judge Jenkins offers diversity to the bench in that she entered the judiciary as a criminal defense attorney. She transitioned from the advocate protecting the constitutional rights of clients to the jurists interpreting the constitution and imparting justice. Judge Jenkins believes that courts should reflect the diversity of the communities it serves otherwise it threatens their legitimacy in the eyes of the public. The exclusion of diverse perspectives from judges' deliberations is a threat to fair and impartial justice.</p>



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<p>17. Judges and the judiciary should have the confidence of the public.</p>	<p>The public's demand for transparency and trust in a fair and impartial judiciary is of great concern to Judge Jenkins. The Louisiana Supreme Court is a court of last resort. The health and wellbeing of the people of this state is directly impacted by the court's decisions. Judge Jenkins possesses the integrity, passion, competence, and experience to secure and encourage the public's trust in the judiciary.</p>
<p>18. Judges should possess the appropriate capabilities and credentials.</p>	<p>It is imperative that a Supreme Court Justice actively have practiced law as a trial attorney, appellate counsel and served as an appellate court judge prior to service on the Supreme Court. Judge Jenkins practiced law 23 years prior to her election to the bench. She has tried over 100 jury and judge trials and served as a senior trial assistant. She has served as an appellate court judge for eight years authoring hundreds of civil and criminal opinions.</p>
<p>19. Please comment on how you plan to manage your docket from an efficiency standpoint.</p>	<p>Management of an efficient appellate docket begins with a knowledgeable and competent judge. Efficient management results in well written and thoughtful opinions. The Supreme Court is a court of last resort. Equally important, however, is the Court's role as a policy maker, resolving conflicts within the circuits, and determining the constitutionality of statutes and laws. Judge Jenkins is an experienced jurist capable of the efficient management of the court's docket.</p>