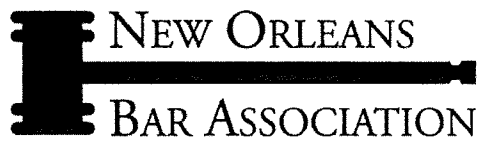


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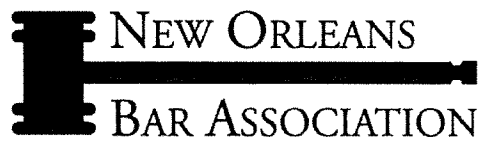
Instructions: Please only respond using 10 pt. Arial font in the spaces provided. Any items left blank will be noted that the candidate chose not to respond.

1. Name	Will Crain
2. Date of Birth	Month: <u>November</u> Year: <u>1961</u>
3. Place of Birth	City: <u>Bogalusa</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)	B.S. in Accounting
6. Legal Education Include name of law school, degree(s) and graduation year(s)	LSU, J.D., 1986
7. Date of Admission to Louisiana Bar	Month: <u>October</u> Year: <u>1986</u>
8. Professional Experience Including Nature of Practice and Extent of Civil and/or Criminal Trial Experience	Practiced law for 22 years at Jones Fussell Law Firm in Covington, La. (1986-2009). District Judge for the 22nd Judicial District (2009-2013). Judge, Louisiana First Circuit Court of Appeal (2013-Present). Tried jury and judge cases in state and federal court over State of Louisiana as practicing attorney. Presided over more than 100 jury trials as trial judge. Authored over 300 opinions as appeals court judge.



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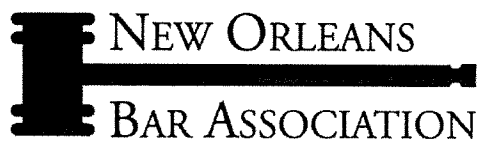
9. Bar Associations, Court Admissions, Professional Organizations and Legal Fraternities	Louisiana State Bar Association. Admitted to state and federal courts as practicing lawyer. Immediate Past President of Louisiana Judicial College. Chair, Court Cost Subcommittee on Alternative Funding Model for Louisiana Judiciary. Inns of Court for St. Tammany and Florida Parishes.
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>The core functions of a judge are to adjudicate cases and interpret the law. Adhering to those functions increases public confidence in the judiciary. Acting beyond those functions risks undermining public confidence in the judiciary. My record of over 300 cases prove I interpret the law without legislating from the bench. The rule of law should be applied fairly, impartially and equally to all, and I uphold those principles.</p>
<p>14. Judges should be independent and impartial.</p>	<p>I have decided cases that restrict the scope of judicial immunity (Palowsky, 249 So.3d 945 (en banc) and, as a district court judge, cases that checked government overreach. These cases simply reaffirm my independence as a judge and my adherence to the rule of law.</p>
<p>15. Judges should possess the appropriate judicial temperament and character.</p>	<p>In addition to knowing and adhering to the proper role of a judge within our three-branch form of government, temperament and character are essential to being a judge. Patience is critical with an awareness that every single case is the most important case for the parties involved.</p>
<p>16. The judicial system should be racially diverse and reflective of the society it serves.</p>	<p>I believe both racial and gender diversity is an important criteria for the make-up of our courts. Diversity simply improves public confidence in justice.</p>



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<p>17. Judges and the judiciary should have the confidence of the public.</p>	<p>Besides deciding each individual case competently, fairly and impartially, nothing is more important than the public's confidence in the judicial system. With it, it is the most respected of the 3 branches of government. Without it, the judiciary will be enveloped by the political branches, executive and legislative. (See Hamilton's Federalist Paper No. 78).</p>
<p>18. Judges should possess the appropriate capabilities and credentials.</p>	<p>I am seeking the position of Associate Justice for the Louisiana Supreme Court. I believe qualifications and experience matter and my 33 years in the legal profession have provided that. I believe one should serve with distinction at each level of the judiciary before moving to the next and my record reflects that progression.</p>
<p>19. Please comment on how you plan to manage your docket from an efficiency standpoint.</p>	<p>The single best docket management tool is a judge in the courtroom trying cases, without continuances except in exceptional circumstances. I managed an efficient docket at the district court (reduced 325 felony cases to 65 in two years, including adding new cases at each arraignment). The Supreme Court should monitor, measure and act with respect to dockets that do not move efficiently, as that is a sign of a failed court.</p>