



**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	Lori Jupiter
2. Date of Birth	Month: <u>01</u> Year: <u>1971</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)	Xavier University, New Orleans - B.A. Mass Communications, Double Minor in Speech/Speech Pathology, 1989 - 1993
6. Legal Education Include name of law school, degree(s) and graduation year(s)	Southern University of Baton Rouge, School of Law, 1996 - 1997 Loyola University, New Orleans, College of Law, 1997 - 1999, J.D.
7. Date of Admission to Louisiana Bar	Month: <u>02</u> Year: <u>2000</u>
8. Professional Experience Including Nature of Practice and Extent of Civil and/or Criminal Trial Experience	Southeast Louisiana Legal Services, Hammond, La.; Domestic Law Trial Attorney La. Fourth Circuit Court of Appeal - Law Clerk for Hon. Charles Jones, Hon. Dennis Bagneris, Hon. Madeleine Landrieu, and Hon. Terrell Broussard, pro temp; Civil and Criminal Law; First Attorney assigned to the Clerk's Office as the Legal Liaison to Chief Judge Charles Jones; procedural law; Research Attorney in Central Staff; Civil and Criminal Law La. Supreme Court - Law Clerk for the Hon. Chief Justice Bernette Johnson; Civil and Criminal Law



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<p>9. Bar Associations, Court Admissions, Professional Organizations and Legal Fraternities</p>	<p>-Louisiana State Bar -State of Louisiana, Division of Administration, Certificate of Property Management and Access Management, 2013 -New Orleans Bar Association, Member, 2000 - present -Inn of Court, A.P. Tureaud Chapter, Member, present -New Orleans Neighborhood Housing Improvement Advisory Committee Board Member -City of New Orleans Mayor's Office, Appointed by Kristin Gisleson Palmer, New Orleans City Council, Dist. C., present -Greater New Orleans Chapter of the Louis Martinet Society, Member -IWO, Member</p>
<p>10. In the past ten years, have you ever filed for or declared bankruptcy?</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, please explain. Filed in 2010 under negotiations with the mortgage company to accept our loan modification on our home mortgaged in 2006 for 10.5% interest which was lowered to 3.5% interest rate. Bankruptcy was dismissed once modification was accepted.</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 rule of law is agreed upon principles to govern society. It is a promise to people from our government, a sacred covenant in a democratic society, between government and people that promises all people will be subject to the same rules, and will receive fair and equal treatment. It is imperative for Judges to uphold the legal precepts that have long shaped Louisiana's legal structure. Failure to uphold the law is a failure to the system that is meant to protect the rights of all people. From the bench, I will apply the well-settled legal principles with integrity and equity without deviating from what is legally sound. Outside of the courtroom, I will practice the same leadership of upholding the law in my daily life</p>
<p>14. Judges should be independent and impartial.</p>	<p>As a judge, I will conduct myself with compassion for all parties. There is no place in the judiciary where outside influences should be allowed to impede on the ruling of the court. I am an independent thinker and will rely on my years of impartial and equitable legal research and writing for judges and justices to continue to guide me.</p>
<p>15. Judges should possess the appropriate judicial temperament and character.</p>	<p>Judges have a responsibility to the public and to those that come before them to conduct themselves in the most professional and courteous manner. I will set a tone that leads with respect and with the expectation of the same respect in return. Once again, this too is important outside of the courtroom so that professional lines are not crossed, but friendly engagement is invited and welcomed.</p>
<p>16. The judicial system should be racially diverse and reflective of the society it serves.</p>	<p>Over the years, I have watched the face of the judiciary change. I have seen firsthand the portraits on the courtroom walls reflect an inclusive society that represents the New Orleans community. It is imperative that when people walk into a courtroom, whether it be attorneys or their clients, that the judge and the judge's staff is reflective of the people they see daily. A diverse judicial system speaks to a less intimidating environment when we see people who look like us. Diversity is, and always will be essential because our diversity in this world is ever changing.</p>



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<p>17. Judges and the judiciary should have the confidence of the public.</p>	<p>When parties come before a judge, they should trust that the judge sees herself as a public servant who has the responsibility to protect their legal interests. I have worked on gaining this confidence by engaging in community service, serving as a Trustee on Boards, and by staying abreast of changes in the law. As a judge, it will be my duty to reiterate my responsibilities so that litigants are confident that my service is in their best interest and the best interest of the public.</p> <p>I will comport myself with dignity, compassion, and a display of knowledge. I will continue to act on my desire to help the community by continuing to volunteer, involve myself in my neighborhood and my children's schools. This is the root of my desire to promote fairness.</p>
<p>18. Judges should possess the appropriate capabilities and credentials.</p>	<p>It is essential to the position to have a genuine understanding of ALL legal matters, the Code of Civil Procedure, and the Civil Code. In my 20 years as a Law Clerk and Research Attorney, I have been fortunate in my long legal career to have reviewed cases, not as an advocate for only one side, but as an administrator of the law to both sides of the "v." by preparing recommendations for a variety of judges. I am uniquely situated because I have had the opportunity to review all legal matters including oil and gas, custody disputes, unanimous jury verdicts, and ownership of battures of land. My experience coupled with my credentials present a solid combination of what is needed to serve as judge.</p>
<p>19. Please comment on how you plan to manage your docket from an efficiency standpoint.</p>	<p>As a judge, I plan to ensure judicial efficiency and timeliness. I will follow the Code of Civil Procedure in setting deadlines, allowing for discovery when necessary, and setting a matter so that there is no backlog in the Court. I know from my work in the appellate courts that unnecessary time delays can cause an accumulation of cases resulting in ineffective legal analysis and an incomplete record. However, I do understand the importance of readiness for trial and will make certain that the time needed is reasonable and not excessive.</p>