



**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	Joseph A. Marino III
2. Date of Birth	Month: <u>November</u> Year: <u>1966</u>
3. Place of Birth	City: <u>Gretna</u> State: <u>LA</u>
4. Marital Status	<input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Married <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Widowed
5. Undergraduate Education  Include name of school, degree(s) and graduation year(s)	Louisiana State University , Bachelor of Arts - Journalism 1988
6. Legal Education  Include name of law school, degree(s) and graduation year(s)	University of South Carolina School of Law, Juris Doctorate 1992
7. Date of Admission to Louisiana Bar	Month: <u>May</u> Year: <u>1992</u>
8. Professional Experience Including Nature of Practice and Extent of Civil and/or Criminal Trial Experience	Private practice for over 28 years in Gretna. Primary practice is criminal defense also handling personal injury, limited domestic and civil asset forfeiture matters. Partner in Marino & Ehle LLC law firm. Extensive motion and trial practice iwth over 100 trials. Have practiced across the State and have made almost daily court appearances. Rated AV by Martindale Hubbell. As a legislator I have been actively involved in the Adminstarion of Criminal Justice Committee and have passed bills dealing with sentencing, expungements, probation and parole, domestic violence, video-conferencing, and was active in Criminal Justice Reform package in 2017.



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<p>9. Bar Associations, Court Admissions, Professional Organizations and Legal Fraternities</p>	<p>Past President of Jefferson Bar Association. Served two terms as JBA President. Board member of JBA for 10 years. Past Board member of Louisiana Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. Past President Phi Delta Phi Legal Fraternity. Member of Louisiana State Bar since 1992. State Representative with Louisiana House of Representatives</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>I take great pride in my AV rating with Martindale Hubbell mostly for the highest level of ethical standards. I have had this rating for over 10 years. Upholding the Rule of Law is paramount for a judge to maintain public trust. As the only candidate with extensive motion and trial experience I believe that I am best suited to conduct trials. I have a thorough understanding of the trial process and am a frequent CLE speaker on trial practice.</p>
<p>14. Judges should be independent and impartial.</p>	<p>I am registered Independent and have been same throughout my public service career as a Gretna City Councilman, and as a State Representative. I believe that being Independent makes me best suited to render fair and impartial judgment. I will judge each case on the merits without political bias.</p>
<p>15. Judges should possess the appropriate judicial temperament and character.</p>	<p>Back to AV rating again with Martindale Hubbell, I believe that my peers affirmed that I have the necessary temperament and character. I am also a member of the Bar Register of Preeminent Attorneys. My public service work outside of elected office includes membership in Rotary International and past Board Member of Westbank Boys and Girls Club.</p>
<p>16. The judicial system should be racially diverse and reflective of the society it serves.</p>	<p>We should absolutely have a court system that is not only racially diverse but diverse as to gender. This is inherent in our trial by a jury of peers as well to have juries that reflect the jurisdiction.</p>



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<p>17. Judges and the judiciary should have the confidence of the public.</p>	<p>There cannot be justice without the public having trust in the judicial system. I have never been sanctioned or reprimanded by the Bar Association. I have also been an Ethics and Professionalism CLE Speaker of the Louisiana State Bar Association.</p>
<p>18. Judges should possess the appropriate capabilities and credentials.</p>	<p>Extensive motion and trial practice should be prerequisites for being a judge. In order to follow the rules of procedure you need to have litigated motions, taken writs/appeals and tried jury trials. My background as a lawmaker in the legislature uniquely qualifies me to be able to interpret and follow the law. The Fifth Circuit Judge's Association gave me the Legislator of the Year Award for leading the Criminal Justice Reform package of bills through the House and Senate. These bills covered all aspects of the Criminal Justice System.</p>
<p>19. Please comment on how you plan to manage your docket from an efficiency standpoint.</p>	<p>I have practiced in many District Courts throughout our State and have seen what is efficient. I intend to actively use video-conferencing even after Covid for preliminary (non-testimonial) matters. I will go to paperless court records and schedule morning and afternoon dockets to accommodate lawyers and the public. I introduced and passed the video-conferencing bill that allows us to practice via video-conferencing also.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration.</p>