



**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	Jennifer Medley
2. Date of Birth	Month: <u>Sept.</u> Year: <u>1976</u>
3. Place of Birth	City: <u>NO</u> State: <u>LA</u>
4. Marital Status	<input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Married <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Divorced <input type="checkbox"/> Widowed
5. Undergraduate Education Include name of school, degree(s) and graduation year(s)	Xavier University of Louisiana Bachelor of Arts, 1999 McDonogh 35 High School Alumni, 1994 Text
6. Legal Education Include name of law school, degree(s) and graduation year(s)	Southern University Law Center Juris Doctorate, 2002 Fellow, Loyola University Institute of Politics Fellow, Ortique Leadership Institute
7. Date of Admission to Louisiana Bar	Month: <u>Oct.</u> Year: <u>2002</u>
8. Professional Experience Including Nature of Practice and Extent of Civil and/or Criminal Trial Experience	Since 2002, the majority of my practice has been civil in all parishes of the GNOMSA, East Baton Rouge and St. Landry Parishes. I have state and federal court experience, as well as experience in Washington, DC. I began with class action and mass tort litigation; my civil defense involved state agencies, municipalities and non-profit groups in land use, employment, contracts and other matters. Currently, I am General Counsel, DePaul Community Health Centers. I have maintained my practice and sat AdHoc, Juvenile Court.



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9. Bar Associations, Court Admissions, Professional Organizations and Legal Fraternities	Louisiana Supreme Court, Admitted Oct 2002, Mandatory LSBA Membership US Eastern District of Louisiana, 2004 US 5th Circuit Court of Appeals, 2008 District of Columbia, 2013 American Bar Association St. Thomas More Inn of Court Member Health Care Compliance Association Member Federal Bar 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>I believe this requires adherence to the principles of supremacy of law, equality before the law, accountability to the law, fairness in the application of the law, separation of powers, participation in decision-making, legal certainty, avoidance of arbitrariness and procedural and legal transparency. Judges should uphold the rule of law because without it the public loses confidence in our system being fair, resulting in anarchy.</p>
<p>14. Judges should be independent and impartial.</p>	<p>The rule of law, accountability, transparency, control of the abuse of power, and independent judiciary. It is important because courts must act impartially and make fair decisions without undue influence by outside forces. Independent Judges instill the people with confidence they will get a fair hearing, thus accepting the Judge ' s decision.</p>
<p>15. Judges should possess the appropriate judicial temperament and character.</p>	<p>I believe a judge must exhibit "compassion, decisiveness, open-mindedness, sensitivity, courtesy, patience, freedom from bias and commitment to equal justice." As a parent, mother, employer and counsel, I understand how important these principles are. Judges should treat every person before them as equally important.</p>
<p>16. The judicial system should be racially diverse and reflective of the society it serves.</p>	<p>If " racial and ethnic diversity in the legal profession is necessary to demonstrate that our laws are being made and administered for the benefit of all persons, " it also follows that this applies to the judiciary. Our community is majority African American and majority female. However, never has this meant that one can be representative of this population and yet cannot apply the principles of fairness and impartiality. When people believe they are fairly represented and their interests fairly treated, they respect decisions.</p>



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<p>17. Judges and the judiciary should have the confidence of the public.</p>	<p>Obviously, the confidence in the impartiality and independence of the judiciary is ever under attack and subject to erosion due to the nature of politics. It is important therefore that, as a public service, judges are open and accessible to the public, able to answer their questions and educate them in the important of judicial integrity. This is the best way to grow a positive, prosperous democratic society.</p>
<p>18. Judges should possess the appropriate capabilities and credentials.</p>	<p>If the issues in #17 are important, absolutely we must ensure that all judges have the best capabilities and credentials. I have taken my legal and jurist preparation very seriously. Proper training and experience is essential, just as being able to deal fairly with individuals in their daily lives and experiences.</p>
<p>19. Please comment on how you plan to manage your docket from an efficiency standpoint.</p>	<p>Court administration is its own serious profession, and computers are a boon to jurists trying to impose sensible workload tracking systems. Alternative dispute resolution for certain cases is useful and offers an array of conflict resolution choices. I will insist on strong case management, trained staff, will run on schedule, enforce deadlines, and move to trial quickly, but I am speaking generally. Only when elected, will I be able to see the docket ' s condition.</p>