



**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	<u>Dennis W. Moore</u>
2. Date of Birth	Month: <u>12</u> Year: <u>1963</u>
3. Place of Birth	City: <u>MINDEN</u> State: <u>LA</u>
4. Marital Status	<input 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)	Grambling State University, Bachelor of Science, Computer Science 1985  University of St. Thomas (MN), Master of Science, Software Design 1992
6. Legal Education  Include name of law school, degree(s) and graduation year(s)	Tulane University Law School, J.D. 1997
7. Date of Admission to Louisiana Bar	Month: <u>April</u> Year: <u>1998</u>
8. Professional Experience Including Nature of Practice and Extent of Civil and/or Criminal Trial Experience	1998 - 1999 Judicial Law Clerk, Civil District Court Division C, Honorable Roland Belsome 1999 - 2005 Public Defender (Attorney) for the Orleans Indigent Defendr Program, Represented clients charged with misdemeanor and felony offenses from arraignment until the conclusion of the cases through trial or a plea agreement. 1999 - Current Owner of Dennis W. Moore, LLC - Domestic and Family Law Cases, Criminal Cases, and Personal Injury cases.  2010 - 2020 Capital Defense Project of Southeast Louisiana. Stae Certified Associate Attorney handling Death Penalty cases throughout the State of Louisiana.



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<p>9. Bar Associations, Court Admissions, Professional Organizations and Legal Fraternities</p>	<p>Louisiana Bar Association Federal Eastern District of Louisiana</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>Yes. Judges should uphold the rule of law. The rule of law as defined in Britannica Dictionary is the mechanism, process, institution, practice, or norm that supports the equality of all citizens before the law. The rule of law secures a non-arbitrary form of government, and more generally prevents the arbitrary use of power.</p> <p>I believe that judges should uphold the rule of law. It is important that citizens have confidence in the system and not worry that because of a person's popularity or if a person has the correct attorney that the judge will rule in favor of the person he like most.</p>
<p>14. Judges should be independent and impartial.</p>	<p>Judes should always be independent and impartial when hearing cases that comes before the court. The parties in a case even if they disagree with a ruling of the court should believe that the court is following the rule of law. They should believe that the Court has given them a full and fair hearing of the case. There should never be a belief that the Judge has already made a determination before hearing all of the testimony presented by all parties. If the judge does show preference to one side or the ohter, which is not based on the law and facts, then his actions undermines the judicial system and the rule of law.</p>
<p>15. Judges should possess the appropriate judicial temperament and character.</p>	<p>I believe that judicial temperament and character are essential characters that judges must possess. In criminal litigation, it is already a stressful and difficult time for all parties involved. The judge should never damage the credibility of the Court by displaying behavior that may be interpreted as ill-tempered and disrespectful. It is Judge's duties to be professional and courteous to all who appear in his court, including the attorneys, defendants, and others who appear in his court. This approach brings professionalism and dignity into the courtroom and show the court's respect for all who appear in his court.</p>
<p>16. The judicial system should be racially diverse and reflective of the society it serves.</p>	<p>In this multiracial country, it is imperative that the court represent the racial diversity of the society that it serves. With the acknowledgment of the diversity of our community, it strengthens the bonds of all who lives in our community. When the court embraces our communities racial diversity, the court is given a broader and clearer understandig of life experiences of citizens that are being served by this court.</p>



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<p><b>17. Judges and the judiciary should have the confidence of the public.</b></p>	<p>Judges and the judiciary must have the public's confidence to ensure the rule of law is followed. Everyone who appears before the court should be assured that the judge understands and has knowledge of the law in the cases for which he is presiding over. If elected as Judge of Criminal District Court Section A, I bring over 22 years of litigation experience in the area of civil and criminal law.</p> <p>In the area of criminal law, I bring 21 years of litigation experience handling difficult cases including death penalty cases. For the past ten years I have been certified by the Louisiana Public Defender Board Capital Program as an Associate Trial Attorney certified to handle first degree murder case.</p> <p>With my legal background and my technology background, it is my plan to bring the Orleans Parish Criminal Justice into the 21st Century.</p>
<p><b>18. Judges should possess the appropriate capabilities and credentials.</b></p>	<p>As stated in the previous question, I bring to the bench over 22 years of legal experience in both the civil and criminal arenas. I have practice as a private civil plaintiff and defense attorney, a criminal defense attorney, as well as a public defender. For the past ten years, I have been certified by the Louisiana Public Defender Board Capital Program as an Associate Trial Attorney certified to handle first degree murder cases. During this time, I have also been taking continuing legal education in the vast area of criminal litigation.</p>
<p><b>19. Please comment on how you plan to manage your docket from an efficiency standpoint.</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. It is my plan to work with all parties to implement a calendaring plan so that the court as well as all parties will have a general understanding of how long it should take a misdemeanor and/or felony case to travel through the criminal docket.</li> <li>2. Reduce excessive continuances that unnecessarily prolong cases.</li> <li>3. In cases where a defendant is found guilty or pleads guilty to a felony, implement pre-sentencing investigation before sentence is rendered by the court.</li> <li>4. Work with the Clerk of Court to implement an electronic filing system and other technology into the judicial process.</li> <li>5. Work with the entire judicial bench to review the implementation of a monthly calendar system with index and docket master available online.</li> </ol>