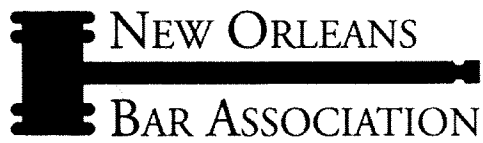


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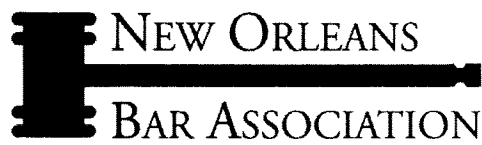
Instructions: Please only respond using 10 pt. Arial font in the spaces provided. Any items left blank will be noted that the candidate chose not to respond.

1. Name	Richard Ducote
2. Date of Birth	Month: <u>December</u> Year: <u>1952</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)	Tulane University, B.S. in Psychology (1974).
6. Legal Education Include name of law school, degree(s) and graduation year(s)	Loyola University (New Orleans) School of Law, J.D. (Jan. 1978); Loyola Chicago School of Law, LL.M. (2011).
7. Date of Admission to Louisiana Bar	Month: <u>April</u> Year: <u>1978</u>
8. Professional Experience Including Nature of Practice and Extent of Civil and/or Criminal Trial Experience	41 years of trial, appellate, and legislative experience. Tried cases in 46 states, and in over 50 Louisiana courts. Won appeals in U.S. Supreme Court (Ankenbrandt v. Richards, 112 S.Ct. 2206 (1992)), all La. appellate courts, Vermont Supreme Court, Nebraska Supreme Court, Mich. Ct. of Appeals, Maryland Ct. of Appeals. Tried criminal cases in La., Del., Cal., and Pa. Appointed Special Assistant D.A. in 19 parishes. Assistant Gen. Counsel, La. DOTD. Wrote over 25 laws concerning child abuse, domestic violence, domestic violence, foster care reform, and adoption, enacted in La. Started program at Tulane L. School to give attys for abused kids.



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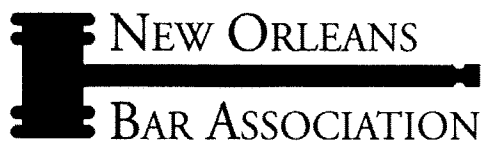
9. Bar Associations, Court Admissions, Professional Organizations and Legal Fraternities	Admitted to LA & PA bars; U.S. Supreme Court; U.S. Courts of Appeals for 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 9th Circuits; U.S. District Courts for East., Mid., and West. D. of La.; West. D. of Pa; North. and East. D. of Texas; North. D. of Ohio; and Dist. of Colo. Admitted pro hac vice in 45 states and D.C.; La. Bar Assoc., National Assoc. of Counsel for Children; Assoc. of Fam & Concil. Courts; Nat. Council of Juvenile & Fam. Court Judges; Amer. Professional Society on the Abuse of Children.
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>In 41 years of practicing law, I have appeared in trial courts in 46 states, and vigorously appealed unfavorable outcomes. In all cases, I insist that judges follow the Constitution and the applicable statutes and court rules. But, when necessary, I have actively been personally involved in directly changing the law through legislation in Louisiana, Nebraska, California, and Penn. I have earned an "A-V" Preeminent rating in ethics and ability form Martindale-Hubbell my entire life. I have never failed to insist that the rule of law be upheld, even at personal and financial cost to me.</p>
<p>14. Judges should be independent and impartial.</p>	<p>I am the only candidate in the race who has no campaign committee, and who takes absolutely no campaign contributions whatsoever. I am running solely on my 41 years of purposeful accomplishments. The other candidates' campaigns are taking well over 100K each from interested lawyers, litigants, and special interest groups. This erodes public confidence in the courts, and breeds cynicism and distrust. When I train young lawyers and law students nationwide, I remind them of the vow I made to myself in law school, "If I have to do the right thing, and it means I will never practice law again, I will not hesitate to follow my conscience."</p>
<p>15. Judges should possess the appropriate judicial temperament and character.</p>	<p>My entire career, I have been honored with awards and recognition from the ABA Young Lawyers Division; Justice for Children; The National Organization of Forensic Social Work (Sol Gothard Lifetime Achievement Award); The Louisiana Children's Trust Fund Board (The Judge Richard Ware Memorial Award); The LSU School of Social Work Alumni Recognition Award; the National Association of Social Workers; and other state and local groups. When applying for the PA Bar, judges from across the country wrote letters attesting to my competence and respectful "holding their feet to the fire." Again, my career long Martindale-Hubbell "A-V" ratings.</p>
<p>16. The judicial system should be racially diverse and reflective of the society it serves.</p>	<p>During my entire personal and professional life, I have enjoyed personal and professional relationships reflecting the diversity of our society; and, during this campaign I likewise have similarly broad diverse support.</p>



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<p>17. Judges and the judiciary should have the confidence of the public.</p>	<p>I am the only candidate calling for an end to secrecy in Judiciary Commission investigations and sanctions. On August 13, 2019, I personally filed suit in the 19th JDC to declare R.S. 44:10 (making all judiciary records evidence confidential, unless formal Sup. Ct. proceedings started) unconstitutional. Also, because I take absolutely no campaign contributions, my independence is unassailable.</p>
<p>18. Judges should possess the appropriate capabilities and credentials.</p>	<p>I am the only candidate with an LL.M. which I earned by commuting to Chicago, taking classes, teaching a course, and writing a thesis which is published on a National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges website. Few attorneys in the nation have ever appeared in as many states (46) as I have. I won my first attempt to take a case to the U.S. Supreme Court 9-0. For example, when I finished trying a case in Lebanon PA several years ago, the judge told the jury that it was the finest example of skill and professionalism he has ever witnessed.</p>
<p>19. Please comment on how you plan to manage your docket from an efficiency standpoint.</p>	<p>The Supreme Court holds far too few oral arguments. Too many lower court decisions are reversed in per curiams which provide no guidance to the bench and bar. The Supreme Court has also failed to resolve inconsistency among the circuits. I view these as all being elements of the same "laziness" which I will address from Day 1. In my own practice, I am generally in the office from 7 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. I would also strive to synthesize and unify the websites of all district and appellate courts, as is generally done in other states and the federal system.</p>