



**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	Hugh Patrick "Pat" Rooney
2. Date of Birth	Month: <u>09</u> Year: <u>1963</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)	I attended Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge and received a Bachelor of Science degree in 1986,
6. Legal Education Include name of law school, degree(s) and graduation year(s)	I received my Juris Doctorate degree from LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center in 1990,
7. Date of Admission to Louisiana Bar	Month: <u>October</u> Year: <u>1991</u>
8. Professional Experience Including Nature of Practice and Extent of Civil and/or Criminal Trial Experience	I am a law partner at Southern Legal Clinics. Our law firm has 7 offices in Southeast Louisiana and I have personally handled thousands of criminal and civil cases in 17 different parishes over the last 30 years in the Federal, State and Parish Courts. I have experience in both criminal and civil litigation, such as felonies, domestic law, successions, contract law and many other civil matters.



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9. Bar Associations, Court Admissions, Professional Organizations and Legal Fraternities	Louisiana State Bar Association New Orleans Bar Association Jefferson Bar Association Federal Bar of the Eastern District of Louisiana Texas State 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>Judges have different beliefs, religions and politics. However, judges must resist their desired outcome and rule according to the law. Judges should never legislate from the bench but uphold the rule of law. When someone comes to my courtroom, I will make a decision and that decision will be based on the law. There will be no special treatment nor legislating from the bench.</p>
<p>14. Judges should be independent and impartial.</p>	<p>A judge's impartiality and independence are of the utmost importance. External pressures must never influence individual judges and the judiciary as a whole. In our democracy anyone who appears before the court must have the confidence that his or her case will be decided fairly and in accordance with the law.</p>
<p>15. Judges should possess the appropriate judicial temperament and character.</p>	<p>The judicial temperament and character of a judge includes patience, compassion, decisiveness, open-mindedness, courtesy, freedom from bias and commitment to equal justice. A judge must strive to possess these attributes to operate a court room efficiently and fairly.</p>
<p>16. The judicial system should be racially diverse and reflective of the society it serves.</p>	<p>It is important that the judiciary reflect the diversity of the society it serves to show that justice is available to all. Diversity on the bench enhances public trust and gives the public confidence in the impartiality of the judiciary.</p>



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<p>17. Judges and the judiciary should have the confidence of the public.</p>	<p>Without public trust and confidence in the judicial branch, society may be reluctant to use the judiciary system and forgo the right to be made whole or defend oneself under the law. There would be a chilling effect on the judiciary system without public support.</p>
<p>18. Judges should possess the appropriate capabilities and credentials.</p>	<p>Judges should have the capability to uphold the rule of law and make tough decisions. However, the credentials are important for the public to trust the judge deciding their legal outcome. The public needs to know the judge is competent and well versed of the laws that apply to his or her particular case. The credentials may not always translate to being a good judge if that judge does not have the capability to be fair and impartial.</p>
<p>19. Please comment on how you plan to manage your docket from an efficiency standpoint.</p>	<p>I will be fair, hardworking and prepared. I will utilize new technology to save time in court, which will save time and money for plaintiffs and defendants. I will move my docket and understand this elected position is a job not a retirement. My legal experience is exactly what this job entails. I have a deep understanding of the people, laws and cases that will come before the 24th Judicial District Court.</p>