



**Judicial Candidate Information Form
for the Judicial Poll on the
March 25, 2017 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	,MARIE WILLIAMS
2. Date of Birth	Month: <u>04</u> Year: <u>1971</u>
3. Place of Birth	City: <u>NEW ORLEANS</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)	XAVIER UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA POLITICAL SCIENCE.ENGLISH -BA 1993 DILLARD UNIVERSITY CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT 1989-1989
6. Legal Education Include name of law school, degree(s) and graduation year(s)	THE NATIONAL JUDICIAL COLLEGE RENO, NEVADA ADMINISTRATIVE LAW 2005 LOYOLA SCHOOL OF LAW JD 1996 NEW ORLEANS, LA
7. Date of Admission to Louisiana Bar	Month: <u>10</u> Year: <u>1997</u>
8. Professional Experience Including Nature of Practice and Extent of Civil and/or Criminal Trial Experience	Administrative Law Judge (App, by Gov. Foster), Teen Court Juvenile Judge, Juvenile Court grant writer, CASA; private practice and a partner in a firm, trial attorney, appellate, federal, civil, criminal, successions, landlord/tenant, traffic court, municipal; The Pro Bono Project, represented children, disabled, elderly, homeless, indigent families, domestic violence; Class Action/Mass Tort Litigation; Civil Rights, Fair Housing; SEIU, Local 100, Labor; Death Penalty Post Conviction Appeals. Bench and jury trials in criminal and civil court.



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<p>9. Bar Associations, Court Admissions, Professional Organizations and Legal Fraternities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Louisiana State Bar -United State Court of Appeal for the 5th Circuit -United States Eastern, Middle & Western Federal District Courts -Orleans Parish Democratic Executive Committee, 2008-2012, re-elected 2012-2016 -Louisiana Disciplinary Board, Board and Hearing Committee Member, served 2005-2010 -National Foundation for Abused and Neglected Children -Trial Lawyers for Public Justice -Louisiana State Bar Association, Receivership Panel (Appointed by LASB and Sup.Ct.)
<p>10. In the past ten years, have you ever filed for or declared bankruptcy?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input 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 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 type="checkbox"/> No If yes, please explain. No</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>As your judge, I pledge to continue to uphold the law, protecting the public, enforcing the rights of crime victims, and holding those that break the law accountable with wisdom, and compassion. .</p>
<p>14. Judges should be independent and impartial.</p>	<p>I will aid in restoring respect, dignity, professionalism, and honor to the bench not politics. Our Courts should be run more efficiently and effectively, because the citizens of Orleans Parish deserve Higher Standards of Commitment and Dedication. I will handle cases that come before me and rule according to the law both fair and effectively.</p>
<p>15. Judges should possess the appropriate judicial temperament and character.</p>	<p>Judicial temperament is not a luxury in the courtroom. It's a necessity. As a judge, you must handle cases both fairly and effectively. A judge must know the principles upon which our judicial system was founded, and act accordingly. In the courtroom, a judge must protect the rights of everyone involved so that everyone who enters the courtroom knows they will be treated with the appropriate standards. Marie Williams has the right temperament to serve on the bench- a balance of fairness and firmness, a balance that serves Justice!.</p>
<p>16. The judicial system should be racially diverse and reflective of the society it serves.</p>	<p>I am committed to see that Justice is afforded to ALL, I believe justice requires fairness and justice that can only be served without prejudice towards race, gender, nationality, religion, economic status, or sexual orientation.</p>



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<p>17. Judges and the judiciary should have the confidence of the public.</p>	<p>I will protect the rights of all parties, so that everyone who enters the court enter with confidence that justice will be served and that they received their day in court. I have the right temperament to serve. I am patient, compassionate, understanding, and I pledge to balance theses traits with the rule of law to render Justice to all. I will balance fairness with firmness, a balance that will serve us all and serve Justice.</p>
<p>18. Judges should possess the appropriate capabilities and credentials.</p>	<p>We deserve a judge who has a practical background in the law, who knows the proper application and interpretation of the law, and who knows how a courtroom and the juvenile court system should work. We need a judge who has first hand experience to handle matters expeditiously and with understanding, and a judge who is not afraid to make tough decisions. Legal experience can make the difference in a tough case, and you can rest assured Marie has the right temperament to serve on the bench - a balance of fairness and firmness, a balance that serves Justice</p>
<p>19. Please comment on how you plan to manage your docket from an efficiency standpoint.</p>	<p>I am committed to the fair and proper interpretation of the law, and the fair and equal application of our laws. I will start court on time, work a full day, review cases before being heard, schedule pre-trial conferences, and status conferences, and prepare all judgments timely and in an efficient manner.</p>