



**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	Franz L. Zibilich	
2. Date of Birth	Month: <u>08</u>	Year: <u>1954</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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Divorced <input type="checkbox"/> Widowed	
5. Undergraduate Education Include name of school, degree(s) and graduation year(s)	Louisiana State University Bachelor of Science; Marketing 1977	
6. Legal Education Include name of law school, degree(s) and Graduation year(s).	Juris Doctor; Loyola School of Law 1984	
7. Date of Admission to Louisiana Bar	Month: <u>April</u>	Year: <u>1985</u>
Professional Experience Including Nature of Practice and Extent of Civil and/or Criminal Trial Experience	Clerk for Judge Marullo 1983-1985 Attorney for Orleans Indigent Defender Board 1985-1986 Associate City Attorney, Deputy City Attorney, Chief Deputy City Attorney for the City of New Orleans for over 24 years. 1986-2011 Lead litigator at City Attorney's Office, tried virtually every city case in Federal Court primarily in the area of civil rights; also tried work- place discrimination cases in Federal Court; argued dozens of appeals in La. 4 th Circuit, La. Supreme Court, and U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. Tried approximately 50 criminal jury trials in several jurisdictions both State and Federal.	



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<p>9. Bar Associations, Court Admissions, Professional Organizations and Legal Fraternities</p>	<p>New Orleans Bar Association Louisiana Bar Association American Bar Association The Inn of Court Court Admissions: All Louisiana State Courts; U.S. District Court Eastern District of Louisiana; U.S. District Court Western District of Louisiana; U.S Fifth Circuit Court of Appeal; U.S. Supreme Court</p>
<p>10. In the past ten years, have you ever filed for or declared bankruptcy?</p>	<p><input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> 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="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> 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="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> 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.

13. Judges should uphold the rule of law.	I believe in strict construction. Judges should not and I do not legislate from the bench.
14. Judges should be independent and impartial.	A judge who is not independent and impartial simply should not be a judge. In addition to knowing and understanding the law and how and why to apply same, nothing is more important than an impartial and independent judiciary. Anything short of 100% of independence and impartiality could impact the outcome of a case which is, simply, inexcusable.
15. Judges should possess the appropriate judicial temperament and character.	This is an absolute. Attorneys, litigants, and witnesses should almost never be berated or embarrassed. A Judge's suspect character and/or uneven temperament could affect the outcome of a case which is unacceptable, especially in the presence of a jury.
16. The judicial system should be racially diverse and reflective of the society it serves.	Of course.



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<p>17. Judges and the judiciary should have the confidence of the public.</p>	<p>Of course, judges and the judiciary should have the confidence of the public. If the public does not have confidence in the system, then the system does not work. During my tenure on the bench, I have striven to be prompt, prepared, fair, efficient, and accessible. It is those traits which allow the public to have confidence in a judicial system that works for all.</p>
<p>18. Judges should possess the appropriate capabilities and credentials.</p>	<p>Judges should possess much more than the minimum capabilities and credentials. My credentials come from years and years as a successful trial lawyer. There is no doubt that over 26 years in the legal world of litigation prepares an attorney to be a knowledgeable jurist familiar with on the spot calls as well as evidentiary calls as they occur in the courtroom.</p>
<p>19. Please comment on how you plan to manage your docket from an efficiency standpoint.</p>	<p>The Metropolitan Crime Commission's judicial efficiency report has recognized the efficiency of Section "L" by finding my court to be the most efficient section in the Criminal Courthouse for the past 4 years. I will continue to manage my docket efficiently. I truly believe that justice delayed is justice denied. I am presently conducting dockets via Zoom pending the lifting of personal appearance restrictions.</p>