

**UNITED REPUBLICANS OF HARRIS COUNTY PAC
JUDICIAL CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE**

OFFICE SOUGHT _____

NAME _____

OCCUPATION _____

HOME ADDRESS _____

OFFICE ADDRESS _____

PHONE NUMBERS home _____ office _____

e-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

PRECINCT NUMBER _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____

How long have you lived at your current address? _____

What other elected offices have you sought or held? _____

QUALIFICATIONS

Undergraduate and Legal Education: _____

Work Experience (in lieu of answering these questions you may attach a resume containing the information):

How many years have you practiced law? _____

Identify the primary areas of law in which you have practiced? _____

List the law firms, governmental agencies or other entities with which you have been employed in the practice of law since receiving your initial license: _____

List the states and federal jurisdictions in which you are or have been licensed to practice law, and the dates you received each license: _____

Is your license in “good standing” in each state and federal jurisdiction in which you are licensed; and if not, why not? _____

List any board certifications you hold or have held: _____

Of what professional organizations are you now, or have you been a member since receiving your initial license? _____

Identify the three most important cases or legal matters on which you have worked as a practicing lawyer or judge, and explain their importance: _____

COMMUNITY/CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

Please list: _____

REPUBLICAN PARTY ACTIVITIES:

For what years have you:
voted in the GOP primary? _____
attended precinct conventions? _____
attended senatorial and / or state conventions? _____

In what Republican organizations are you a member?

ENDORSEMENTS

From what groups have you received endorsements? (professional assoc., civic assoc., etc.)

Who are your key individual supporters?

PREVIOUS CAMPAIGN WORK

For what Republican candidates have you worked?

For what candidates of another party have you worked?

In what non-partisan races or issue referenda have you worked?

CAMPAIGN ORGANIZATION

Please give the name of:

your campaign manager _____

your finance committee chairman _____

your campaign treasurer _____

your political consultant _____

How much do you expect to spend on your campaign? _____

CAMPAIGN PRACTICES

Have you signed the "Code of Fair Campaign Practices," a copy of which is attached to this questionnaire?

_____ (yes or no)

If not, why not?

OBJECTIVES FOR THE OFFICE SOUGHT

Do you believe that the Republican principles of liberty, personal responsibility, and public accountability play, or will play a role in the performance of your judicial responsibilities? If so, how?

Do you believe that “justice delayed is justice denied”? If so, how will you manage your court to make sure that justice is not delayed? _____

Do you believe that there is a difference between “fairness” and “justice” in the application and administration of the law by a judge? Please explain your answer.

If you are elected, will assuming this office require you to accept a decrease in annual income?

AVAILABILITY FOR INTERVIEW

Are you available to interview with our PAC committee? _____ (yes or no)

If yes, please select an appointment time on line at our website at www.unitedrepublicansharriscounty.com

Print and fill out this document then scan and email document to unitedrepubs@gmail.com

If you have any questions, please call 713.240.9936

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From United Republicans of Harris County

A very important, but perhaps unnoticed, piece of state legislation was passed in the 1997 session. It was HB 35 (House - Goolsby, Senate - Cain) titled "Code of Fair Campaign Practices". Although, under the provisions of the Bill, the signing of this document is voluntary, its purpose is clear. With so many judicial candidates as well as others in the March Primary, we ask everyone who is seeking support whether he or she has signed one. Below is a sample:

CODE OF FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES

There are basic principles of decency, honesty, and fair play that every candidate and political committee in this state has a moral obligation to observe and uphold, in order that, after vigorously contested but fairly conducted campaigns, our citizens may exercise their constitutional rights to a free and untrammelled choice and the will of the people may be fully and clearly expressed on the issues.

THEREFORE:

- (1) I will conduct the campaign openly and publicly and limit attacks on my opponent to legitimate challenges to my opponent's record and stated positions on issues.
- (2) I will not use or permit the use of character defamation, whispering campaigns, libel, slander, or scurrilous attacks on any candidate or the candidate's personal or family life.
- (3) I will not use or permit any appeal to negative prejudice based on race, sex, religion, or national origin.
- (4) I will not use campaign material of any sort that misrepresents, distorts, or otherwise falsifies the facts; nor will I use malicious or unfounded accusations that aim at creating or exploiting doubts, without justification, as to the personal integrity or patriotism of my opponent.
- (5) I will not undertake or condone any dishonest or unethical practice that tends to corrupt or undermine our system of free elections or that hampers or prevents full and free expression of the will of the voters, including any activity aimed at intimidating voters or discouraging them from voting.
- (6) I will defend and uphold the right of every qualified voter to full and equal participation in the electoral process, and will not engage in any activity aimed at intimidating voters or discouraging them from voting.
- (7) I will immediately and publicly repudiate methods and tactics that may come from others that I have pledged not to use or condone. I shall take firm action against any subordinate who violates any provision of this code or the laws governing elections.

I, the undersigned candidate for election to public office in the State of Texas or campaign treasurer of a political committee, hereby voluntarily endorse, subscribe to, and solemnly pledge myself to conduct the campaign in accordance with the above principles and practices.

Date

Signature

Note: The cover sheet states "Pursuant to chapter 258 of the Election Code, every candidate and political action committee is encouraged to subscribe to the Code of Fair Campaign Practices. The Code may be filed with the proper filing authority upon submission of a campaign treasurer appointments form.