

Judicial Races General Election November 7, 2017

Most times judicial candidates do not want to answer questions for a voter guide, so we check to see who has endorsed them . . . that tells you a lot about the candidate's judicial philosophy!

Judicial Endorsements

Supreme Court - 10 year term (vote for one)

Dwayne Woodruff (D) -- Recommended by PA Bar Association; Endorsed by PA Democratic Party and Planned Parenthood; recommended by LGBT Gertrude Stein Club_ **Website:** <http://www.woodruff2017.org/>

Sallie Mundy (R) -- Highly Recommended by PA Bar Association; Endorsed by PA Republican Party; listed as Pro-Life by LifePac; **Website:** <http://www.keepjusticemundy.com/index.html>

PA Supreme Court Retention Votes (A 'yes' vote retains these judges for another 10 years)

Chief Justice Thomas Saylor (R) -- listed as Pro-Life by LifePac

Justice Debra Todd (D) -- endorsed by LGBT Gertrude Stein Club and Planned Parenthood

Superior Court - 10 year term (vote for not more than 4)

(mid-level appeals court that takes criminal, civil and family court appeals from counties)

Debbie Kunselman (D) -- Highly Recommended by PA Bar Association; Endorsed by PA State Democratic Party and LGBT Gertrude Stein Club; Planned Parenthood **Website:** www.deborahkunselman.com

Maria McLaughlin (D) -- Recommended by PA Bar Association; Endorsed by *Philadelphia Gay News*; Steel City Stonewall LGBT Democrats; AFL-CIO Philadelphia Council; AFSCME; Philadelphia Federation of Teachers; Liberty City LGBT Democratic Club; PA Conference of Teamsters; International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 542; PA Democratic Party; PA Democratic Latino Caucus; PA National Organization for Women; LGBT Gertrude Stein Club; Planned Parenthood **Website:** <http://www.mclaughlin4superiorcourt.com/>

Geoff Moulton (D) -- Highly Recommended by PA Bar Association; Endorsed by PA Democratic State Committee; Bucks, Delaware, Montgomery County Committees; Steel City Stonewall LGBT Democrats; PA State Education Association; AFL-CIO; Teamsters Joint Council # 53; Liberty City LGBT Democratic Club; PA Democratic Latino Caucus; LGBT Gertrude Stein Club; Planned Parenthood **Website:** <http://www.judgemoulton.com/>

Carolyn H. Nichols (D) -- Recommended by PA Bar Association; Endorsed by Steel City Stonewall LGBT Democratic Club; PA Democratic State Committee; Philadelphia Democratic City Committee; Allegheny, Montgomery, Chester, Bucks, Delaware County Democratic Committees; AFSCME District Council 33 and 47; Laborers Local 332; Liberty City LGBT Democratic Club; Planned Parenthood **Website:** <http://www.nicholsforpa.org/>

Emil Giordano (R) -- Highly Recommended by PA Bar Association; Endorsed by PA Republican Party, PA State Troopers Association, Fraternal Order of Policy Star Lodge # 20 [Bethlehem], Fraternal Order of Police Queen City # 10 [Allentown]; listed as Pro-Life by LifePac **Website:** <http://www.emilgiordanoforjudge.com/>

Wade A. Kagarise (R) -- Recommended by PA Bar Association; ; Endorsed by PA State Troopers Association; PA Republican Party; Bald Eagle Fraternal Order of Police Loge # 51; listed as Pro-Life by LifePac; **Website:** <https://www.facebook.com/KagariseForSuperiorCourt>

Mary Murray (R) -- Not Recommended by PA Bar Association (for failure to participate); listed as Pro-Life by LifePac **Website:** <http://mary4judge.com/>

Craig Stedman (R) -- Highly Recommended by PA Bar Association; Endorsed by PA Republican Party; listed as Pro-Life by LifePac; **Website:** <http://stedmanforjudge.com/>

Jules Mermelstein (Green Party) -- Not Recommended by PA Bar Association (for failure to participate); endorsed by PA State Education Association; endorsed by Democracy for America; a volunteer attorney for the ACLU **Website:** <http://www.mermelstein4judge.org/about>

PA Superior Court Retention Vote (A 'yes' vote retains this judge for another 10 years)

Judge Jacqueline Shogan -- listed as Pro-Life by LifePac

Commonwealth Court - 10 year term (vote for not more than 2)

(handles matters in which government agencies are a party)

Ellen Ceisler (D) -- Recommended by PA Bar Association; Endorsed by Democratic Committees of Montgomery, Delaware, Dauphin and Chester counties; Allegheny County Labor Council; United Coal Miners of PA; Philadelphia Federation of Teachers; PA Chapter of the International Association of Firefighters; the International Association of Firefighters from Pittsburgh (Local 1), Philadelphia (Local 22), Allentown (Local 302) and Bethlehem (Local 735); Liberty City LGBT Democratic Club; PA National Organization for Women, State Senator Daylin Leach; LGBT Gertrude Stein Club; Planned Parenthood **Website:** <https://www.ceislerforpa.com/>

Irene M. Clark (D) -- Not Recommended by PA Bar Association; Endorsed by Plumbers Local 690; Steel City Stonewall LGBT Democrats; LGBT Gertrude Stein Club; Planned Parenthood **Website:** ireneclarkforjudge.com

Christine Fizzano Cannon (R) -- Highly Recommended by PA Bar Association; Endorsed by PA Republican Party; PA Professional Fire Fighters Association; Delaware County Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 27; PA State Police, Pioneer Lodge # 37; listed as Pro-Life by LifePac; **Website:** <https://fizzanocannonforjudge.com/>

Paul Lalley (R) -- Recommended by PA Bar Association; highly recommended by Allegheny County Bar Association; Endorsed by PA Republican Party; listed as Pro-Life by LifePac **Website:** <http://www.lalley4judge.com/>

Language to Proposed Constitutional Amendment (Vote Yes or No):

"Shall the Pennsylvania Constitution be amended to permit the General Assembly to enact legislation authorizing local taxing authorities to exclude from taxation up to 100 percent of the assessed value of each homestead property within a local taxing jurisdiction, rather than limit the exclusion to one-half of the median assessed value of all homestead property, which is the existing law?"