

# Supreme Court- 10 year term (Vote for 1)

November 7, 2023 General Election

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	1	2	3	3a	3b	4	5	6	7	8
Carolyn Carluccio (R)	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	E
Daniel McCaffery (D)	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	E

## Websites:

Carolyn Carluccio - <https://www.judgecarluccio.com>

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**Superior Court - 10 year term (vote for 2)**

	1	2	3	3a	3b	4	5	6	7	8
Maria Battista (R)	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	NA
Harry F. Smail, Jr (R)	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	E

Jill Beck (D)	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	N/A
Timika Lane (D)	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	E

**Commonwealth Court - 10 year term (vote for 1)**

	1	2	3	3a	3b	4	5	6	7	8
Megan Martin (R)	Y	10	Y	Y	A	Y	A	Scalia	Reagan	N/A
Matt Wolf (D)	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	E

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## Superior Court Candidates

**Maria Battista** (R) – former assistant DA, counsel in the PA Departments of Health and State; **Endorsed by** PA GOP; Commonwealth Partners Chamber of Entrepreneurs, Fayette County Republican Party (did not respond to our questions, so do not have further information) (iVoter Guide rates her as an “Originalist”) website: <https://www.battistaforjudge.com/>

**Harry F. Smail, Jr.** (R) - currently a Judge on the Court of Common Pleas in Westmoreland County (8 1/2 years); from his website: has ruled in favor of energy exploration in Westmoreland County and dismissed a constitutional challenge to the Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act (PLCAA) in a local civil suit.”; **Endorsed by** Bucks County Republican Party, PA Republican Party, Commonwealth Partners Chamber of Entrepreneurs, Fayette County Republican Party (did not respond to our questions, do not have further information) ) (iVoter Guide rates him as an “Originalist” website: <https://votejudgesmail.com/>

**Jill Beck** (D)- “In the fall of 2019 she became a civil litigator at Blank Rome, a law firm she selected because of its commitment to providing free legal services to those who cannot afford them.” **Endorsed by** AFL-CIO. Vote Pro-Choice; PA Working Families Party; Women for the Future; Liberty City LGBT Democratic Club; Steel City Stonewall Democrats; US Congressmen Chris DeLuzio, Dwight Evans and Matt Cartwright; Speaker of the PA House Joanna McClinton (did not respond to our questions, do not have further info) (iVoter Guide rates her as a “Proven Activist”) website: <https://www.jillbeck.com/>

**Timika Lane** (D) - elected to the Court of the Common Pleas in 2013; **endorsed by** labor unions, PA Dems; US Congressman Dwight Evans (PA-3), Congresswoman Madeleine Dean (D-4), Philadelphia Federation of Teachers; Erie School Board President Tyler Titus ( a transgender male) (did not respond to our questions, no further info) (iVoter Guide rates her as “Activist”) website: <https://judgelaneforpa.com/>

## Commonwealth Court Candidates

**Megan Martin** (R) - served as the PA Senate's Secretary- Parliamentarian. **Endorsed by** PA GOP, PA Pro-Life Federation, Fraternal Order of Police (Lodge 41), Commonwealth Partners Chamber of Entrepreneurs. **Which organizations do or have you belonged to?** YWCA of Greater Harrisburg; member Junior League of Harrisburg; Girl Scouts Fund Development Committee. **Prominent cases:** Senate Right-to-Know Appeals Officer Appeal of *Bumsted, et.al*; several cases as a Navy attorney. (iVoter Guide rates her as an “Originalist”) website: <https://meganmartinforpa.com/>

**Matt Wolf** (D) - Supervising Civil Judge of the Philadelphia Municipal Court **Endorsed by** Liberty City LGBTQ Democratic Club; Planned Parenthood, various labor unions and Democratic districts in Philly as well as Democratic county committees (iVoter Guide rates him as an “Activist”) website: <https://judgemattwolf.com/> (did not respond to our questions, no further info)

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## Supreme Court Candidates

**Carolyn Carluccio** (R) – Currently the President Judge of the Montgomery County Court of Common Pleas; **endorsed by** PA GOP; Bucks County Republican Committee PA Chamber of Commerce (did not respond to our questions, do not have further information) **NOTE:** From a September 26, 2014 *Mainline Today* article about Carolyn Carluccio: “In July of this year, the Blue Bell resident participated in one of the newest changes to Pennsylvania’s legal system, officiating a same-sex marriage. ‘It was the most emotional wedding I’ve done,’ she says. ‘I was thrilled to be part of that.’” (iVoter Guide rates her as a “moderate”)

**Daniel McCaffery** (D)– Currently a Judge on PA Superior Court (3 years); **endorsed by** PA Democrats; Planned Parenthood Advocates PAC, Vote Pro-Choice, Pennsylvania National Organization for Women, AFL-CIO, PA Building and Construction Trades Council; PA Conference of Teamsters; PA Professional Firefighters Association; State Senator Christine Tartaglione; State Senator Amanda Cappaelletti; State House Majority Leader Joanna McClinton; State Rep Ryan Bizzarro; State Rep Dan Williams; May 17, 2023 Facebook: Advocates for “women’s reproductive health and LGBTQ+ equality” (did not respond to our questions, do not have further information) (iVoter Guide rates him as a “Proven Activist”.)

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