

**ARKANSAS FAMILY COUNCIL**  
**2022 JUDICIAL CANDIDATE PROFILE AND SURVEY**

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**BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION**

To help voters get to know you better, please complete the following biographical information. Your complete biographical information will be posted on our website. Please e-mail or mail us a photograph. If you prefer, we can use the "filing-day" photo taken by the Secretary of State's office. You may choose to omit any portion of the biographical information.

Date of Birth November 13, 1971 Place of Birth Little Rock  
Marital Status Single Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of Children: \_\_\_\_\_ Boys \_\_\_\_\_ Girls \_\_\_\_\_  
Military Service \_\_\_\_\_  
Occupation and Employer Judge for the Ninth State District Court of Arkansas  
Previous Elected Offices Held 20th Judicial District Circuit Judge  
Current Elected Office Held District Judge  
Education or Schools Attended UALR - BA-Math; BA-History; UCA - MA - History - UAR - J.D.  
Church Conway Nazarene  
Volunteer Service Faulkner County Republican Election Commissioner; Conway Men's Chorus, etc.  
Civic Clubs \_\_\_\_\_  
Organization Memberships Federalist Society  
Name of Law School and Graduation Date UALR Bowen - 12/05  
Where Have You Been Employed as an Attorney? Deputy Prosecutor in Western & Central Arkansas; Private Practice in Danville (Catahoula & Conway) General Counsel Arkansas State Board of Pharmacy  
In What Areas of Law Have You Practiced or Specialized? Criminal Law, Pharmacy Law, Property + Domestic Relations  
Endorsements Gun Owners of Arkansas

Please attach a separate sheet if you need more space. Remember to complete both sides.

**Please Complete Both Sides of This Survey and Return it by March 25, 2022**

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Dear Judicial Candidate:

We appreciate steps taken by the Arkansas Supreme Court to safeguard the integrity of the judicial campaign process. Their revisions to the Judicial Code of Conduct, which became effective July 1, 2009, have helped to clarify how the Arkansas judicial campaign process should be conducted. We agree with Justice Robert L. Brown who said, "Arkansas has been fortunate in that it has not fallen victim to the toxic and vitriolic judicial campaigns of our sister states or to the considerable expense those campaigns have engendered." R. Brown, "Toxic Judicial Elections: A Proposed Remedy," *The Arkansas Lawyer*, vol. 44 No. 4, Fall 2009, p. 12.

In the same article, Justice Brown discussed what should be included in a judicial voters' guide. "What typically goes into a voters' guide is information about the duties and term of the elective office; the education, professional background, and community involvement of the candidate; a personal statement from the candidate on why he or she is running and is the best person for the job; a photograph of the candidate; and the candidate's contact information. What is not included, though the voting public would dearly love to have it, are the candidates' positions on controversial issues." *Id.* at 40.

Not everyone agrees that a judicial voter's guide should be so limited in scope. The U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *Republican Party of Minnesota v. White*, 536 U.S. 765 (2002) ruled that Minnesota's judicial canon prohibiting judges from discussing their views on political issues violated their first amendment rights. This has created debate in numerous sectors and seems to be still up for legal and social debate. This is why we have avoided asking judicial candidates their views of controversial issues such as *Roe v. Wade*, religious activities in public schools, or the constitutionality of mandates requiring citizens to purchase health insurance.

However, we and the voters of Arkansas would like to know more about your judicial philosophy. As a means of communicating your judicial philosophy, please answer the following questions, and make any comments you like.

**1. Which one of the following U.S. Supreme Court Justices most reflects your judicial philosophy?** (Please circle only one from below.)

Samuel Alito      Stephen Breyer      Amy Coney Barrett      Brett Kavanaugh      John Roberts  
Neil Gorsuch      Sonia Sotomayor      Elena Kagan      Clarence Thomas

**2. Which recent U.S. President most accurately reflects your political philosophy?** (Please circle only one from below.)

Joseph Biden      Donald Trump      Barack Obama  
George W. Bush      Bill Clinton      George H. W. Bush

**3. Which Arkansas political party's platform most closely reflects your views on public policy?** (Please circle only one from below.)

Democratic      Republican      Libertarian

➔ **Candidate's Signature** Hon. Chris B. Cook

Call Jerry Cox at (501) 375-7000 if you need clarification regarding any portion of this Candidate Profile.

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at [www.ArkansasVotersGuide.com](http://www.ArkansasVotersGuide.com) in April 2022.

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