


# 2006 North Carolina Voter Guide

## Questionnaire for State Judicial Candidates



### Candidate Information

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(required)

### Candidate Questionnaire

Please indicate your position on the following questions by placing a mark in the appropriate space.  
You may provide additional comments and explanations for your responses on a separate sheet of paper.  
(Failure to answer will result in a listing of "No Response" in the 2006 Voter Guide.)

*See attached page.*

- Which of the current justices of the United States Supreme Court most closely reflects your judicial philosophy?  
 Alito  Breyer  Ginsburg  Kennedy  Roberts  Scalia  Souter  Stevens  Thomas
- On a scale of 1—10, please rate your constitutional judicial philosophy, with a "living document" approach being a "1" and a "strict constitutionalist" or "originalist" approach being a "10."  
 1  2  3  4  5  6  7  8  9  10
- Do you believe that a judge has the right to display the Ten Commandments in his or her courtroom?  
 Yes  No  Undecided
- In *Lawrence v. Texas*, 539 U.S. 558 (2003), the United States Supreme Court recognized a right to homosexual sexual relations under the United States Constitution. Do you agree with the *Lawrence* decision, which recognizes a constitutional right to homosexual sexual relationships?  
 Yes  No  Undecided
- In *Roe v. Wade*, 410 U.S. 113 (1973), the United States Supreme Court recognized a right to abortion under the United States Constitution. Do you agree with the *Roe* decision, which recognizes a constitutional right to abortion?  
 Yes  No  Undecided

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6. In *Lofton v. Secretary of the Department of Children and Family Services*, 358 F.3d 804 (11<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2004), the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit upheld the State of Florida's position that individuals who "engage in current, voluntary homosexual activity" do not have the right to adopt children under the United States Constitution. Do you agree with the *Lofton* decision, which recognizes that individuals engaged in current, voluntary homosexual activity do not have a constitutional right to adopt children?

Yes  No  Undecided

7. In *Santa Fe Independent School District v. Doe*, 530 U.S. 290 (2000), the United States Supreme Court ruled that a student-initiated, student-led invocation over the loudspeakers before a public high school football game was unconstitutional. Do you agree with the *Santa Fe Independent School District v. Doe* decision, which recognizes that student-initiated, student-led invocations prior to a public high school football game violate the United States Constitution?

Yes  No  Undecided

8. In *Kelo v. City of New London*, 126 S. Ct. 2655 (2005), the United States Supreme Court ruled that a governmental entity's use of eminent domain powers to take private property for economic development purposes did not violate the Fifth Amendment to the United States Constitution. Do you agree with the *Kelo* decision, which recognizes that governmental entities can constitutionally take private property for economic development purposes?

Yes  No  Undecided

Candidate Signature  
(required)

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Date 3-30-06

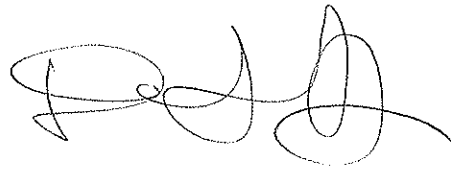
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Explanation of responses:

I must preface my response to your questionnaire with a reminder that under the NC Code of Judicial Conduct, a judge or judicial candidate should not respond to a portion of a survey from a special interest group if a response to that section would:

- not promote public confidence in the integrity and impartiality of the judiciary (Canon 2A);
- convey the impression that the group is in a special position to influence the judge (Canon 2B); or
- cast substantial doubt on the judge's capacity to decide impartially any issue that may come before him/her. (Canon 4).

I appreciate that the letter and instructions included with your questionnaire specifically recognized these qualifications, but I wanted to make sure that any readers of my responses also understand these qualifications. With that in mind, please understand that my responses reflect my own personal beliefs. As a Judge, I have always upheld the law as it has been set forth by the legislature and higher courts, whether I personally agree with the law or not, as a judge is required to do, and I will always do my best to follow and apply the law, regardless of my personal beliefs.

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