

# JUDICIAL CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

The following questions are intended to canvass your judicial philosophy. These questions are not directed at any particular case that you may have previously ruled upon, are about to rule upon, or may rule upon in the future.

1. Which of the following groups of United States Supreme Court Justices possess a judicial philosophy that is closest to your own? Please mark your selection.

- \_\_\_\_\_ A                      \_\_\_\_\_ B                      \_\_\_\_\_ C                      \_\_\_\_\_ D
- A. Former Justice Antonin Scalia & Justice Clarence Thomas
  - B. Former Justice Anthony M. Kennedy & Former Justice Sandra Day O'Connor
  - C. Former Justice David Souter & Former Justice John Paul Stevens
  - D. Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg & Justice Stephen Breyer

2. Which book most closely captures your judicial philosophy? Please mark your selection.

- \_\_\_\_\_ A                      \_\_\_\_\_ B                      \_\_\_\_\_ C                      \_\_\_\_\_ D
- A. *A Matter of Interpretation*, by Antonin Scalia
  - B. *Rights from Wrongs*, by Alan Dershowitz
  - C. *Active Liberty*, by Stephen Breyer
  - D. *Feminist Legal Theory: Readings in Law and Gender*, edited by Katharine T. Bartlett and Roseanne Kennedy

3. Which statement most closely captures your judicial philosophy as it relates to matters of Constitutional interpretation? Please mark your selection.

- \_\_\_\_\_ A                      \_\_\_\_\_ B                      \_\_\_\_\_ C                      \_\_\_\_\_ D
- A. Our State and Federal Constitutions should be interpreted by ascertaining the original meaning of the words that make up these documents.
  - B. Our State and Federal Constitutions should be interpreted by ascertaining the current meaning of the words that make up these documents.
  - C. Our State and Federal Constitutions provide general outlines of societal goals. The interpretation of our Constitution can change over time to reflect the changing views of society. Constitutional interpretation should not be so stringent as to preclude the flexibility needed in a changing society.
  - D. A judge ought not commit to methods of constitutional interpretation before a case is heard. A judge should consider the arguments of the litigants and select a method of constitutional interpretation that produces a fair and equitable result in each case before the court.

4. In 50 words or less, on the reverse side of this questionnaire, describe your judicial philosophy as it relates to matters of statutory interpretation.

I understand that the information which I submit on this questionnaire will be provided as a judicial candidate survey by LIFESPAN.

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