

# ***Texas Leadership Institute for Public Advocacy***

## **Judicial Candidate Values Questionnaire**

***Candidate's Name:***

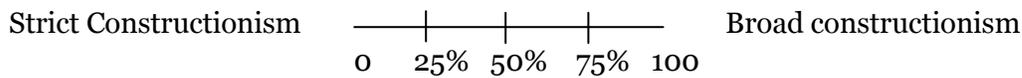
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***Date:***

### ***QUESTIONS:***

1. Do you attend a church/synagogue? Where? How often do you attend religious services?
2. Who is the religious leader (Pastor/Rabbi) at your church/synagogue?
3. Do you tithe to your church/synagogue? If so, please state why.
4. What organizations are you a member of, and/or been affiliated with, support financially and/or serve on the board, committees, or volunteer your time to?
5. In what leadership positions (if any) have you served at a church/synagogue or organization you're a member of?
6. Who is the person you most admire for his/her spirituality and virtue?  
Please explain why.
7. Describe your educational background/academic degrees, certifications.
8. Describe your professional career and list the areas of law you have practiced and are currently practicing. Current employment? Have you been a judge? If so what type of cases?
9. What do you consider your chief qualifications and goals for the position you are seeking?
10. List federal and state courts where you're licensed to practice law.
11. How many cases have you tried?
12. Have you ever been investigated, disciplined, or reprimanded for conduct as a judge or lawyer? If so, please explain.
13. Have you ever been sued by a client, arrested, convicted of a crime? If so, please explain.
14. Please identify the U.S. Supreme Court Justice (current or past) who most reflects your judicial philosophy?
15. Please name a modern day former U. S. President who best represents your political philosophy.

16. Please identify one Supreme Court decision in your opinion which most impacted American society. Please explain.
17. Should judicial decisions be guided by the Natural and Moral law informed by the teachings found in Holy Scripture or by positive law when conflicts arise between moral and positive law? (Positive law as defined as enacted law—the codes, statutes, and regulations applied and enforced in the courts.) Where do you stand within the scale below? Please explain.
18. Free enterprise and private property rights turn man's natural self interest into the fairest and most productive economic system, the key to national prosperity. Do you agree? Please explain.
19. Briefly list one or two political issues of most concern to you, and explain why each is important to you.
20. Where would you place yourself as a jurist on a scale between strict and broad constructionism? Please explain.



**Definitions:**

**Strict Constructionism:** Interpreting the U.S. Constitution based on a literal and narrow definition of the language without reference to the differences in conditions when the Constitution was written and modern conditions, inventions and societal changes.

**Broad Constructionism:** A broad interpretation of the U.S. Constitution legitimately influenced by the contemporary needs of the nation and the spirit of the times; "broad, and often vague language, of the U.S. Constitution requires governmental or judicial interpretation using the current facts and issues".