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- Promote education, professionalism, and the pursuit of equal opportunity and justice for all
- Advance the science of jurisprudence through education, scholarly analysis and commentary, and professional leadership and development
- Improve the administration of justice, preserve the independence of the judiciary, and uphold the honor and integrity of the legal profession
- Promote social dialogue among members of the bar
- Advance policy that improves health care, economic and educational opportunity, and use of the franchise guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States
- Protect civil and political rights of the citizens and residents of the United States



Las Vegas Chapter of the National Bar Association

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The LVNBA is an active affiliate of the National Bar Association (National Bar), which was formally organized in 1925 and is the oldest and largest association of predominantly African-American lawyers, judges, law professors, law students, and other legal professionals.



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Voters Guide to Judicial Elections



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Standards for Evaluating Candidates

Judges are different from other elected officials. Their role is to uphold the law, not to represent voters. This difference can make it challenging to make decisions in a judicial election.

Why vote on judges?

Judges deal with everything from minor disputes to society's most difficult problems. Their decisions have as much effect on our lives as decisions made by legislators. Voting is an important opportunity to maintain the balance between judicial independence and accountability.

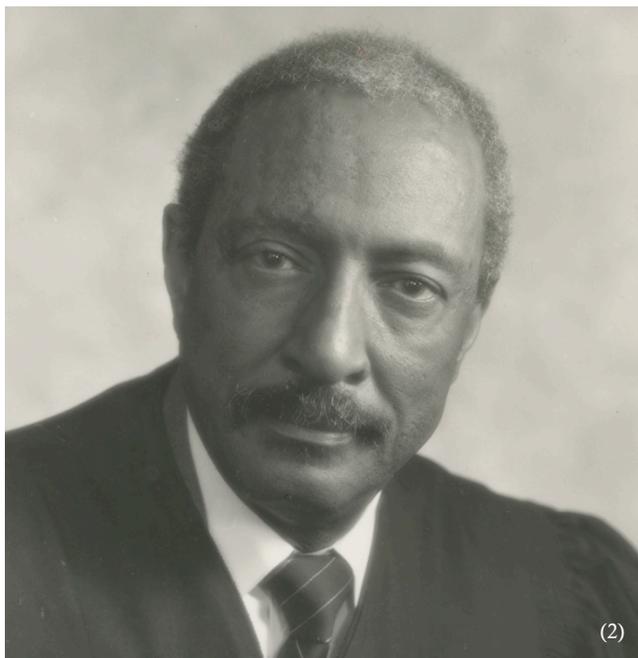
What should you expect from judicial candidates?

- Impartiality
- Commitment to the law, rather than public or personal opinion
- Campaign conduct consistent with judicial and ethical rules

What standards should you consider when voting on judges?

Voters may use any standards they choose.

Voters who place a high value on judicial independence may want to use



There have been eleven full time black judges in the history of the state of Nevada.

the type of job performance standards that many bar associations recommend. They will expect judges to decide cases as they think the facts and law require without regard to their personal views.

Voters who place a high value on political accountability will take into consideration specific decisions made by judges. They may believe there are many instances in which judges, even at the trial court level, have a great deal of discretion in applying the law. They may look for a candidate whose views on social issues match their own.

Judicial Qualities

What should you look for in a judge?

Experience: demonstrated exposure to legal issues and substantial and diverse experience within the justice system

Integrity: high moral character, honesty, dedication and diligence

Judicial temperament: unbiased, courteous, open-minded, understanding, fair attitude, and commitment to the rule of law

Professional Competence: intellect, knowledge of the law, writing and analytical ability, judgment, and courtroom and trial experience

Service: demonstrated commitment to justice for all

Pictures (l-r): (1) Cybill Dotson and Sandra Douglass Morgan, (2) Judge Addelias D. Guy, III, (3) Kelley Jones (far right), (4) standing: Andras F. Babero, Robert Archie, James O. Porter, Michael L. Douglas, Kevin Williams, Thomas Peterson, Lizzie Hatcher, Arthur L. Williams, Jr., Marcus Cooper, Timothy C. Williams, John Bailey, Cuthbert Mack, Gary Booker, David Phillips; seated: Johnnie B. Rawlinson, Geraldine Kirk-Hughes, Judge Addelias D. Guy, III, Ben Logan, Betty Henderson, and Adriana Cobb

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