

COUNTY COMMISSIONER
2 YEAR TERM VOTE FOR ONE

Issues
Candidates for County Commissioner were asked to respond to each question in 75 words.



The candidates
Candidates for County Commissioner were asked to summarize their biographies in 75 words.

25TH DISTRICT

JAMES MILLER
Republican, 48
Education: Hazel Park High School graduate, 1964, two years college.
Occupation: Customer satisfaction manager.
Background: Present History Commissioner (Hazel Park), Former Boy Scout and Scout leader, Former Income Tax Preparer.

SOLID WASTE PLAN

What is your opinion of the current Oakland County Solid Waste Plan, and what changes, if any, would you like to see?

I would like to examine any possibilities of moving this plan forward to make it more beneficial to communities in South Oakland County.

NEW OPPORTUNITIES

In what areas do you see new opportunities for collaboration between Oakland County and the City of Detroit?

I believe we should work together with Wayne County to collaborate with Detroit City.

GOALS

What are the three most important goals you would like to achieve if you are elected to the position of Oakland County Commissioner?

In my opinion, County government has been too silent among Oakland County residents. I realize that I am a rookie to politics, yet I intend to help my County to grow and advance areas of parks and recreation.

CIRCUIT COURT

6 YEAR TERM VOTE FOR FOUR
REGULAR TERM ENDING 1/1/2001

Issues
Candidates for Circuit Court were asked to respond to each question in 75 words.



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Candidates for Circuit Court were asked to summarize their biographies in 75 words.

VICTIMS' RIGHTS

If elected to Circuit Court, how would you recognize and give full consideration to victim's rights?

I'll continue the practice I adopted even before the Victims' Rights legislation; that is, on selected cases I interview the witness in chambers, and on all presentence reports I consider the witnesses' concerns.

SENTENCING

Community-based sentencing alternatives have been proposed and used for non-violent offenders to relieve prison and jail overcrowding. Would you consider alternative sentencing as opposed to a prison or jail term? If yes, under what conditions?

Obviously, without alternatives our prisons would be even more crowded. Therefore, I always consider alternative sentences such as home confinement (fether), work release, community service (often at FOCUS HOPE), OAR, RAP (which are drug programs).

GOALS

What are the three most important goals you would like to achieve if elected to Circuit Court?

Reduce the spread of AIDS by requiring HIV testing of all drug users and sex offenders. Also promote diversion of cases to arbitration or retired Judges so that litigants may achieve an earlier resolution of their disputes. Encourage diversity in the legal profession and prevent gender bias when jurors are selected. Promote more civility between attorneys and parties.

6TH CIRCUIT

DAVID F. BRECK, 63
Education: B.A. Michigan State University 1953, Juris Doctor, University of Michigan Law School 1957.
Occupation: Circuit Court Judge.
Background: Twenty years of private general practice, with some emphasis on housing discrimination, negligence, divorce, criminal, real estate and probate cases. 43rd District Court Judge 1977-1982, Oakland County Circuit Court Judge 1982 to present. Visiting Judge on Michigan Court of Appeals. Past positions: Chairman, Southeastern Michigan Transportation Authority (SEMTA), now SMART. Member, Henry Ford Hospital (West Board) Advisory Board.

My belief is that the criminal justice system has responsibility to acknowledge and redress victims' rights as well as those of the defendants. Unfortunately this is often overlooked. It is my goal that the victims shall be afforded the right to take part in the system and have input if they so choose. I want the process to be open and the atmosphere to be receptive so that those who wish to participate are encouraged.

Yes. It has worked well in other jurisdictions. Further, alternatives are necessary considering the current state of the correctional facilities. Sentencing alternatives should be reserved for defendants who can benefit from monitoring, community service, or even the boot camp, which will deter them from further criminal acts. Usually a first time offender with no history of criminal behavior would be a good candidate for such a program.

To run an efficient court room. This includes starting the hearings at the time they are scheduled, having the cases progress and alleviating any backlog that may presently exist. Demand that both my staff and I treat the public, the litigants, and the attorneys with respect and courtesy, both in and out of the court room. To work hard and demonstrate a strong work ethic, a commitment to excellence and be fair and open minded.

LESLIE ANNE LOGAN, 38

Education: Villanova University, B.A. 1978, University of Detroit, J.D. 1982.
Occupation: Attorney.
Background: Undergrad in Political Science, served as an administrator for the Better Business Bureau on auto consumer complaints, served as a City of Troy Assistant Prosecutor, engaged in private general practice since 1983, handling family law, contract, probate/estate and criminal appeals.

As a Circuit Court Judge, I fully enforce The Victims' Rights Act at all times in my courtroom. I encourage and seek victims' input prior to sentencing in all criminal cases. I also assist pro se litigants by maintaining a courteous and professional atmosphere in the courtroom.

Yes. I consider the facts and circumstances involved in each case that comes before me and allow community based sentencing when justified. An example would be for a youthful nonviolent first-time offender, although every case is unique.

As a Judge, my goals are: expedited resolution of disputes thus reducing unnecessary legal fees whenever possible; fair and full hearings for all without regard to court docket congestion especially in cases involving the elderly and children whose memories are strongly affected by delay; encourage public awareness and accessibility to the courts.

DENISE LANGFORD MORRIS, 40

Education: B.A. Wayne State University 1975, M.A. Wayne State University 1978, J.D. University of Detroit 1982.
Occupation: Judge Oakland County Circuit Court.
Background: Appointed to the Oakland County Circuit Court approximately two years ago. Preside over criminal, civil, domestic relations and appeals from District Court and various agencies. Previously employed by the U.S. Department of Justice as a civil trial attorney. Formerly, an Assistant Oakland County Prosecutor during L. Bruce Peterson's administration. Extensive civil and criminal trial experience.