

MICHIGAN SUPREME COURT JUSTICE CANDIDATES

Mary J. Ruwart

Libertarian, 45, Kalamazoo, MI BS (Biochemistry) and PhD (Biophysics) are both from MSU. I've taught and performed research in both university and industrial settings in last 25 years.

University education is too important to be left in the hands of the politicians. However, as long as MSU is supported by taxes instead of by tuition and fundraising, its program will

not be based, as it should be, on student demand. Capping tuition only makes education more of a political football than it is now. The board should help make MSU as independent as possible by focusing on en-

hancing revenues from private sources.

1. Yes
2. Yes
3. Yes
4. Yes
5. No
6. No
7. No

Paul Wartner

Republican, 55, Portage, BA, MBA (Accounting/Finance), MSU; Secondary/Vocational Teaching Certificate, Western Michigan University; State Senator, former State Representative and former finance consultant for Portage Public Schools.

1) There should be a tuition cap, but more state monies may not be the answer. It may lie in more efficient use of expenditures and/or increased revenue due to increased enrollment resulting from

lower tuition costs. 2) I support a more equitable base, however program differences at the universities don't translate into equal dollars per student. 3) The board's duty is to set policy. The administration's

function is to implement that policy.

1. No
2. Yes
3. Yes
4. Yes
5. No
6. No
7. Yes

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF CONTROLLERS

Alan Amen

Democrat, 47, Dearborn Heights, BS, Business Administration, WSU; 18 years in higher education administration; Executive Director Student Financial Aid; 5 years Board of Education; Community College Trustee; finance background.

Preserve and expand quality educational offerings at reasonable cost. Protect and preserve public education. Review involvement in charter schools. Encourage diversity and multi-

culturalism on campus and increase minority participation in faculty and staff. Support a program of shared governance and more fully utilize faculty.

1. Yes
2. Yes
3. Yes
4. Yes
5. No
6. No
7. Yes

Leon H. Atchison

Democrat, 65, Detroit, BA & MA, MSU; completing third term on WSU Board; retired Michigan Executive, former Director of both Purchasing and Recreation Departments in Detroit.

Highest priority for me is to maintain access by continuing to limit tuition increases. Our increases have been half those at other Michigan universities including three years of no in-

creases at all. Second priority is to continue to increase program quality which as gained Wayne recognition by the Carnegie Foundation as one of the top 59 public research universities in America. Third pri-

ority is to continue our record as a leading community service oriented university.

1. No
2. Yes
3. Yes
4. Yes
5. No
6. No
7. Yes

Diane Dunaskiss

Republican, 42, Lake Orion, Special Education Teacher; BS, Elementary Education, WSU; MA, Reading and Learning Disabilities, OU; Lead Teacher, North Central Accreditation; Chairperson, School Improvement; Secretary, Lake Orion Foundation.

As a board member, elected by Michigan taxpayers, I will strive to ensure that fiscally responsible policies are in effect and that tuition costs remain affordable. Maintaining high academic standards and an appro-

priate balance between the instructional and research programs will be priorities. I will actively support program reevaluation and promote cooperative efforts with other area universities. I will advocate for outreach programs and business

involvement to meet changing needs and remain competitive.

1. No
2. Yes
3. Yes
4. Yes
5. No
6. No
7. Yes

Edward L. Haroutunian

Republican, NR

Thomas W. Jones

Libertarian, 50, Detroit, Case Technical IIS, Wayne State University, 3-1/2 years; U.S. Army, 1965-67; part time legal research.

So-called public education has brought the USA to a communist-fascist-statist society which is now almost a monarchical tyranny at all levels of government. Government, at most,

must be limited to protecting the people from domestic criminals and foreign enemies. Thus, all government education should be abolished.

1. No
2. Yes
3. Yes
4. Yes
5. No
6. No
7. No

Brian Richard Wright

Libertarian, 45, Farmington Hills, Alumnus, BS, Mechanical Engineering; citizen of SE Michigan since 1969; technical writer; leader in several professional and political organizations; far-minded and honest, unshelken, practical.

We should investigate means of reducing the university's financial dependence on the state, at the same time making a bachelor's degree more affordable and worthwhile in the

marketplace. Alliances with selected businesses, which today benefit disproportionately from the general taxpayer subsidy to the college education of our workforce, would develop additional funding and ex-

pertise for the university. Business benefits by more appropriately educated graduates; graduates benefit by easier entry to better paying postgraduate jobs.

1. No
2. Yes
3. Yes
4. Yes
5. No
6. No
7. Yes

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Eight Year Term — Salary \$111,941

Vote for Two

A SUPREME COURT JUSTICE SITS ON THE state's highest court. The court hears cases on appeal from the lower courts where the seven justices decide by a majority vote which appeals will be heard. It establishes and supervises procedural rules for Michigan courts. It may issue an advisory opinion on whether or not a law is constitutional.

Candidates were asked to summarize their background in 25 words and were al-

lotted 75 words to expand on an issue or issues of importance or list priorities if elected. Candidates were asked to provide "yes" or "no" responses to the grid questions. A "yes" or "no" indicates a candidate's response to the question in general, and should not be regarded as opposing or supporting a specific proposal. Where there is a blank, the candidate chose not to respond or gave a more involved statement.

Grid Questions:

1. Do you agree that judges should continue to be nominated at political party conventions rather than by petition?
2. Do you support the absolute protection of all files deemed confidential by Michigan laws, such as the files of a therapist or social worker?
3. Do you believe the Michigan Supreme Court procedures could be streamlined

to reduce the time a case is pending for disposition?

4. Do you support appeals where a defendant has pled guilty?
5. Do you believe that the current Michigan judiciary system is effective (e.g. the appellate court system)?
6. Do you support prohibition of PAC contributions to judicial candidates?

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Richard Griffin

42, Traverse City, Judge, Michigan Court of Appeals, sixth year; JD, U of M Law School; BA, Western Michigan University; supports truth-in-sentencing and victims' rights.

I am an experienced judge who does not take PAC money. The acceptance of huge sums of special interest PAC money by judicial candidates destroys public confidence in the independence and

impartiality of the judiciary. PAC financing of judicial campaigns is a practice that must end. Justice is not for sale. Our judicial system should be swift and fair. I will work hard to contribute honesty, integrity

and common sense to the Michigan Supreme Court.

1. No
2. Yes
3. Yes
4. Yes
5. No
6. No
7. No