

MICHIGAN COURT OF APPEALS CANDIDATES

Nonpartisan
Salary \$107,463

1st Court of Appeals—Vote for
Two — Six Year Term
2nd Court of Appeals—Vote
for Three —Six Year Term
3rd Court of Appeals—Vote
for Two —Six Year Term
3rd Court of Appeals (Now
Judgeships) Vote for Four—
Ten, Eight and Six Year Terms
4th Court of Appeals—Vote
for One —Six Year Term
4th Court of Appeals (Now
Judgeships) Vote for One — Six
Year Term

THERE ARE FOUR APPEALS COURT DISTRICTS.
District 1 covers Lapeer, Monroe and
Wayne counties. District 2 covers Genesee,
Macomb, Oakland and Shiawassee coun-
ties. District 3 covers Allegan, Barry,
Berrien, Branch, Calhoun, Cass, Hillsdale,
Jackson, Livingston, Kalamazoo, Kent,
Ottawa, Muskegon, St. Joseph, Van Buren
and Washtenaw counties. District 4 covers
the balance of the state.

In the Court of Appeals a three-member
panel of judges hears each criminal case
conviction or civil judgment appealed. The
panel of judges hears the case by reviewing
the written transcript of the trial and the
legal brief, and by hearing arguments by
attorneys for all parties. The panels are ro-
tated among four hearing locations. Ap-
peals court decisions are final unless the
Michigan Supreme Court chooses to re-
view the case.

Candidates were asked to summarize
their background in 25 words and to state
why they want to be a Court of Appeals
Judge in 75 words. 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 op-
posing or supporting a specific proposal.
Where there is a blank, the candidate
chose not to respond or gave a more in-
volved statement. The letters DNA (does
not apply) will appear in the grid of incum-
bent candidates where applicable.

Grid questions:

1. Do you have experience as a trial judge?
2. Do you support appeals where defend-
ant has pled guilty?
3. Do you agree that Appeals Court
Judges serve as a trial judge once a
year for at least a week?
4. Do you agree with the Supreme Court
rule on conflict resolution in the Court
of Appeals?
5. Do you support prohibition of PAC
contributions to judicial candidates?
6. Do you participate in formal continu-
ing legal or judicial education pro-
grams (i.e., during past year)?
7. Do you favor election of judges at all
levels?
8. Do you favor appointment of judges at
all levels?
9. Have you tried a criminal case to com-
pletion within the past year?
10. Have you tried a civil case to comple-
tion within the past year?

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2ND COURT OF APPEALS

Kathleen Jansen

45, Mt. Clemens, JD, U of D Law School; I have
been Court of Appeals Judge for over 4 years;
before that I was trial judge, Macomb County, for
7 years.

I would like to continue as a Court
of Appeals judge to resolve issues
of first impression and to affect
the jurisprudence of this state. The
judiciary provides an important fo-

rum where citizens can litigate their
disputes and I would like to partici-
pate in this process at the appellate
level.

1. Yes	2. No
3. Yes	4. DNA
5. Yes	6. DNA
7. Yes	8. DNA

Marilyn Kelly

56, Bloomfield Hills, Judge, Michigan Court of
Appeals; Twenty-three years in the law, 8 as
judge, 17 as trial lawyer; law degree, with honors;
masters degree; former teacher.

I wish to continue to bring to the
Court a sensitivity concerning
and understanding of gender
bias in the judicial system for the
purpose of eradicating it; to strive
for an appropriate balance between
the rights of crime victims and those

of the accused; to speed the resolu-
tion of appeals and decrease the
docket backlog through efficiency
and industry without sacrificing
thoroughness and due deliberation;
to treat those in my courtroom with
respect and courtesy.

1. Yes	2. No
3. Yes	4. DNA
5. Yes	6. DNA
7. Yes	8. DNA

Michael J. Kelly

63, Bloomfield Township, Masters in Law Degree,
University of Virginia; senior judge on Court, 20
years, elected and re-elected 3 times; served 8
years on Judicial Tenure Commission.

To apply 25 years of education,
training and experience to the
resolution of appeals in an im-
partial and disciplined manner.

1. Yes	2. No
3. Yes	4. DNA
5. Yes	6. DNA
7. Yes	8. DNA

Michael J. Kiedorf

44, Royal Oak, JD, Wayne State; BA, U of M; Case
Tech; former Chief of Appeals, Oakland County
Prosecutor's office; 17 years prosecuting criminal
cases, 3 years private practice.

I have experience handling cases
at all levels in Michigan and in
the U.S. Supreme Court. As the
Oakland Prosecutor's Appeal Chief,
I was sensitive to the rights of crime
victims. The Court needs a change

to clear up the backlog of 4,000 ap-
peals and delays of 3 years. I am en-
dorsed by Brooks Patterson because
I support family values and believe
judges should follow the law instead
of making it up.

1. Yes	2. No
3. Yes	4. DNA
5. Yes	6. DNA
7. Yes	8. DNA

Dennis W. Strohchuk

44, Dearborn, Graduate: Wayne State Universi-
ty, 1980, Thomas Cooley Law School, 1985; pri-
vate law practice (Dennis W. Strohchuk & Associ-
ates); Springfield Township Zoning Board of
Appeals.

I would like to have a positive im-
pact on the legal system in for-
mulating legal policy to benefit
society. An important lesson I have
learned from my legal experience is
to always apply common sense and

consider the long and short term in-
fluence my actions will have on the
people and property of our commu-
nity. I will apply this philosophy as
the basis of any decisions I would
make as a Court of Appeals judge.

1. Yes	2. No
3. Yes	4. DNA
5. Yes	6. DNA
7. Yes	8. DNA

VOTE

General Election

Tuesday

November 8, 1994

Polls Open

7 a.m. to 8 p.m.