

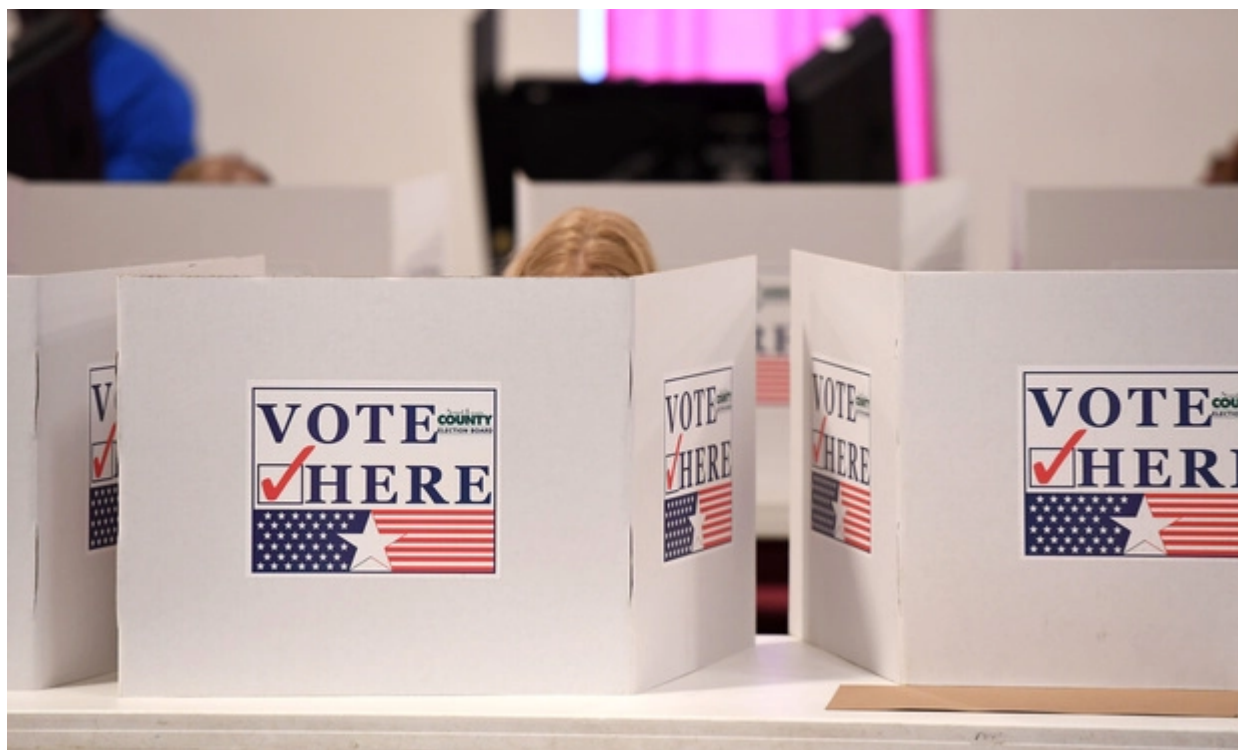
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Texas November 2020 Election Guide: Read This Before Voting for Judges

Learn about the candidates running for judgeships by reading Texas Lawyer's judicial candidate Q&As.

By Angela Morris | November 01, 2020



Voting booths. Photo: Gino Santa Maria/Shutterstock.com

Texas Lawyer is publishing Q&A articles with judicial candidates running in contested races in November.

We will publish new Q&As every day between now and the start of early voting. Early voting runs from Oct. 13 to Oct. 30, which is longer than normal because Gov. Greg Abbott extended the period due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Here are our published judicial candidate Q&As.

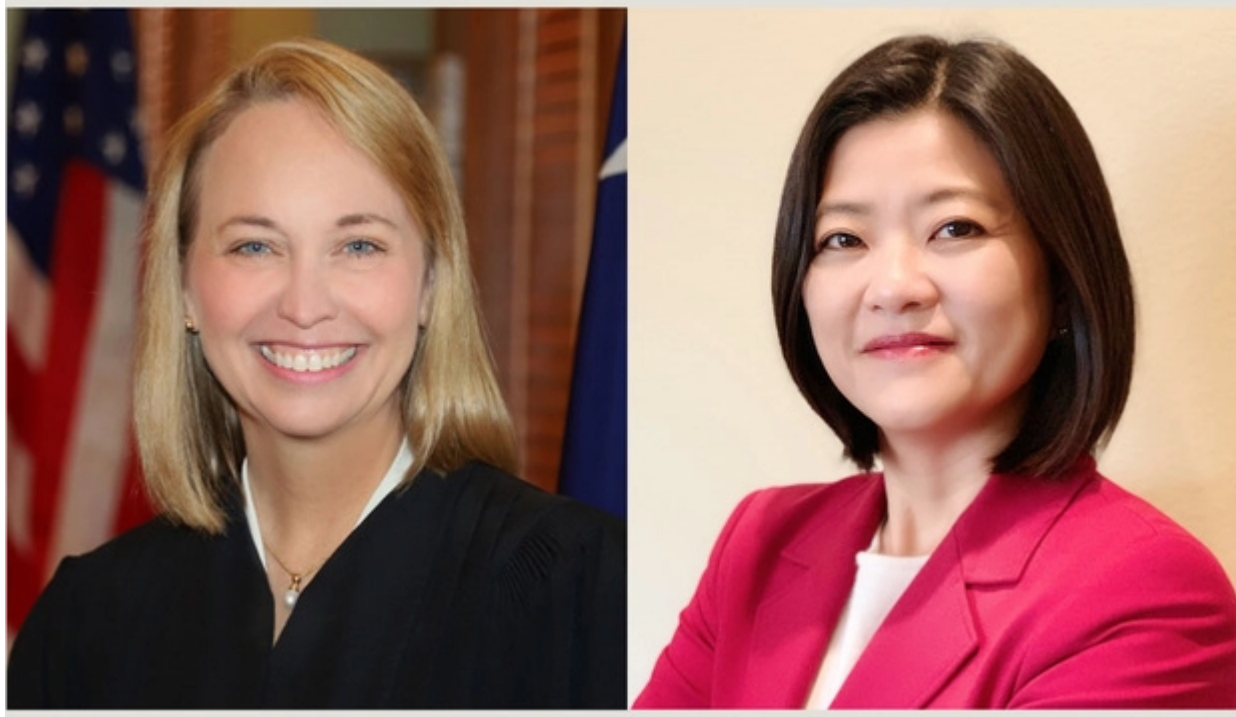
High Courts



(l-r) Texas Supreme Court Republican incumbent Chief Justice Nathan Hecht, Democratic challenger Judge Amy Clark Meachum, and Libertarian challenger Mark Ash. Courtesy photos

Election 2020: Texas Supreme Court Chief Justice Nathan Hecht Faces Challengers Amy Clark Meachum, Mark Ash (<https://www.law.com/texaslawyer/2020/09/03/election-2020-texas-supreme-court-chief-justice-nathan-hecht-faces-challengers-amy-clark-meachum-mark-ash/>)

In a three-way battle for chief justice of the Texas Supreme Court, Republican incumbent Chief Justice Nathan Hecht is defending his bench from Democratic challenger Amy Clark Meachum and Libertarian challenger Mark Ash.



Justice Jane Bland, left, and Kathy Cheng, right,. Courtesy photos.

Justice Jane Bland Runs to Keep Her Texas Supreme Court Seat Against Challenger Kathy Cheng (<https://www.law.com/texaslawyer/2020/09/03/justice-jane-bland-runs-to-keep-her-texas-supreme-court-seat-against-challenger-kathy-cheng/>)

After being appointed to the bench in August 2019, Texas Supreme Court Justice Jane Bland is running her first campaign for election, against Democratic challenger Kathy Cheng.

While Bland says she has greater qualifications and experience for the bench—six years as a trial judge and 16 as an appellate judge—Cheng argues that voters should pick her because of the breadth of her practice experience in 20 years as a lawyer, and her open-mindedness and willingness to consider new ideas.



Justice Jeffrey S. Boyd, left, of supreme court of Texas and Judge Staci Williams, right, of the Texas 101st District Court. Courtesy Photos

Meet the Candidates for Place 7 Justice on Texas Supreme Court: Jeff Boyd, Staci Williams, William Bryan Strange III (<https://www.law.com/texaslawyer/2020/09/03/meet-the-candidates-for-place-7-justice-on-texas-supreme-court-jeff-boyd-staci-williams-william-bryan-strange-iii/>)

Two challengers have emerged to compete against incumbent Texas Supreme Court Justice Jeff Boyd.

Boyd argues that his diverse legal experience over 16 years as a lawyer and his commitment to unbiased decision-making make him the best pick for the bench.

But Judge Staci Williams of Dallas County's 101st District Court, the Democrat in the race, argues voters should choose her because she has experience as a judge and arbitrator, and understands how hard litigation can be and what consequences judicial decisions have.

Libertarian candidate William Bryan Strange III, a Dallas solo practitioner, did not respond to Texas Lawyer's candidate questionnaire by deadline.

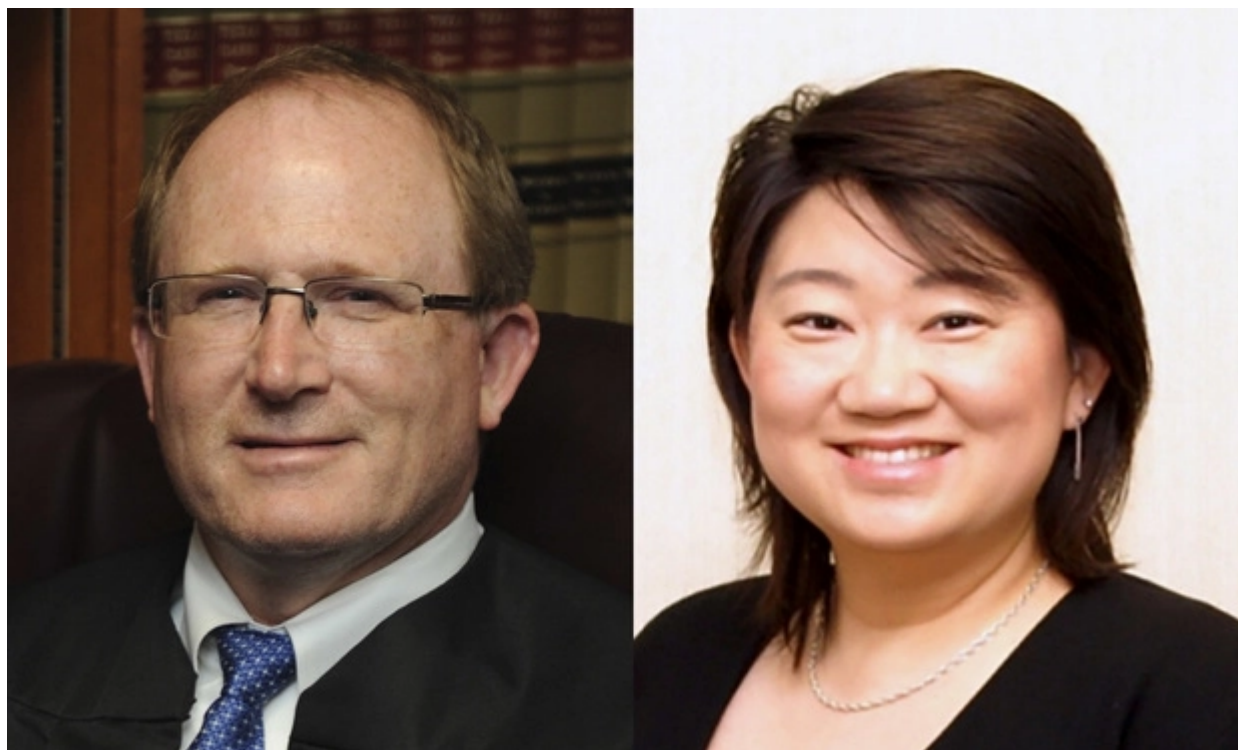


L-R Justice Brett Busby, Justice Gisela Triana and Tom Oxford. Courtesy photos

Meet the Candidates for Texas Supreme Court Justice Place 8: Brett Busby, Gisela Triana, Tom Oxford **(<https://www.law.com/texaslawyer/2020/09/03/meet-the-candidates-for-texas-supreme-court-justice-place-8-brett-busby-gisela-triana-tom-oxford/>)**

Running for election for the first time since he was appointed to the Texas Supreme Court in February 2019, Justice Brett Busby faces two challengers.

Busby, the Republican candidate, will face off in November against Democratic candidate Justice Gisela Triana of Austin's Third Court of Appeals, and Beaumont attorney Tom Oxford, the Libertarian candidate.



Incumbent Judge Kevin Patrick Yeary, left, and Democratic challenger Tina Clinton, right. Courtesy photos

Meet the Candidates for Judge of Texas Court of Criminal Appeals: Kevin Patrick Yeary and Tina Clinton (<https://www.law.com/texaslawyer/2020/09/03/meet-the-candidates-for-judge-of-texas-court-of-criminal-appeals-kevin-patrick-yeary-and-tina-clinton/>)

The race for Place 4 Judge on the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals is stacked between incumbent Judge Kevin Patrick Yeary and Democratic challenger Judge Tina Clinton.

Clinton, who now presides over Dallas County's Criminal District Court No. 1, argues that she would bring diversity to the high court. But Yeary claims that his career experience has prepared him for the seat like few others.



Incumbent Judge Bert Richardson, left, and Dallas solo practitioner Elizabeth Davis Frizell, right. Courtesy photos

Judge Bert Richardson, Attorney Elizabeth Davis Frizell Compete for Judge of Texas Court of Criminal Appeals (<https://www.law.com/texaslawyer/2020/09/03/judge-bert-richardson-attorney-elizabeth-davis-frizell-compete-for-judge-of-texas-court-of-criminal-appeals/>)

Claims about who has more experience are involved in the race between incumbent Judge Bert Richardson and Democratic challenger Elizabeth Davis Frizell in the race for the Place 3 Judge on the Court of Criminal Appeals.



David Newell (left) and Brandon Birmingham (right). (Photo: Courtesy Photo)

David Newell, Brandon Birmingham Are Candidates for Judge of the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 9 (<https://www.law.com/texaslawyer/2020/09/04/david-newell-brandon-birmingham-are-candidates-for-judge-of-the-texas-court-of-criminal-appeals-place-9/>)

In the race for Place 9 judge on the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, incumbent Judge David Newell is competing for his seat against Democratic challenger Brandon Birmingham.

Birmingham is judge of Dallas County's 292nd District Court.

Appellate Courts



Judge Amparo Monique Guerra, left, and Justice Terry Adams, right, of First Court of Appeals. Courtesy photos

These Candidates Want Your Vote for Judge of Houston's First Court of Appeals **(<https://www.law.com/texaslawyer/2020/09/14/these-candidates-want-your-vote-for-judge-of-houstons-first-court-of-appeals/>)**

Although Terry Adams was appointed to the First Court of Appeals this summer, to keep the bench, he must compete against Democratic candidate Amparo Monique Guerra in November.

Guerra argues she's served for five years as a part-time municipal court judge, but Adams was appointed only six weeks ago. But Adams claims he has 30 years of experience as an appellate attorney in Texas and all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court.



Justice Russell Lloyd, left, and Veronica Rivas-Molloy, right. Courtesy photos

Meet Russell Lloyd and Veronica Rivas-Molloy, Candidates for Justice of the First Court of Appeals **(<https://www.law.com/texaslawyer/2020/09/14/meet-russell-lloyd-and-veronica-rivas-molloy-candidates-for-justice-of-the-first-court-of-appeals/>)**

Justice Russell Lloyd of the First Court of Appeals is battling to keep his bench against Democratic challenger Veronica Rivas-Molloy.

The candidates are distinguishing themselves based on longtime judicial service, in Lloyd's case, versus longtime civil litigation experience, in Rivas-Molloy's case.



Delonia A. Watson, left, and Justice Mike Wallach, right. Courtesy photos

Mike Wallach, Delonia Watson Campaign for Second Court of Appeals Justice **(<https://www.law.com/texaslawyer/2020/09/14/mike-wallach-delonia-watson-campaign-for-second-court-of-appeals-justice/>)**

In the upcoming election, incumbent Justice Mike Wallach of the Second Court of Appeals is competing against Democratic challenger Delonia A. Watson.

Watson claims she is more experienced in appellate law than her opponent and has experience in criminal appeals, but Wallach said he has tried 100 cases and handled 50 appeals and stressed his belief in constitutional conservatism.



Chief Justice Jeff Rose, left, of Austin's Third Court of Appeals and Democratic challenger Judge Darlene Byrne, right, of Travis County's 126th District Court. Courtesy photos

Meet Candidates for Chief Justice of Texas' Third Court of Appeals: Republican Jeff Rose, Democrat Darlene Byrne (<https://www.law.com/texaslawyer/2020/09/01/meet-candidates-for-chief-justice-of-texas-third-court-of-appeals-republican-jeff-rose-democrat-darlene-byrne/>)

Both Jeff Rose and Darlene Byrne, who are competing in November to become chief justice of Austin's Third Court of Appeals, have years of judicial service under their belts.

Rose, the Republican incumbent chief justice, said that his 10 years on the court and six as chief justice gave him the leadership and legal skills to lead the court. But Democratic challenger Byrne said she's been a judge for longer and has proved she has judicial leadership on and off the bench.



Justice Rebeca Martinez, left, San Antonio solo practitioner Renee Yanta, right. Courtesy photos

Vote for Fourth Court Chief Justice: Rebeca Martinez Versus Renee Yanta **(<https://www.law.com/texaslawyer/2020/09/11/vote-for-fourth-court-chief-justice-rebeca-martinez-versus-renee-yanta/>)**

With the current chief justice not seeking reelection, the race for the top spot on the Fourth Court of Appeals in San Antonio is set up between a current justice and a local solo practitioner, who's a former judge.

Justice Rebeca Martinez, who holds the Place 7 justice seat, is the Democratic candidate competing against Republican candidate Renée Yanta, who used to preside over the 150th District Court.



Justice David Evans of Fifth Court of Appeals. Courtesy photo

Meet David Evans and Bonnie Lee Goldstein, Candidates for Judge of Texas' Fifth Court of Appeals (<https://www.law.com/texaslawyer/2020/09/15/meet-david-evans-and-bonnie-lee-goldstein-candidates-for-judge-of-texas-fifth-court-of-appeals/>)

Justice David Evans of the Fifth Court of Appeals in Dallas is running for reelection against Judge Bonnie Lee Goldstein of the 44th District Court in Dallas County.

Evans argues he has 20 years of experience as a judge and justice and has shown that he can wisely solve problems.



192nd District Judge Craig Smith, left, and John Browning, right, partner in Spencer Fane in Dallas.
Courtesy photos

Vote for Judge: Meet the Candidates for Place 6 Justice on Texas' Fifth Court of Appeals (<https://www.law.com/texaslawyer/2020/09/15/vote-for-judge-meet-the-candidates-for-place-6-justice-on-texas-fifth-court-of-appeals/>)

It was set to be a battle between an incumbent and challenger, but then Fifth Court of Appeals Justice David Bridges died in a car accident in late July.

Now the race for Place 6 Justice has turned into an campaign between two contenders: Democratic candidate Judge Craig Smith and Republican candidate John G. Browning are running in November.



Judge Dennise Garcia, left, and Justice Bill Whitehill, right. Courtesy photos

Bill Whitehill, Dennise Garcia Campaign for the Vote: Justice of Dallas' Fifth Court of Appeals **(<https://www.law.com/texaslawyer/2020/09/15/bill-whitehill-dennise-garcia-campaign-for-the-vote-justice-of-dallas-fifth-court-of-appeals/>)**

Republican incumbent Justice Bill Whitehill of Dallas' Fifth Court of Appeals is running for reelection against Judge Dennise Garcia of Dallas County's 303rd District Court, a Democrat.

Whitehill argues that voters should pick him because he's shown he can do the job well with high approval ratings. But Garcia claims she is board certified in family law and child welfare law, and that the Fifth Court lacks a justice with that expertise.



Justice Yvonne Rodriguez, left, and Chief Justice Jeff Alley, right. Courtesy photos

Colleagues Battle for Chief Justice of Texas' Eighth Court of Appeals in November: Jeff Alley vs. Yvonne Rodriguez (<https://www.law.com/texaslawyer/2020/09/03/colleagues-battle-for-chief-justice-of-texas-eighth-court-of-appeals-in-november-jeff-alley-vs-yvonne-rodriguez/>)

Jeff Alley, current chief justice of El Paso's Eighth Court of Appeals, is battling for his seat against fellow Justice Yvonne Rodriguez.

While Rodriguez noted she's the longest-serving justice on the court and said it makes her a stronger candidate, Alley argued that only one political party has dominated the Eighth Court, and he would bring viewpoint diversity to the seat.



Judge Nereida Lopez-Singleterry of Hidalgo County Master Court No. 1

Meet the Candidates for Place 6 Justice of Texas' 13th Court of Appeals (<https://www.law.com/texaslawyer/2020/09/11/meet-the-candidates-for-place-6-justice-of-texas-13th-court-of-appeals/>)

In the race for one of the justice seats on the 13th Court of Appeals, Judge Nereida Lopez-Singleterry of Edinburg is facing off against Clarissa Silva, an assistant county attorney in San Patricio County.



Hidalgo County Courthouse in Edinburg, Texas. Photo: Danny20111993 via Wikimedia Commons

Texas Election: Judge Migdalia Lopez Challenges 13th Court Justice Jaime Tijerina in Del Rio **(<https://www.law.com/texaslawyer/2020/10/09/texas-election-judge-migdalia-lopez-challenges-13th-court-justice-jaime-tijerina-in-del-rio/>)**

Justice Jaime Tijerina of the 13th Court of Appeals is defending his seat against Democratic challenger Migdalia Lopez.



Justice Ken Wise of Houston's 14th Court of Appeals. Courtesy photo

14th Court Justice Ken Wise Running for Election Against Candidate Tamika Craft (<https://www.law.com/texaslawyer/2020/09/11/14th-court-justice-ken-wise-running-for-election-against-candidate-tamika-craft/>)

Justice Ken Wise of Houston's 14th Court of Appeals is battling for his seat against Democratic challenger Tamika "Tami" Craft.

Wise argues his seven years on the 14th Court and 10 years as a district judge better qualify him for the seat.



Justice Tracy Elizabeth Christopher and appellate attorney Jane Robinson (Photo: Courtesy Photo)

Meet Tracy Elizabeth Christopher and Jane Robinson, Who Want Your Vote for 14th Court of Appeals Chief Justice (<https://www.law.com/texaslawyer/2020/09/04/meet-tracy-elizabeth-christopher-and-jane-robinson-who-want-your-vote-for-14th-court-of-appeals-chief-justice/>)

When the chief justice of Houston's 14th Court of Appeals didn't seek reelection, it set up a competition for the top spot on one of the Lone Star State's busiest intermediate appellate courts.

The race is between current Place 9 Justice Tracy Elizabeth Christopher, a Republican, and Democratic opponent Jane Robinson, an appellate attorney.

San Antonio District Courts



Nicole Garza, left, and Joseph Appelt, right. Courtesy photos

Nicole Garza and Joseph Appelt Want Your Vote for Judge of San Antonio's 37th District Court **(<https://www.law.com/texaslawyer/2020/09/16/nicole-garza-and-joseph-appelt-want-your-vote-for-judge-of-san-antonios-37th-district-court/>)**

A race between two newcomers to the bench is playing out in San Antonio for the 37th District Court.

Democrat Nicole Garza, who ousted incumbent Judge Michael Mery in March, is dueling Republican candidate Joseph P. Appelt for the bench.



Judge Michael Mery, left, and Judge Melisa Skinner, right. Courtesy Photos

Meet Michael Mery and Melisa Skinner, Candidates for Judge of San Antonio's 144th District Court **(<https://www.law.com/texaslawyer/2020/09/16/meet-michael-mery-and-melisa-skinner-candidates-for-judge-of-san-antonios-144th-district-court/>)**

Former 144th District Judge Ray Olivarri's death from cancer in January made it necessary for Bexar County's political parties to choose two nominees to run for the bench in November.

The Bexar County Democratic Party nominated 37th District Judge Michael Mery to run for the vacant bench. Mery had lost his primary election in March, but party chairs nominated him because it was too late for candidates to file to run after Olivarri's death.



Judge Frank J. Castro of Bexar County's 399th District Court. Courtesy photo

Race for Judge of Texas' 399th District Court Set Between Walden Shelton, Frank J. Castro **(<https://www.law.com/texaslawyer/2020/09/16/race-for-judge-of-texas-399th-district-court-set-between-walden-shelton-frank-j-castro/>)**

Incumbent Judge Frank J. Castro of Bexar County's 399th District Court is set for a showdown against Republican challenger Walden Shelton in November.

Both claim they have more experience as a judge, with Castro noting he's been on the bench for four years and has key criminal law experience, while Shelton says he was on the bench for nearly 10 years.



Stephani Walsh, left, and Tina Torres, right. Courtesy photos

Meet the Candidates for Judge of Texas' 407th District Court: Tina Torres, Stephani Walsh **(<https://www.law.com/texaslawyer/2020/09/16/meet-the-candidates-for-judge-of-texas-407th-district-court-tina-torres-stephani-walsh/>)**

Two former judges are again reaching for the bench—this time, Bexar County's 407th District Court.

Candidate Tina Torres claims that she has a better judicial temperament that distinguishes her from her opponent. But Stephani Walsh argues she's had a longer judicial tenure, practiced longer as a lawyer, and has a board certification.



Jacqueline “Jackie” Valdéz, left, and Daphne Previti Austin, right. Courtesy photos

Democrat Jacqueline ‘Jackie’ Valdez Faces Republican Daphne Previti Austin for San Antonio Judgeship (<https://www.law.com/texaslawyer/2020/10/01/democrat-jacqueline-jackie-valdez-faces-republican-daphne-previti-austin-for-san-antonio-judgeship/>)

There’s no incumbent in the general election for the 386th District Court in San Antonio.

That’s because current Judge Arcelia Treviño lost the Democratic primary to candidate Jacqueline “Jackie” Valdéz, who is now dueling for the bench against Republican opponent Daphne Previti Austin.

Dallas-Area District Courts



Judge Eric Moye. Courtesy Photo

Eric V. Moye and Jessica Voyce Lewis Are Campaigning for Judge of Dallas' 14th District Court (<https://www.law.com/texaslawyer/2020/09/18/eric-v-moye-and-jessica-voyce-lewis-are-campaigning-for-judge-of-dallas-14th-district-court/>)

Incumbent Judge Eric V. Moyé of Dallas is battling for the bench against Republican challenger Jessica Voyce Lewis.

Moyé argues that since 2009 when he assumed the 14th District Court, he's earned a reputation as a fair and hardworking judge.

Lewis didn't respond to an election questionnaire by deadline.



Alisha Darden, left, and Judge Susan McCoy, right,. Courtesy Photos.

Meet the Candidates for Judge of Texas' 153rd District Court: Alisha Darden, Susan McCoy **(<https://www.law.com/texaslawyer/2020/09/18/meet-the-candidates-for-judge-of-texas-153rd-district-court-alisha-darden-susan-mccoy/>)**

Incumbent Judge Susan McCoy, a Republican, is running for reelection to the 153rd District Court against challenger Alisha Darden, a Democrat.

McCoy argues she has eight years on that bench, and voters should pick her because of her experience and integrity. But Darden counters that she also has judicial experience as an administrative law judge, and that she would bring greater diversity to the court.



Maricela Moore, left, and Jordan Montgomery Lewis. Courtesy photos

Meet the Candidates for Judge of Texas' 162nd District: Jordan Montgomery Lewis, Maricela Moore
(<https://www.law.com/texaslawyer/2020/09/21/meet-the-candidates-for-judge-of-texas-162nd-district-jordan-montgomery-lewis-maricela-moore/>)

Incumbent Judge Maricela Moore, a Democrat, faces Republican challenger Jordan Montgomery Lewis in the November election. Each hope voters will select them for the bench.



Associate Judge Monica Purdy, of Dallas County supporting courts, pictured, and Mike Lee are running for the 95th District Court. Courtesy photo

2 Judges Battle for Seat on Dallas Court: Democrat Monica Purdy and Republican Mike Lee (<https://www.law.com/texaslawyer/2020/09/21/2-judges-battle-for-seat-on-dallas-court-democrat-monica-purdy-and-republican-mike-lee/>)

A district court judge appointed in July must win the November election to hold on to his seat.

Incumbent Judge Mike Lee is running against Judge Monica Purdy for the bench of the 95th District Court in Dallas County.



Incumbent Judge Ashley Wysocki, pictured, of the 254th District Court of Dallas County, a Republican, running for reelection against Kim Brown, a Democrat. Courtesy photo

Texas Election: Judge Ashley Wysocki Draws Challenger Kim Brown in Race for 254th District Court **(<https://www.law.com/texaslawyer/2020/09/21/texas-election-judge-ashley-wysocki-draws-challenger-kim-brown-in-race-for-254th-district-court/>)**

In the November general election, Republican Judge Ashley Wysocki is set to face Democrat Kim Brown, a lawyer with more than 25 years of experience, according to campaign material, to preside over Texas' 254th District Court.



Penny Robe, left, and Judge Ben Smith, right. Courtesy photos

Candidates Penny Robe and Judge Ben Smith Want the Vote for 380th District Court in McKinney **(<https://www.law.com/texaslawyer/2020/10/01/candidates-penny-robe-and-judge-ben-smith-want-the-vote-for-380th-district-court-in-mckinney/>)**

Judge Ben Smith of McKinney is competing against challenger Penny Robe for his bench in the 380th District Court.

Smith, a Republican, said that in more than eight years on the court, he's disposed of more cases than other courts, and earned a reputation among lawyers as a knowledgeable and fair judge.

Robe, a Democrat, said she would bring a balanced perspective to the bench and that her civil and criminal law experience in every area covered by the court makes her ideal for the position.



Incumbent Judge Tom Nowak, 366th District Court in McKinney, and democratic challenger Sam Johnson. (Photos: Courtesy Photo)

Meet the Candidates for 366th District: Democrat Sam Johnson and Republican Judge Tom Nowak **(<https://www.law.com/texaslawyer/2020/10/01/meet-the-candidates-for-366th-district-democrat-sam-johnson-and-republican-judge-tom-nowak/>)**

In the race for the 366th District Court in McKinney, Democratic challenger Sam Johnson is trying to unseat incumbent Judge Tom Nowak, a Republican.

Nowak said he has experience handling all of the matters that come before the court, and urged voters to look at his record and service. Johnson said he would bring to the bench his mindset as a solo practitioner where he treats each client's matter as the most important thing.



Tonya Holt, left, and George Flint, right. Courtesy photos

Democrat Tonya Holt and Republican George Flint Campaign for Judge of 401st District Court (<https://www.law.com/texaslawyer/2020/10/05/democrat-tonya-holt-and-republican-george-flint-campaign-for-judge-of-401st-district-court/>)

When Judge Mark Rusch chose to retire instead of seeking reelection, it opened the 401st District Court in McKinney to a race between two newcomers to the bench.

Now Democratic candidate Tonya Holt and Republican candidate George Flint are dueling each other for the court.



Judge Andrea Thompson is running for reelection against Democratic challenger Theresa Bui Creevy. Courtesy photos

Vote for Judge: Theresa Bui Creevy and Andrea Thompson Compete for McKinney's 416th District (<https://www.law.com/texaslawyer/2020/10/05/vote-for-judge-theresa-bui-creevy-and-andrea-thompson-compete-for-mckinneys-416th-district/>)

The race for the 416th District Court in McKinney pits incumbent Republican Judge Andrea Thompson against Democratic challenger Theresa Bui Creevy.

Creevy said she has the experience for the court because she's litigated civil, family and criminal cases over her 22 years as a trial attorney.

But Thompson said the county needs an experienced judge, and that her experience on the bench is invaluable.



Judge Piper McCraw is running for reelection against Democratic challenger Dana Huffman. Courtesy photos.

Democrat Dana Huffman, Republican Piper McCraw Are Candidates for Judge of 469th District Court (<https://www.law.com/texaslawyer/2020/10/07/democrat-dana-huffman-republican-piper-mccraw-are-candidates-for-judge-of-469th-district-court/>)

In McKinney, Democratic challenger Dana Huffman is seeking to oust incumbent Judge Piper McCraw from the 469th District Court.

McCraw said she's disposed of 10,000 cases over five years on the court, and she has the expertise in family and child welfare law that the court needs.

Huffman said her background prepares her for this court's cases because she's handled family and child protection cases as a litigator, and she's handled cases as a municipal judge and magistrate.



Judge Lindsey Wynne is running for reelection against Democratic challenger Christy Albano. Courtesy photos.

Christy Albano and Lindsey Wynne Are on the Ballot for Judge of McKinney's 468th District Court (<https://www.law.com/texaslawyer/2020/10/07/christy-albano-and-lindsey-wynne-are-on-the-ballot-for-judge-of-mckinneys-468th-district-court/>)

Judge Lindsey Wynne of the 468th District Court in McKinney wants to keep her bench another term, but she's fighting against challenger Christy Albano for the position.

Albano, a Democrat, said she is board-certified in family law, and has experience handling the cases that come before the court.

Wynne, a Republican, said that since she took the bench one year ago she's run an efficient courtroom that disposed of 2,400 cases.



Judge Andrea Bouressa is running for reelection against Democratic challenger Michael D. Payma. Courtesy photo.

Two Candidates Seek Vote for 471st District Court Judge: Michael D. Payma and Andrea Bouressa (<https://www.law.com/texaslawyer/2020/10/07/two-candidates-look-for-471st-district-court-judge-michael-d-payma-and-andrea-bouressa/>)

Incumbent Judge Andrea Bouressa of the 471st District Court in McKinney is fighting for her bench against Democratic challenger Michael D. Payma.

Payma said voters should pick him because of his more extensive civil litigation experience, compared to that of his opponent.

But Bouressa, a Republican, said she has the necessary judicial experience from presiding over the court since it was created in 2019, when she implemented docketing strategies to cut the time and expense of litigation.



Democrat Diana Weitzel is running against Republican Jim Johnson. Courtesy photos.

Who Wants the Vote for Judge of Denton's 431st District Court? Meet Diana Weitzel, Jim Johnson (<https://www.law.com/texaslawyer/2020/10/05/who-wants-the-vote-for-judge-of-dentons-431st-district-court-meet-diana-weitzel-jim-johnson/>)

There's no incumbent in the race for Denton County's 431st District Court.

Instead, on equal footing, Democratic candidate Diana Weitzel and Republican candidate Jim Johnson are out campaigning for the vote.

Fort Worth District Courts



Wayne Salvant and Karen Williams. Courtesy Photos

Karen Williams and Judge Wayne Salvant Campaign for Tarrant County Criminal Bench (<https://www.law.com/texaslawyer/2020/09/24/karen-williams-and-judge-wayne-salvant-campaign-for-tarrant-county-criminal-bench/>)

Judge Wayne Salvant of Tarrant County Criminal District Court No. 2 is fighting for his bench against Democratic challenger Karen Williams.

Salvant said he's been a judge 25 years, and said he has the temperament, legal knowledge and high personal conduct standards that judges need.

But Williams said her legal experience gives her a broad perspective on criminal matters and that she would bring a new voice and fresh perspective to the bench.



Photo: Bigstock

Meet the Candidates for Judge of Tarrant's 48th District Court: David Evans and Lawrence Meyers (<https://www.law.com/texaslawyer/2020/10/09/meet-the-candidates-for-judge-of-tarrant-48th-district-court-david-evans-and-lawrence-meyers/>)

The race for Tarrant County's 48th District Court involved Republican incumbent Judge David Evans defending his bench against Democrat Lawrence Meyers, a former judge on the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals.



Fort Worth, Texas. Photo: Leena Robinson/Shutterstock.com

Who Will Win Seat for Judge of Fort Worth's 96th District Court? Tim Brandenburg or Pat Gallagher (<https://www.law.com/texaslawyer/2020/10/09/who-will-win-seat-for-judge-of-fort-worths-96th-district-court-tim-brandenburg-or-pat-gallagher/>)

In Fort Worth, two attorneys are seeking the vote for the 96th District Court.

For the Republicans, Pat Gallagher has thrown his hat in the ring. Gov. Greg Abbott in July appointed Gallagher to the bench.

On the Democrats' side, Tim Brandenburg is seeking to keep the bench for a full term.



Valerie Baston, left, of Baston Law and Judge Kimberly Fitzpatrick, right,. Courtesy Photos

Judge Kimberly Fitzpatrick and Valerie Baston Campaign for Judge of Fort Worth's 342nd District (<https://www.law.com/texaslawyer/2020/09/25/judge-kimberly-fitzpatrick-and-valerie-baston-campaign-for-judge-of-fort-worths-342nd-district/>)

Incumbent Republican Judge Kimberly Fitzpatrick of Fort Worth is running for reelection against Democratic challenger Valerie Baston.

Fitzpatrick said voters should pick her because she has far more experience. But Baston said she has criminal and civil law experience, and that the bench needs greater diversity among judges.



Vote 2020 pins. Photo: 3dfoto/Shutterstock

Meet Candidates for Judge of Fort Worth's 348th District: Maryellen W. Hicks and Megan Fahey (<https://www.law.com/texaslawyer/2020/09/25/meet-candidates-for-judge-of-fort-worths-348th-district-maryellen-w-hicks-and-megan-fahey/>)

The race for the 348th District Court in Fort Worth pits Republican incumbent Judge Megan Fahey against Democratic challenger Maryellen W. Hicks.

Hicks, a former justice of the Second Court of Appeals in Fort Worth, said her career experience has been varied and diverse and would benefit the bench.

Fahey didn't respond to an election questionnaire before deadline.



Lakesha Smith. Courtesy Photo

Who's Running for Judge of Fort Worth's 213th District Court? Meet Lakesha Smith and Chris Wolfe **(<https://www.law.com/texaslawyer/2020/10/01/whos-running-for-judge-of-fort-worths-213th-district-court-meet-lakesha-smith-and-chris-wolfe/>)**

Judge Chris Wolfe of Fort Worth wants to keep his bench, but Democratic challenger Lakesha Smith wants to take it from him.

The pair are competing for Tarrant County's 213th District Court.

Smith said her breadth of legal experience as a prosecutor and public defender qualifies her for the bench, and the childhood struggles that she overcame will enable her to promote healing in the courtroom. Wolfe didn't respond to Texas Lawyer's questionnaire by deadline.



L-R Josh Burgess and Olyn Poole. Courtesy Photos

Olyn Poole and Josh Burgess Run for Judge of 352nd District Court in Fort Worth **(<https://www.law.com/texaslawyer/2020/10/01/olyn-poole-and-josh-burgess-run-for-judge-of-352nd-district-court-in-fort-worth/>)**

Judge Josh Burgess of the 352nd District Court in Fort Worth is defending his bench against Democratic challenger Olyn Poole.

Burgess said voters should pick him because of his experience trying cases both as a judge and a litigator before that. But Poole said he also has a career's worth of experience with litigation in civil court.



Matthew Hegeman, left, and Judge Don Cosby, right, .Courtesy photos

Fort Worth Judge Don Cosby Draws Challenger Matthew Hegeman in November Election **(<https://www.law.com/texaslawyer/2020/10/01/fort-worth-judge-don-cosby-draws-challenger-matthew-hegeman-in-november-election/>)**

Judge Don Cosby of the 67th District Court in Fort Worth is running for reelection against Democratic challenger Matthew Hegeman.

Cosby said he's been a judge for 20 years and presided over 400 jury trials, showing he's a qualified and respected judge. But Hegeman said voters should have a choice in politics, and he's running to increase turnout and the choice for voters.



Judge Patricia Baca Bennett, left, and Michael Munoz, right. Courtesy photos

Fort Worth Judge Patricia Baca Bennett and Michael Munoz Want Your Vote for 360th District Court (<https://www.law.com/texaslawyer/2020/10/01/fort-worth-judge-patricia-baca-bennett-and-michael-munoz-want-your-vote-for-360th-district-court/>)

In the race for Fort Worth's 360th District Court, Democratic challenger Michael Munoz is trying to unseat incumbent Judge Patricia Baca Bennett, a Republican.

Bennett said her judicial experience and her life as a mother to two children give her an understanding of the struggles that families are facing. But Munoz said Bennett's courtroom is divisive and contentious, and said he'd bring back integrity, respect and decorum to the bench.

Houston-Area District Courts



Incumbent Judge of the 133rd District Court, Harris County Jaclanel McFarland, left, is running against Sheri Y. Dean, right. Courtesy photos

Who Will Win the Election for Houston Judge? Candidate Sheri Y. Dean Battles Jaclanel McFarland (<https://www.law.com/texaslawyer/2020/09/22/who-will-win-the-election-for-houston-judge-candidate-sheri-y-dean-battles-jaclanel-mcfarland/>)

Judge Jaclanel McFarland of the 133rd District Court in Houston is running for reelection against Republican challenger Sheri Y. Dean.

McFarland said she has experience with the court's case types since she's been the judge of the court since 2009 and was a lawyer for 31 years before that.

But Dean said she also has been a district judge for eight years in the past and claimed that if she were elected she would be a "full-time judge."



Incumbent Judge of the Texas 127th District Court Ravi K. Sandill, left, is running against Republican challenger Nile Copeland, right. Courtesy photos

Democratic Judge Faces Challenger in Houston Election: Ravi K. Sandill Versus Republican Nile Copeland **(<https://www.law.com/texaslawyer/2020/09/22/democratic-judge-faces-challenger-in-houston-election-ravi-k-sandill-versus-republican-nile-copeland/>)**

Judge Ravi K. Sandill, a Democrat, has presided over Houston's 127th District Court for the last 12 years. The Hispanic Bar Association of Houston last year named him its judge of the year.

But come November, Sandill will fight to keep his seat against Republican attorney Nile Copeland, who describes himself as a "conservative, constitutionalist, Christian community builder."



Incumbent Judge of the Texas 129th District Court Michael Gomez, pictured, is running against Republican challenger Will Archer. Courtesy photo

Candidates Will Archer and Judge Michael Gomez Want the Vote for Texas' 129th District Court (<https://www.law.com/texaslawyer/2020/09/22/candidates-will-archer-and-judge-michael-gomez-want-the-vote-for-texas-129th-district-court/>)

Incumbent Judge Michael Gomez of Harris County's 129th District Court is running for reelection against Republican challenger Will Archer.

Gomez said he's served for 12 years and loves his job, and is always looking for ways to improve the court.

Archer did not complete Texas Lawyer's election questionnaire by deadline.



Cheryl Elliott Thornton, left, is running against Michael Landrum, right, of the 164th District Court.
Courtesy photos

Cheryl Elliott Thornton and Michael Landrum Want to Be Judge of Houston's 164th District Court (<https://www.law.com/texaslawyer/2020/09/22/cheryl-elliott-thornton-and-michael-landrum-want-to-be-judge-of-houstons-164th-district-court/>)

The race for the 164th District Court in Houston is between Democrat Cheryl Elliott Thornton and Republican Michael Landrum.

The race was created after the Democratic primary, when Thornton ousted incumbent Judge Alexandra Smoots-Thomas, who pleaded guilty in a case that alleged she misused campaign contributions for personal expenses.

Gov. Greg Abbott appointed Landrum to the vacant bench Aug. 21.



Incumbent Judge of the 165th District Court Ursula A. Hall, left, is running against Bruce Bain, right.
Courtesy photos

Houston 2020 Election: Judge Ursula A. Hall Battles Challenger Bruce Bain for 165th District Bench **(<https://www.law.com/texaslawyer/2020/09/22/houston-2020-election-judge-ursula-a-hall-battles-challenger-bruce-bain-for-165th-district-bench/>)**

Judge Ursula A. Hall of the 165th District Court in Houston is defending her seat on the bench against Republican challenger Bruce Bain.

Hall said she has more judicial experience, and voters should pick her. But Bain said his 35 years of legal experience in many areas of the law qualify him for the position.



Dawn Deshea Rogers, left, is running against Dan Lemkuil, right, for the 334th District Court. Courtesy photos

Houston Democrat Dawn Deshea Rogers and Republican Dan Lemkuil Vie for Judge of 334th Court **(<https://www.law.com/texaslawyer/2020/09/23/houston-democrat-dawn-deshea-rogers-and-republican-dan-lemkuil-vie-for-judge-of-334th-court/>)**

As Republican Dan Lemkuil and Democrat Dawn Deshea Rogers campaign for the bench of Houston's 334th District Court, they each tout their years of experience adjudicating disputes.

Lemkuil has worked as an associate judge in family court for more than five years.

Meanwhile Rogers has held quasi-judicial positions as certified hearing examiner for Texas Education Agency, special commissioner for Harris County Courts, and arbitrator for the Texas comptroller.



Houston Judge Jesse McClure and Democratic challenger Te'iva Bell are running against each other for the 339th District Court. Courtesy photos

Who Will Win the Election for Houston's 339th Court? Judge Jesse McClure Versus Te'iva Bell (<https://www.law.com/texaslawyer/2020/09/23/who-will-win-the-election-for-houstons-339th-court-judge-jesse-mcclure-versus-teiva-bell/>)

Houston Judge Jesse McClure and Democratic challenger Te'iva Bell are running against each other for the 339th District Court.

McClure, who was appointed to the bench in November 2019, said that his job performance during the pandemic warrants a full term. Meanwhile, Bell said if she's elected she would sentence defendants to make sure their punishment makes them better and keeps communities safe.

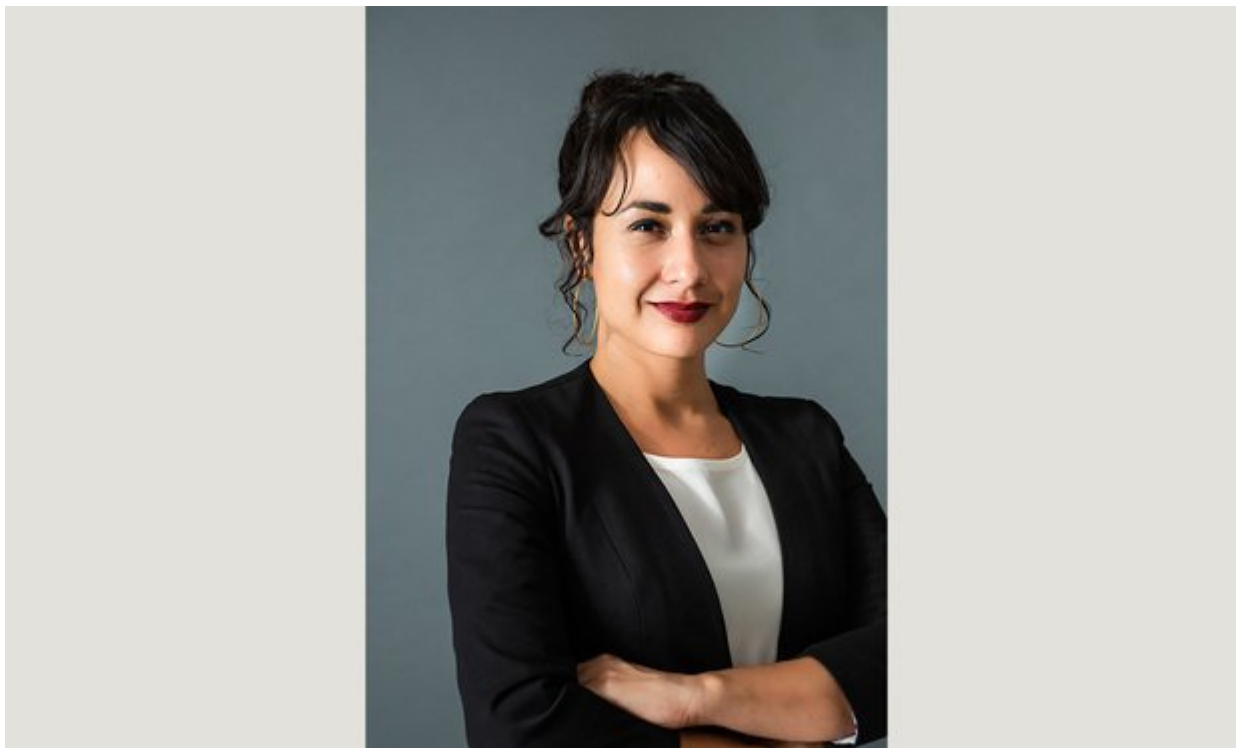


Incumbent Judge of the 215th District Court Elaine Palmer, left, is running against Fred Shuchart, right. Courtesy photos

The Candidates for Judge of Houston's 215th District Court Are Elaine Palmer and Fred Shuchart **(<https://www.law.com/texaslawyer/2020/09/23/the-candidates-for-judge-of-houstons-215th-district-court-are-elaine-palmer-and-fred-shuchart/>)**

Judge Elaine Palmer of the 215th District Court in Houston is running for reelection against Republican challenger Fred Shuchart.

Palmer said that since taking the bench in 2013 she's given litigants and attorneys a level playing field in her courtroom. But Shuchart said he has more broad and expansive legal experience than Palmer and could contribute expertise in insurance law to the bench.



Houston lawyer Natalia Cornelio (pictured), Democratic candidate for 351st District Court, is running against Republican candidate Arlene Hecht. Courtesy photo

November Election: Natalia ‘Nata’ Cornelio, Arlene Hecht Run for Judge of Houston’s 351st District (<https://www.law.com/texaslawyer/2020/09/23/november-election-natalia-nata-cornelio-arlene-hecht-run-for-judge-of-houstons-351st-district/>)

Two newcomers to the bench are battling it out in November for the 351st District Court in Houston.

The candidates are Natalia “Nata” Cornelio, a Democrat, and Arlene Hecht, a Republican.

Cornelio won the Democratic Primary in March with 62% of the vote and ousted incumbent Judge George Powell from his bench. Hecht was unopposed in her primary.



Fredericka Phillips and Erin Lunceford. Courtesy Photos

Meet the Candidates for Judge of 61st District Court: Erin Elizabeth Lunceford and Fredericka Phillips (<https://www.almcms.com/contrib/texaslawyer/wp-admin/post.php?post=41245&action=edit>)

Incumbent 61st District Judge Fredericka Phillips of Houston is battling for her bench against Republican challenger Erin Elizabeth Lunceford.

In the past, Lunceford also served as judge of the 61st District Court.

Phillips said her rulings have been upheld on appeal, but Lunceford's rulings were reversed multiple times. However, Lunceford said she has tried 30 jury trials during her 17 months on the bench, and Phillips has tried only 17 jury trials in three years.



Julia Maldonado and Alyssa Lemkuil. Courtesy photos

Republican Alyssa Lemkuil Battles Democrat Julia Maldonado for Judge of Houston's 507th Court (<https://www.law.com/texaslawyer/2020/09/24/republican-alyssa-lemkuil-battles-democrat-julia-maldonado-for-judge-of-houstons-507th-court/>)

Republican Alyssa Lemkuil and Democrat Julia Maldonado are vying for the 507th District Court in Houston.

Texas Lawyer is publishing Q&A articles with judicial candidates running in contested races in November. Early voting runs from Oct. 13 to Oct. 30, which is longer than normal, because Gov. Greg Abbott extended the period due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



L-R Jeralynn Manor and Sharon Hemphill. Courtesy Photos

Who Will Be Judge of Houston's 80th District Court: Candidates Jeralynn Manor and Sharon Hemphill (<https://www.law.com/texaslawyer/2020/09/24/who-will-be-judge-of-houstons-80th-district-court-candidates-jeralynn-manor-and-sharon-hemphill/>)

In the race for the 80th District Court in Houston, Democratic candidate Jeralynn Manor is competing against Republican candidate Sharon Hemphill.

Manor said voters should pick her because she is committed to justice and has 18 years of experience in a general practice. Hemphill said she has experience with complex cases among the hundreds of matters she's litigated, and she's board-certified.



Janet Buening Heppard, left, and Judge Brenda Mullinix, right. Courtesy photos

Richmond's 387th District Judge Candidates Are Janet Buening Heppard and Brenda Mullinix **(<https://www.law.com/texaslawyer/2020/10/02/richmonds-387th-district-judge-candidates-are-janet-buening-heppard-and-brenda-mullinix/>)**

Current 387th District Judge Brenda Mullinix is battling for her bench.

Democratic challenger Janet Buening Heppard wants to take it from her.

Heppard said she's represented clients in family law, and taught law students the subject for 25 years, which gives her a deep understanding, and qualifies her for this family district court.

But Mullinix said voters should pick her because of her experience as a litigator and judge, proven judicial temperament and board-certification in family law.



Tameika Carter, left, and Judge Maggie Jaramillo, right. Courtesy photos

400th District Republican Judge Maggie Jaramillo Campaigns Against Democrat Tameika Carter (<https://www.law.com/texaslawyer/2020/10/05/400th-district-republican-judge-maggie-jaramillo-campaigns-against-democrat-tameika-carter/>)

The race for the 400th District Court in Richmond pits incumbent Judge Maggie Jaramillo, a Republican, against Democratic challenger Tameika Carter.

Carter said her opponent is a nice woman but represents the old way of doing things in Fort Bend County, while Carter would follow the law, be efficient and treat everyone fairly.

But Jaramillo said she is fair and dedicated to the litigants who appear in her court, and that her six years on the bench and 18 years as a litigator have given her experience in all areas of the law that she presides over.



Judge James H. “Jim” Shoemake is running for reelection against Democratic challenger Christian Becerra. Courtesy photos.

Republican Judge Jim Shoemake Draws Democratic Challenger Christian Becerra in Richmond **(<https://www.law.com/texaslawyer/2020/10/05/republican-judge-jim-shoemake-draws-democratic-challenger-christian-becerra-in-richmond/>)**

Rosenberg attorney Christian Becerra is out to get the bench of incumbent 434th District Judge James “Jim” Shoemake.

Shoemake said he’s been a judge for 18 years, 14 of them on this bench, and that he’s experienced, respected and fair.

But Becerra said the court has a case backlog, which he would address by changing the current weekly docket to a daily criminal and civil docket, which would better accommodate lawyers who practice in the court.



Judge David S. Perwin is running for reelection against Democratic challenger Kali Morgan. Courtesy photos

David S. Perwin and Kali Morgan Are Running for Judge of Richmond's 505th District Court (<https://www.law.com/texaslawyer/2020/10/07/david-s-perwin-and-kali-morgan-are-running-for-judge-of-richmonds-505th-district-court/>)

Judge David S. Perwin of Richmond wants to keep his bench, but Democratic challenger Kali Morgan is looking to unseat him from the 505th District Court.

Morgan said her skill set in family law cases would give her a unique perspective. She pledged to work hard, and be fair and impartial as a judge.

Perwin, a Republican, said he can resolve cases with zero learning curve because he's been a family law judge for eight years and was a family law litigator for 14 years before that.



Democrat Marc M. Meyer is running against Republican Vince Santini. Courtesy photo

Who'll Win Election for Montgomery County's 457th District Court? Marc M. Meyer, Vince Santini (<https://www.law.com/texaslawyer/2020/10/05/wholl-win-election-for-montgomery-countys-457th-district-court-marc-m-meyer-vince-santini/>)

It's a brand new bench in Conroe, and two judicial newcomers are competing.

Republican candidate Vince Santini and Democratic candidate Marc M. Meyer are both seeking the vote for the 457th District Court in Montgomery County.

Santini, who was appointed to the new bench by Gov. Greg Abbott in July, didn't complete an election questionnaire.



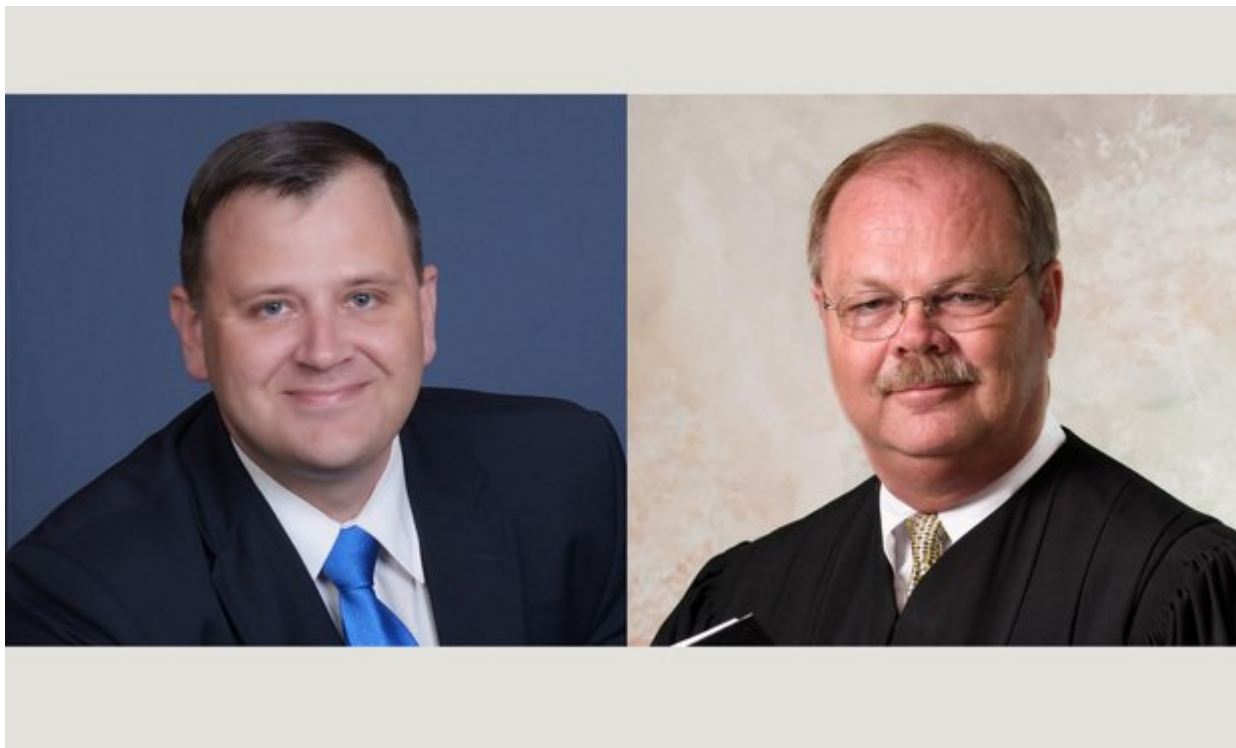
Teresa Hudson, left, and Judge Jared Robinson, right. Courtesy photos

Candidates Campaign for Judge of Galveston's 405th District Court: Teresa Hudson, Jared Robinson (<https://www.law.com/texaslawyer/2020/10/05/candidates-campaign-for-judge-of-galvestons-405th-district-court-teresa-hudson-jared-robinson/>)

District Judge Jared Robinson of the 405th District Court in Galveston is battling Democratic challenger Teresa Hudson.

Hudson said her experience as an impartial mediator qualifies her for the bench, and she pledged to adopt a judicial philosophy between moderate and liberal.

Robinson said voters should pick him because he has judicial experience and was a trial lawyer who practiced criminal and civil law.



George Lindsey, left, and Judge Lonnie Cox, right,. Courtesy photos

Meet the Candidates for Judge of Galveston's 56th District Court: George Lindsey and Lonnie Cox (<https://www.law.com/texaslawyer/2020/10/09/meet-the-candidates-for-judge-of-galvestons-56th-district-court-george-lindsey-and-lonnie-cox/>)

Judge Lonnie Cox of Galveston wants his bench for another term, but that won't happen if challenger George Lindsey gets his way. Both are running for the 56th District Court.

Lindsey, a Democratic challenger, said brings to the bench the experience of serving 12 years in the U.S. Army and using his hard-earned skills as an assistant district attorney in the courtroom.

Cox, the Republican candidate, said voters should pick him because he has superior legal experience in both criminal and civil law, including 15 years as a judge

Austin-area District Courts



Selena Alvarenga (pictured) is running against incumbent 460th District Judge Geoffrey Puryear. Courtesy photo

Geoffrey Puryear and Selena Alvarenga Want to Be Elected Judge of Austin's 460th District Court (<https://www.law.com/texaslawyer/2020/10/01/geoffrey-puryear-and-selena-alvarenga-want-to-be-elected-judge-of-austins-460th-district-court/>)

The election for Austin's 460th District Court pits Judge Geoffrey Puryear, a Republican, battling to keep his bench against Democratic challenger Selena Alvarenga.

Alvarenga said she's dedicated much of her 24-year legal career to indigent defense and she thinks the court needs someone dedicated to criminal justice reform.

Puryear didn't complete an election questionnaire by deadline.



395th District Court Judge Ryan Larson, left, is running against challenger Lucio Del Toro, right. Courtesy photos

Running for Judge of Williamson County's 395th District Court: Lucio Del Toro and Ryan Larson **(<https://www.law.com/texaslawyer/2020/10/05/running-for-judge-of-williamson-countys-395th-district-court-lucio-del-toro-and-ryan-larson/>)**

Judge Ryan Larson and Lucio Del Toro both want the same thing: to be judge of the 395th District Court in Georgetown.

Del Toro, the Democratic challenger for the bench, said he would reform the court to bring more efficiency and fairness, offering alternatives to incarceration and litigation.

But Larson, the Republican incumbent, said voters should pick him because his opponent practices criminal law, while the 395th District Court hears family and child protection cases, about which Larson said he is passionate.



Judge David Junkin and Sherri Tibbe. Courtesy Photos

453rd District Judge David Junkin Battles Former DA Sherri Tibbe for San Marcos Judgeship (<https://www.law.com/texaslawyer/2020/09/24/453rd-district-judge-david-junkin-battles-former-da-sherri-tibbe-for-san-marcos-judgeship/>)

Judge David Junkin of the 453rd District Court in San Marcos is competing for his bench against Democratic challenger Sherri Tibbe.

Junkin said that voters should pick him because he has civil, family and criminal law experience, which is needed on a general jurisdiction bench that hears all case types. But Tibbe said that with her experience as a criminal defense attorney and then the Hays County district attorney, she learned to handle high caseloads and be fair to all litigants.



Incumbent Judge Donna King and democratic candidate Brian McConnell for 26th District Court in Georgetown (Photo: Courtesy Photo)

Incumbent Judge Donna King Battles Democrat Brian McConnell for 26th District Court Bench (<https://www.law.com/texaslawyer/2020/10/01/incumbent-judge-donna-king-battles-democrat-brian-mcconnell-for-26th-district-court-bench/>)

Judge Donna King of the 26th District Court in Georgetown is running for reelection against Democratic challenger Brian McConnell.

King said in more than five years on the bench she's presided over complex civil and criminal trials, which gives her the expertise to handle the expanse of cases filed there.

But McConnell said his legal experience, and his humble childhood, will bring compassion, fairness and humility to the bench.

District Courts Across Texas



Noel Cooper, Law Offices of Noel D. Cooper, Nacogdoches, TX. Courtesy Photo

Noel Cooper and Jeff Davis Want Your Vote for Judge of 145th District Court in Nacogdoches **(<https://www.law.com/texaslawyer/2020/09/24/noel-cooper-and-jeff-davis-want-your-vote-for-judge-of-145th-district-court-in-nacogdoches/>)**

The election for the 145th District Court in Nacogdoches is a race between Noel Cooper and Jeff Davis.

Cooper, the Democratic candidate, said his breadth of experience makes him ideal for the general jurisdiction court, and he promised to keep modernizing online and courtroom technology for the bench.

Davis, the Republican candidate, did not complete an election questionnaire before deadline.



Deborah Rios (pictured) is challenging 347th District Judge Missy Medary for her bench. Courtesy Photo

Meet Candidates for Judge of 347th District Court in Corpus Christi: Deborah Rios and Missy Medary (<https://www.law.com/texaslawyer/2020/10/01/meet-candidates-for-judge-of-347th-district-court-in-corpus-christi-deborah-rios-and-missy-medary/>)

Democratic challenger Deborah Rios is gunning to unseat Judge Missy Medary of the 347th District Court in Corpus Christi.

Rios said voters should pick her because she has a better work ethic and she's committed to public service.

Medary didn't complete an election questionnaire by deadline.



Nueces County Courthouse at 901 Leopard St., Corpus Christi, TX. Credit: Google

Musical Chairs: Justice Greg Perkes Challenges 28th District Incumbent Judge Nanette Hasette **(<https://www.law.com/texaslawyer/2020/10/09/musical-chairs-justice-greg-perkes-challenges-28th-district-incumbent-judge-nanette-hasette/>)**

In the race for the 28th District Court in Corpus Christi, incumbent Democrat Judge Nanette Hasette is defending her job against Republican challenger Greg Perkes.

Perkes currently serves on the 13th Court of Appeals.



Lyda Ness Garcia, left, and Phyllis Martinez Gonzalez, right. Courtesy photos

Lyda Ness Garcia and Phyllis Martinez Gonzalez Run for Judge of 383rd District Court in El Paso
(<https://www.law.com/texaslawyer/2020/10/01/lyda-ness-garcia-and-phyllis-martinez-gonzalez-run-for-judge-of-383rd-district-court-in-el-paso/>)

Two newcomers are racing in November's election to become judge of the 383rd District Court in El Paso.

Democratic candidate Lyda Ness Garcia and Republican opponent Phyllis Martinez Gonzalez are the two candidates seeking votes.



Judge Ysmael Fonseca is running for reelection against Democratic challenger Joe Ramirez. Courtesy photo

Joe Ramirez Versus Ysmael Fonseca for Judge of 464th District Court in Edinburg (<https://www.law.com/texaslawyer/2020/10/05/joe-ramirez-versus-ysmael-fonseca-for-judge-of-464th-district-court-in-edinburg/>)

Judge Ysmael Fonseca is battling for his bench on the 464th District Court against Democratic challenger Joe Ramirez.

Fonseca said he's the only candidate with judicial experience and he's shown he treats people fairly and pushes cases to resolution quickly.

Ramirez didn't complete an election questionnaire by deadline.



Democrat F. David Ortiz is running against Republican Roland Andrade. Courtesy photo

F. David Ortiz and Roland Andrade Duel in November Candidates for Judge of 63rd District Court (<https://www.law.com/texaslawyer/2020/10/09/f-david-ortiz-and-roland-andrade-duel-in-november-candidates-for-judge-of-63rd-district-court/>)

With no incumbent in the election, the race between F. David Ortiz and Roland Andrade for the 63rd District Court is an even-handed competition between newcomers.

Ortiz, the Democratic candidate, said he has hands-on experience in all the areas of law that the court handles, and he's lived in the region his entire life and he knows the public that he would serve as judge.

Andrade, the Republican in the race, said he's well-versed in trial procedure and has the knowledge to run an efficient and productive court because of his civil and criminal legal experience in many Texas counties.

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