

ANSWERS TO DFMC QUESTIONNAIRE

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Question 1: Why are you running for office?

Answer: I am a licensed lawyer qualified to serve the public office of a judgeship. A judgeship is available for the election of a qualified candidate. I am running for the office in the hope that the people will participate in the election process and vote for me.

Question 2: List your political experience (here and elsewhere), including grassroots activity in which you participated or led.

Answer: I participated in the sit-ins and other civil rights activities during the 1960's. I have run on a previous occasion without success to serve a judgeship.

Question 3: In what ways do you consider yourself socially progressive?

Answer: I believe in individual freedom to be exercised with no harm to others.

Question 4: Describe your ideas for engaging citizens in more active participation in our community and our government.

Answer: The participation of individuals with leadership abilities and principled ideas on public policy and the law. I recommend a community citizens group who voluntarily serve as consultants to the Board of Judges in regard to concerns about the quality of justice in the county.

Question 5: Do you pledge to publicly support all Democratic Party nominees, including your primary opponent (s), should he/she prevail in the May Primary Election?

Answer: Yes.

Question 6: When it comes to sentencing, what circumstances might make you lean toward the maximum allowable sentence?

Answer: Murder and rape.

Question 7: Conversely, what circumstances would you lean toward the minimum allowable sentence?

Answer: Where the defendant demonstrates a sincere sense of remorse and willingness to accept his punishment as required by law and show an obligation to himself or herself and public to rehabilitate himself or herself.

Question 8: Since 2012, the General Assembly of the state has enacted various laws to give convicted offenders a "Second Chance" by expunging their records for those who have committed misdemeanors or non-violent class D felonies. Some of these people have complained that they cannot get a job because potential employers discover these same criminal records (when they do background checks) on state run websites located on the internet; thereby, negating a second chance for employment. What will you do to help eliminate the problem that prevents these citizens from returning to the workforce?

Answer: This question raises a problem which comes within the responsibility of individual or groups of citizens by filing a complaint with the Governor of the representatives of the General Assembly, not with a judge, to be resolved.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Alphonso Manns

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