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Candidate Questionnaire  
Monroe County Circuit Judge - Court 1

### **About DFMC**

Democracy for Monroe County (DFMC) is a political action committee dedicated to recruiting, training, and supporting fiscally responsible and socially progressive candidates at the local and state levels. DFMC is part of a nationwide coalition of grassroots groups allied with Democracy for America, the political action committee inspired by the presidential campaign of Howard Dean. We meet every first Thursday of the month. For more information about our organization, visit our website at [www.democracyformonroecounty.org](http://www.democracyformonroecounty.org).

*DFMC: Building and training the progressive grassroots.*

**Please return this questionnaire to [chair@democracyformonroecounty.org](mailto:chair@democracyformonroecounty.org) by Monday, March 21st either in written form at our forum on that date, or send it to [robertdeppert@gmail.com](mailto:robertdeppert@gmail.com) and to [wellseco1@bluemarble.net](mailto:wellseco1@bluemarble.net).**

### **About You**

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**Charlotte Zietlow, Catherine Stafford, Tara Troy Doyon and Ron Doyon, Kyla Cox-Deckard, Joseph O'Connor, Sam Ardery, Margaret Frisbie, Dr. Heather Franklin, Kris Sullivan, Erica Steinfeldt, Lara and Warren Cutshall, Carol Seaman, Becky Wann, Jim Shelton, Jerry Hays, Paige Freitag, Erin Martoglio, Susan Nelson, Kara Reagan, Marianne Williams.**

### **Question 1**

Why are you running for office?

**I am running for office to improve access to justice for individuals who are unrepresented in court, to increase the delivery of court services through the use of problem solving courts, and to maintain the integrity and quality of our circuit court with my experience as a civil attorney, mediator, and substitute judge.**

### **Question 2**

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

**I ran for judge in 2008. I also participated in IU College Democrats while attending undergraduate studies at Indiana University.**

### **Question 3**

In what way(s) do you consider yourself socially progressive?

**I consider the role of judge as the pinnacle of public service for my profession, and I am running so that I can blend my professional interests and service to my community. The question of equal access to justice and the court system for unrepresented parties is one in which I have been interested for some time, and I served on an Indiana Supreme Court Committee for Self-Represented Litigants for that reason.**

### **Question 4**

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

**We need more focus on civics education for elementary students, and as mandatory curriculum at the middle school and high school levels. More and better-publicized public forums which regularly take place, not just during election season, may also keep people more engaged.**

### **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?

**I will publicly support the will of the voters after the primary election.**

## Question 6

When it comes to sentencing, what circumstances might make you lean toward the maximum allowable sentence.

**Canon 4, Rule 4.1 of the Indiana Code of Judicial Conduct prohibits judicial candidates from making public statements or commitments that are inconsistent with the impartial performance of the duties of judicial office. In my opinion, to make a statement, which would indicate how I would rule in any particular matter that may come before the court, violates this Rule. I would do my best to apply the sentencing guidelines in a manner consistent with the law and the facts of the case.**

## Question 7

Conversely, what circumstances would make you lean toward the minimum allowable sentence?

**Please see above response to Question 6.**

## 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?

**To the extent that court administration may be responsible for the public’s continued access to expunged records, I will work with court personnel to ensure that the court records are properly expunged and not accessible. Beyond that, as a judge of the court, I will not have any other power other than to encourage our legislators to follow through on the proper administration of the law.**