

North Carolina FreeEnterprise Foundation
2010 Questionnaire
Candidates for North Carolina Appellate Courts

Please complete and return
by March 19 Deadline

SECTION I. Candidate Personal Profile Information

Name: Jane P. Gray Party (optional): Democrat Republican Other: _____
Office Sought (circle): N.C. Supreme Court N.C. Court of Appeals, seat: Colabria
Address: 3805 Casey Leigh Lane City: Raleigh State: NC Zip: 27612
County of Residence: Wake Length of Residence in County: 37 years
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Email: jncoc@judgejanegray.com Fax: N/A
Gender: Female Race/Ethnicity: Caucasian Religion: Prof. Methodist
Place of Birth (city/state): Richmond, Virginia Date of Birth: 11-21-49
Marital Status (circle): Married Single Divorced Separated Number of Children: 1
Occupation: District Court Judge Employer: State of North Carolina
Military Service: none High School: James Blair - Williamsburg, Va.
Colleges/Universities Attended: Sweet Briar; University of Florida 1968-72
Law Degree Received From: Campbell University School of Law 1979
Previous Elected/Appointed Offices: District Court Judge (Appt 2002, elected 2004 and 2008)

SECTION II. Candidate Campaign Information

Name of Campaign Committee: Judge Jane Gray Committee
Campaign Email: jane@judgejanegray.com Campaign Website: www.judgejanegray.com
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Political Consultants: Reid Overcash - Strategic Insights

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Do you plan to participate in North Carolina public financing program?

Yes No Undecided

Considering your personal and professional associations, how likely are you to receive support from each of the following groups? (endorsements)

	Very Likely	Likely	Unknown	Unlikely	Very Unlikely
A. North Carolina Advocates for Justice (formerly the Academy of Trial Lawyers)	1	2	3	4	5
B. Medical Groups (ex. Doctors, Hospital Administrators)	1	2	3	4	5
C. Banking & Finance Industry	1	2	3	4	5
D. Utility/Telecommunications Companies	1	2	3	4	5
E. Real Estate & Construction Industry	1	2	3	4	5
F. Labor Unions	1	2	3	4	5
G. Retail/Wholesale Businesses	1	2	3	4	5
H. State Employees Association of N.C. (SEANC)	1	2	3	4	5
I. Insurance Industry	1	2	3	4	5
J. N.C. Association of Educators (NCAE)	1	2	3	4	5
K. Business Professionals (ex. Architects, Accountants, Engineers)	1	2	3	4	5
L. Transportation Industry	1	2	3	4	5
M. Agri-business Interests	1	2	3	4	5
N. Legislative Leadership Committees	1	2	3	4	5

Are there other groups not listed that you would expect to receive a campaign contribution or endorsement from? (Ex. Lillian's List, Anti-Tax Groups)

I can receive endorsements from groups, but contributions only from individuals. I hope to receive endorsements from law enforcement, but contributions from individuals in all of the above categories.

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SECTION III. CANDIDATE QUESTIONS & STATEMENTS

Instructions: Please respond to the following questions and statements by circling the response that best represents your position or opinion. You are invited to provide additional comments or explanations for your answers on a separate page. Please be sure to identify which question you are commenting on by noting the appropriate question number with your additional comments.

1. Of the justices currently serving on the United States Supreme Court, whose judicial philosophy most closely reflects your own? (Circle one response)

Alito Breyer Ginsburg Kennedy Roberts Scalia Sotomayor Stevens Thomas

2. Do you believe the words and meaning of the Constitution should be interpreted in the context of our present culture or as closely to the intent of the original authors as possible?

Present Culture Original Authors Undecided I believe in following the precedent of the U.S. Supreme Court and N.C. Supreme Court. Clearly, some current issues such as internet privacy could not have been

3. Do you believe judges in North Carolina should be appointed by the Governor instead of elected by the people? envisioned by the framers.

Yes, No Undecided

but after going through evaluation by a designated group of peers who makes a recommendation to Governor, Voter retention election at end of term.

4. Have you owned or managed a business? (If so, please describe below.)

Yes No

but my husband, 3 siblings and father all have and I know what hard work it takes.

5. For every \$100.00 of sales, about how much profit do you believe the average North Carolina business nets? (Circle one response)

Under \$1 \$1-5 \$5-10 \$10-25 \$25-50 Over \$50

6. Do you believe the current level of taxes paid by North Carolina businesses is too high, too low, or about right? (Circle one response)

Too high Too low About right

impossible for me to answer with these 3 choices. Our tax code is hopelessly antiquated and in need of major reform. Some business taxes are too high, some too low and the code hasn't kept pace with our changing economy. This is a personal opinion and would not be an issue decided by the Court of Appeals, but by the legislature.

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SECTION IV. OPEN-ENDED QUESTION

Please describe your judicial philosophy.

As a trial judge, my philosophy has been to give each party a fair and impartial hearing - whether the case is civil or criminal; whether the party is an individual or a business. I do not have an "agenda". I do not think there is any place for partisan politics in the courtroom. I do not prejudge any case, but let the facts come from the evidence presented. I then apply the law to the facts, whether the law be a statute, administrative regulation, appellate court precedent or a provision in our state or federal constitution. On occasion, when the applicable law may not be clear or there is an apparent conflict in precedents, I look to the rules of statutory construction and the intent of the founders as appropriate.

If elected, I would take this same philosophy to the Court of Appeals. I would seek to explain my decisions in clear, cogent opinions for the benefit of trial judges, the attorneys who argue before them, and if possible, the parties involved.

I believe my colleagues on the bench and attorneys who practice before me in Wake County, would attest that I have a strong work ethic. The Court of Appeals issued opinions in approximately 1,800 cases last year, so the court needs dedicated, hard working judges. I am committed to carrying my share of the caseload and bringing resolution to the cases in a timely manner.

Candidate Signature:
(signature required)

Jane P. Gray

Date: March 16, 2010