

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: Steven Walker Party (optional): Democrat Republican Other: _____
Office Sought (circle): N.C. Supreme Court N.C. Court of Appeals, seat: "Elmore"
Address: PO Box 224 City: Raleigh State: NC Zip: 27602
County of Residence: Johnston Length of Residence in County: 8 yrs.
Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: 919-665-5011 Mobile Phone: _____
Email: Walkerforcoa@gmail.com Fax: _____
Gender: Male Race/Ethnicity: White Religion: Southern Baptist
Place of Birth (city/state): Hendersonville, NC Date of Birth: 5-22-80
Marital Status (circle): Married Single Divorced Separated Number of Children: 2 w/ 1 more on the way
Occupation: Law Clerk Employer: Supreme Court
Military Service: N/A High School: North Henderson
Colleges/Universities Attended: Clemson Univ.
Law Degree Received From: Campbell School of Law
Previous Elected/Appointed Offices: N/A

SECTION II. Candidate Campaign Information

Name of Campaign Committee: Walker for Court of Appeals
Campaign Email: Walkerforcoa@gmail.com Campaign Website: Walkerforcoa.com
Campaign Phone: 919 665-5011 Campaign Fax: w/A
Campaign Address: PO Box 224 City: Raleigh State: NC Zip: 27602
Campaign Treasurer: Lisa Denny Campaign Treasurer Phone: 919-665-5011
Political Consultants: _____

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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?

| | 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)

possibly Pro-Life & Pro-Firearms groups.

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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

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

Yes No Undecided - Left to the people & their Reps. & the N.C. Constitution

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

Yes No

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

- however, this is not a judicial decision to be made

Judicial Philosophy of Steven Walker

My judicial philosophy is simple: Judges are to interpret the laws as they are written by the legislature. It is not the job of judges to write the law. That means that the Constitutions of the United States and of North Carolina mean what they actually say, not what judges may wish that they say.

My position on constitutional interpretation is that of a strict constructionist. Our system of government was set up to preserve the liberty of the people, but too often the judicial branch has become the vehicle for a reduction in liberty and safety. Those who are constitutionally convicted of a crime should serve their sentence, not have their conviction overturned by a judge's extra-constitutional imagination.

My position is that of most North Carolinians: We have elected our legislature to write the laws and the executive branch to enforce them. Absent a clear constitutional violation, the judges of this State should let their decisions stand.