



**2017 Pennsylvania Family Council
Voter's Guide Questionnaire for Judicial Candidates
Reply Requested by May 8, 2017**

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1. Which of the following U.S. presidents best represents your political philosophy?

- John F. Kennedy
- **Ronald Reagan** - Set the stage for the fall of communism, understood the importance of communication and instilling hope.
- George Bush (former)
- Bill Clinton
- George W. Bush
- Barack Obama

2. Which one of the recent justices of the U.S. Supreme Court most reflects your judicial philosophy?

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| • Roberts | • Kagan | • Scalia - Appreciated his commitment to textualism. |
| • Kennedy | • Thomas | • Sotomayor |
| • Ginsburg | • Breyer | • Alito |

3. Rate your judicial philosophy on a scale of 1-10 with "living document" approach being a "1" and "strict construction" or "originalist" being a "10."

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 **10**

4. Please list the five organizations in which you are most involved as a member, through contributions, and/or through volunteering.

1. Greater Latrobe School District Parks and Recreation
2. Saint Vincent Basilica Parish
3. Greensburg Hempfield Area Library
4. Police Rod and Gun Club

5. National Rifle Association

5. Do you believe that *Roe v. Wade*, 410 U.S. 113 (1973), insofar as it recognizes a “right to privacy” that includes abortion under the United States Constitution, was correctly or incorrectly decided? (Circle One)

• Correctly Decided

• **Incorrectly Decided**

• Undecided

• Decline to answer (describe reason)

- I think it incorrectly placed the right to privacy over the right to life

6. Do you believe that the Pennsylvania Constitution permits display of the Ten Commandments in courtrooms? (Circle One)

• **Yes**

• No

• Undecided

• Decline to answer (describe reason)

- The right to freely exercise ones faith is one of our fundamental rights

Signature

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Date

May 1, 2017

Thank you.

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