

Chief Judge Candidate Evaluation - Due December 18, 2020

Welcome to the Chief Judge Candidate Evaluation for the DC Judicial Nomination Commission

The District of Columbia Judicial Nomination Commission (Commission or JNC) is responsible for designating the Chief Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals. In addition to judicial duties of a Court of Appeals judge, the Chief Judge is also responsible for the administration of the business of the Court.

The Commission invites comments from the District of Columbia bench, bar, and members of the public on each of the candidates for Chief Judge (listed in Question 1). **If you wish to provide comments for more than one candidate, please complete a separate survey for each.** You may also provide comments by letter, or you may use the PDF version of this survey on JNC's website: <https://jnc.dc.gov/service/evaluate-candidates>

All comments, surveys, and letters received become part of the confidential file for this Chief Judge designation process. The Commission may discuss topics raised in the comments with the candidates, but will do so either by aggregating the comments or otherwise ensuring that the source of the comments, and the identity of the commenter, are not revealed unless the commenter consents in advance to the disclosure of his/her identity.

Your comments will assist the Commission as it evaluates each candidate for the position of Chief Judge. The Commission encourages you to elaborate on the reason(s) for your ratings, including by providing examples that explain your rating.

All comments must be RECEIVED by the JNC by no later than December 18, 2020.

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Identify the Candidate You Are Evaluating

Please identify, below, the candidate you are evaluating with this survey. **A separate survey is required for each candidate evaluated.**

1. Which of the current candidates are you evaluating?

Hon. Anna Blackburne-Rigsby

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Candidate - Context for Evaluation

Please indicate the nature of your relationship with the candidate, and the basis for your evaluation.

2. What is your relationship with the candidate you are evaluating?

Professional

Social or Family

Reputation Only

Years Known

3. What is the basis of your evaluation of the candidate?

I work with the candidate

I appeared as counsel before the candidate

I was a party/litigant in a case before the candidate

Other (please describe)



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Evaluation of Judicial Temperament

4. Please assess the candidate's ability to treat everyone with respect, willingness to listen with patience and courtesy, and collegiality. If you do not have a basis to respond to this question, please mark "Unknown."

Outstanding

Very Good

Satisfactory

Below Average

Not Satisfactory

Unknown



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Interest and Experience in Court Administration

Court administration is the management of the nonjudicial functions of the court, including court operations, court finance, and use of information technology. Provide specific examples below, if any, of the candidate's interest and experience in court administration.

5. How would you rate the candidate's interest in court administration? If you do not have a basis to respond to this question, please mark "Unknown."

Outstanding

Very Good

Satisfactory

Below Average

Not Satisfactory

Unknown



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6. How would you rate the candidate's administrative abilities and experience? If you do not have a basis to respond to this question, please mark "Unknown."

Outstanding

Very Good

Satisfactory

Below Average

Not Satisfactory

Unknown



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Evaluation of Candidate's Ethics

Ethics refers generally to the candidate's integrity, impartiality, objectivity, sound judgment, and restraint, as well as the candidate's adherence to applicable rules of conduct and ethics.

7. How would you rate the ethics of the candidate? If you do not have a basis to respond to this question, please mark "Unknown."

Outstanding

Very Good

Satisfactory

Below Average

Not Satisfactory

Unknown



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Evaluation of Candidate's Commitment to Diversity

A commitment to diversity may be shown by the candidate's treatment of people, including whether the candidate treats people equally, fairly, and with respect, regardless of gender, race, national origin, economic status, sexual orientation, or any other factor; and whether the candidate promotes inclusiveness of women and minorities.

8. How would you rate the candidate's commitment to diversity? If you do not have enough information to respond to this question, please mark "Unknown."

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|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Outstanding | Very Good | Satisfactory | Below Average | Not Satisfactory | Unknown |
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Evaluation of Court Leadership Skills

Court leadership skills include the ability to be decisive, to lead the court, and to promote a sense of cooperation and collegiality among the judges, the court staff, and other entities that regularly interact with the court.

9. How would you rate the candidate's court leadership skills? If you do not have a basis to respond to this question, please mark "Unknown."

Outstanding

Very Good

Satisfactory

Below Average

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Evaluation of Ability to Advocate for and Promote Confidence in the Court System

10. How would you rate the candidate's ability to advocate for and promote confidence in the court and judicial system? If you do not have a basis to respond to this question, please mark "Unknown."

Outstanding

Very Good

Satisfactory

Below Average

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Evaluation of Candidate's Intellectual Leadership

11. How would you rate the candidate's ability to provide intellectual leadership to the court? If you do not have a basis to respond to this question, please mark "Unknown."

Outstanding

Very Good

Satisfactory

Below Average

Not Satisfactory

Unknown



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Confidentiality and Disclosure

Your identity will be strictly protected and not disclosed outside of the DC Judicial Nomination Commission members and DC JNC staff. Your identity will only be disclosed to the candidate if you provide your name AND authorize disclosure by selecting the appropriate option below.

12. Name and Contact Information (optional)

Name

Email Address

Phone Number

13. Please mark one.

- I **DO NOT CONSENT** to disclosure of my identity to the candidate.
- I **CONSENT** to disclosure of my identity to the candidate.

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Evaluation Delivery Options

Thank you for taking the time to complete this evaluation! Your input will be held in the strictest confidence by the DC Judicial Nomination Commission. If you are completing this evaluation online, you may submit it by simply selecting "DONE." Your response will be provided directly to the JNC on a secure server. It will NOT be saved online.

If you are completing a hard copy of this survey, you may deliver it directly to the JNC:

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