

Why judicial elections matter

The election of local judges is one of the most significant ways that we can impact justice. It is important to know the candidates who are running for office, their backgrounds, the experience that they will bring to the bench and their perspectives on the judiciary.

Simply put, our mayor cannot put you in jail, our city council members cannot determine who will inherit your property upon your death, our senators cannot take away your children, nor can our governor order that someone pay child support. However, a judge can make these and many other important decisions. Unequivocally, our state court judges play a vital role in ensuring that your rights are protected.

Whether you choose to vote during early voting on or election day, educate yourself before entering the voting booth and make sure to cast a ballot that ensures we elect the most qualified people to administer justice.

For more election information:
GeauxVote.com



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**JUDICIAL
ELECTION
GUIDE**

4TH CIRCUIT COURT OF
APPEAL, DIV. F



HON. DALE ATKINS

The Honorable Dale Atkins received her undergraduate degree from the University of Notre Dame and her law degree from Southern Methodist University School of Law. Following law school, Ms. Atkins went to work as an Assistant District Attorney with the New Orleans District Attorney's office. During her legal career, Ms. Atkins has worked with the law firms, Bryan & Jupiter and Roedel Parsons Koch Blache Balhoff & McCollister.

Since 1989, Ms. Atkins has served as the Clerk of Civil District Court for Orleans Parish. She is the first African-American woman to be elected clerk of a district court in this state.

She has also served on the Louisiana Council on Child Abuse, the Mayor's Domestic Violence Advisory Board, and the Advisory Boards for the Red Cross and United Negro College Fund. Additionally, she was appointed by the Chief Justice of the Louisiana Supreme Court to serve on the Louisiana Access to Justice Commission.

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THE ROLE OF APPELLATE JUDGES

Appellate court judges do not re-try cases, and they do not hear new evidence. Rather, they review decisions made by the trial courts and raised by the parties.

Appeals in either civil or criminal cases are usually based on arguments that there were errors in the trial's procedure or errors in the trial court's interpretation of the law.

WHEN CAN YOU VOTE?

Early voting for the March 24, 2017 Special Election will be held: March 10-17 (except Sunday, March 11) from 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

For polling locations, sample ballots and more election information visit: GeauxVote.com



HON. ROBIN D. PITTMAN

Judge Robin D. Pittman, a native New Orleanian, is a cum laude graduate from Loyola University New Orleans and Loyola University New Orleans School of Law. Judge Pittman has been serving as judge for Orleans Parish Criminal District Court, Section F since January of 2009, where she has been recognized as one of the most efficient Judges on the bench.

Prior to taking the bench, Judge Pittman served as an Assistant District Attorney for the Orleans Parish District Attorney's Office, a Deputy Disciplinary Counsel with the Office of Disciplinary Counsel, and a litigation attorney at Baldwin Haspel Burke & Mayer, LLC. Her experience includes criminal, civil, and juvenile matters over two decades in the active practice of law.

Judge Pittman is actively involved in her community, including memberships with the Mount Carmel Academy Board of Directors, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Bancroft Park Civic Association, and the Mystic Krewe of Femme Fatale. Judge Pittman formerly held board memberships with St. Pius X School Board and the Boy Scouts of America.

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