

JUDICIAL CANDIDATES–May 17 Primary Election

On the ballot this election:

1 Supreme Court position, 3 Court of Appeals positions, and 1 Justice of the Peace position

PLEASE READ FIRST: The following message comes from Janie Burcart, a fellow NL and retired trial lawyer with 30+ years of experience, who spent 5 years arguing before the Court of Appeals and has an intimate knowledge of the system.

*The only contested judicial race this election is **Court of Appeals, Position 3**. Most people will miss it, **but the extreme right will not** as their man has put himself forward to challenge the only Latina Judge on the Court of Appeals – Darleen Ortega.*

Judge Ortega is highly regarded, has been a fine judge since being appointed by Gov. Kulongoski in 2003 and is an expert in juvenile law. Oregon's Court of Appeals (NOT the Supreme Court) is one of the busiest courts in the USA – 3,500 to 4,000 cases per year handled. ALL appeals go to them as of right now. Then the Supremes can choose between criminal cases, civil cases, worker's comp cases, and administrative cases.

Normally appellate judges are unopposed but Vance Day has scary plans. He's a leader of the Promise Keepers....I'll leave you to extrapolate on that organization! He's also a big supporter of U.S. Supreme Court Judge Clarence Thomas. You can extrapolate on that as well....

All this can be gleaned from the Voters Pamphlet – he's not hiding it because most normal people don't read it or bother with judge races but his avid followers will! That includes many in Jackson County.

*We can't change them but we **MUST** encourage people to vote for Darleen Ortega or she could lose. An undervote (i.e., non-vote), which is extremely common in judicial races, will let him slip through and bring the crazy radical right to an important seat.*

*Remember what an unqualified Trump appointee just did to the CDC's mask mandate. **[You'll find Position 3 by scrolling down to page 3.]***

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Judge of the Supreme Court, Position 6–Nonpartisan

Roger J. DeHoog (sole candidate)

Occupation: Justice, Oregon Supreme Court

Occupational Background: Judge, Oregon Court of Appeals (2016-2021); Judge, Circuit Court, Deschutes County (2012-2015); Sr. Asst. Attorney General, Oregon Department of Justice (2008-2011); attorney in private practice (2000-2007); public defender (1993-1999)

Educational Background: J.D., University of Oregon School of Law (1992); A.B., Dartmouth College (1987); Agua Fria Union High School, Avondale, AZ (1983)

Prior Governmental Experience: Judge of the Oregon State Circuit Court and Court of Appeals; Assistant Attorney General, Oregon Department of Justice; Judge pro tem; Juvenile Court Referee

Elect Justice DeHoog: In January, Governor Brown honored me with an appointment to the Oregon Supreme Court, choosing from among highly qualified appellate judges, trial court judges, and attorneys. With my appointment, the Governor continued in her commitment to ensure that Oregon's judicial seats are filled with dedicated, fair-minded, and capable judges of all backgrounds and points of view. And by choosing a longtime Bend resident, the Governor recognized that those of us living east of the Cascades should have a voice in Oregon's most important affairs. I am asking you to do the same by voting to retain me in this new role.

Experience: Nearly my entire career has been spent serving the public in some way, starting as a trial lawyer providing public-defender services and culminating in my six years on the Oregon Court of Appeals, where I have read thousands of appeals, heard hundreds of arguments, and been the authoring judge on almost 200 opinions. At every stage I have been recognized for the quality of my work, my efforts to ensure that all perspectives be heard and considered, and my collegial approach.

Previous legal activities: Oregon State Bar Ethics Committee; Constitutional Law Section Executive Committee (former chair); Oregon Council on Court Procedures; Judicial Conduct Committee.

Current/recent community work: Board Member, NeighborImpact regional community action agency; board liaison to Central Oregon Head Start/Early Head Start Policy Council; Uniting for Action on the Oregon Economy workshop planning committee.

(This information furnished by Roger J. DeHoog.)

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Judge of the Court of Appeals, Position 3 – Nonpartisan

Darleen Ortega [Please see the commentary on page 1 by Janie Burcart.]

Occupation: Judge, Oregon Court of Appeals

Occupational Background: Judge, Oregon Court of Appeals, since October 2003, and as Presiding Judge since 2011; adjunct law professor at Lewis & Clark School of Law (2018, 2020 to present), University of Oregon School of Law (2020 to present), and Willamette University School of Law (2020 to present); attorney in private civil practice in Portland, Oregon (1992 to 2003) and Detroit, Michigan (1989 to 1992)

Educational Background: J.D., University of Michigan School of Law with honors, 1989; B.A. in Writing/Literature, George Fox College with honors, 1984; Banks High School with honors, 1980

Prior Governmental Experience: Judge on the Oregon Court of Appeals since 2003

EXPERIENCE. Judge Ortega has authored well over 800 opinions and has participated in thousands of cases during her time on the Court of Appeals. She strives to approach each case with care and compassion, and to make her written work accessible and accountable to the public's need for transparency, thoughtfulness, and humility from its leaders.

LEADERSHIP. Judge Ortega has received numerous awards for judicial and community leadership, including on issues of access to justice. She is a frequent speaker and discussion leader on addressing the gaps that exist between the goal of justice and the lived experience of people who interact with the legal system. She relentlessly makes space for the voices of the unheard and leads by example in a practice of listening to those voices herself.

INTEGRITY. Judge Ortega has committed her life's work to the ideal of justice for all. She knows there is much to do to make that ideal a reality and is tireless in engaging that work. In addition to heavy community involvement that includes service on boards and committees both inside and beyond the legal community, she mentors, teaches, and works relentlessly to learn from scores of students, lawyers, and community members, most especially those at the margins.

(This information furnished by Committee to Reelect Darleen Ortega.)

Vance Day [Please see the commentary above by Janie Burcart. It's at the top of the document.]

Occupation: Attorney, Organization/Leadership Consultant

Occupational Background: Circuit Court Judge; President of Promise Keepers; Trial Attorney; Leadership Consultant; Historian; Educator; Cabinet Maker; Janitor

Educational Background: Lincoln High School (Diploma), Warner Pacific University (B.S.), Willamette Law School (J.D.)

Prior Governmental Experience: Circuit Court Judge; Salem Municipal Court Judge, Pro-Tempore; Marion County Compensation Commission

America, though not perfect, is the greatest nation on earth - I believe in the ideals articulated in our founding documents. I share Justice Clarence Thomas' perspective that "[T]he Declaration of Independence. . . establishes a moral ideal that we as citizens are duty bound to uphold and sustain." Our judicial system aims to do justice.

The cornerstone of a constitutional republic is self-government. The law should be applied to all people, in all places, at all times, in the same manner. In other words, the rule of law does **not** mean “*rules for thee, but not for me.*” Unfortunately, some in government use their power to tell the average citizen how to live, work, and play. “We the People” instituted civil government to serve the public – not to force the public to serve the government. As such, the judiciary has a constitutional role in providing a check against the excesses of the other two branches of government.

In my opinion, the current court is relatively diverse, except in judicial philosophy. People who really know me, understand that I am not an activist. If you want a judge to insert their personal views of how culture should be molded – then don’t vote for me. I also know what it is like to have the boot of the government on my neck. Those who are intoxicated with their power have attempted to remove my liberty of conscience and freedom of speech. Unfortunately, cancel culture looms large in our society today. Casting your vote for me is one way to push back.

- Vance Day

Please go to www.TeamVanceDay.org for further information on my perspective and background.

(This information furnished by Team Vance Day.)

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Judge of the Court of Appeals, Position 6 – Nonpartisan

Scott A. Schorr (sole candidate)

Occupation: Presiding Judge, Oregon Court of Appeals

Occupational Background: Oregon Court of Appeals Judge (2016-present); Lawyer and Managing Shareholder, Stoll Berne (1996-2015; 2011-2015); Judicial Law Clerk to Oregon Supreme Court Justice Richard L. Unis (1995-1996).

Educational Background: University of California at Berkeley Law School, J.D. (1995); University of Oregon School of Law (1992-1993); Vassar College, A.B. (1990).

Prior Governmental Experience: Oregon Court of Appeals Judge (2016-current); Commissioner on the Oregon Law Commission (2010-2015); Judicial Law Clerk, Oregon Supreme Court (1995-1996).

JUDGE SCOTT SHORR FOR THE OREGON COURT OF APPEALS

DEDICATED TO FAIRNESS AND THE RULE OF LAW

Judge Shorr is committed to the fair administration of justice. He will keep working to ensure that all are treated fairly in our courts according to the rule of law. He has been honored to serve as a judge for the past six years. He seeks your support so that he may continue to serve.

SIGNIFICANT EXPERIENCE

Judge Shorr has served on the Oregon Court of Appeals since 2016. Before that service, he practiced law for nearly twenty years on behalf of both consumers and companies in cases before the Oregon and federal courts. He represented parties in appeals before the United States Supreme Court, Oregon Supreme Court, and the Oregon Court of Appeals.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Judge Shorr has lived in Oregon for thirty years. He and his wife, a naturopathic physician, raise their twin boys in Portland. They are deeply committed to making our communities safe and supportive environments for all children. Judge Shorr is a volunteer youth soccer coach and mentor. He has held leadership roles in the legal and wider community through service on the committees and boards of several non-profit associations.

(This information furnished by Friends of Scott Shorr.)

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Judge of the Court of Appeals, Position 8 – Nonpartisan

Ramón A. Pagán (sole candidate)

Occupation: Judge, Oregon Court of Appeals

Occupational Background: Circuit Court Judge, Washington County (2016-2022), Chief Judge of the Family Law Team (2018-2021); private practice Attorney (2002-2016); Adjunct Professor, Lewis and Clark Law School (2012-2016); Adjunct Professor, Fordham University Law School (2003-2011); Staff Attorney, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit (2000-2002); Law Clerk, Kings County District Attorneys Office (1999); Law Clerk, U.S. Bankruptcy Court (1999); Law Clerk, New York City Law Department (1998)

Educational Background: Fordham University School of Law, JD (2000); Arizona State University, BA (1997)

Prior Governmental Experience: Circuit Court Judge, Washington County 2016-2022

Judge Ramón Pagán has extensive trial experience as an attorney and circuit court judge. He practiced law in New York City, appearing in federal and state courts. His practice included complex civil litigation in federal courts, high profile criminal defense matters in state and federal courts, and indigent defense matters in Bronx County. In Oregon, he's appeared in state and federal courts on complex civil and criminal matters. Judge Pagán joined the Washington County Circuit Court in 2016 and became the family law team chief in 2018. He joined the general trial rotation in 2021, handling criminal and civil jury trials. He joined the Court of Appeals earlier this year.

"Throughout my career I have sought justice and accountability, as an attorney and as a judge. On the Oregon Court of Appeals, I work hard, and I show respect for all parties and for the rule of law. It is an honor to serve the people of Oregon, and I ask for your support."

- Judge Ramón Pagán

(This information furnished by Ramón A. Pagán.)

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Justice of the Peace–Nonpartisan

(This race will not appear on everyone's ballots–see notice below)

Damian Idiart (sole candidate)

Occupation: Justice of the Peace, Jackson County, December 2020 to Present; Attorney, Idiart Law Group, April 2001 to Present

Occupational Background: None

Educational Background: Brigham Young University, BA; University of Santa Clara School of Law, JD Prior Governmental

Experience: Central Point Planning Commission

I am very grateful to be a candidate for Justice of the Peace. I was appointed by the Governor to fill this position in December 2020. Since that time, I have enjoyed doing my small part in helping make our community safer. I am committed to showing all that enter the courtroom my utmost respect. I do my best to listen to everyone and to fairly determine what is right in each case. Much of what is decided by the Justice of the Peace deals with traffic violations, but the Justice Court also handles county and city code violations, animal control complaints, minors in possession of illegal substances, hunting/gaming/boating violations and weigh master or motor carrier enforcement. These cases provide for interaction with a rich cross-section of our beautiful community. I feel that it is important that we all work in harmony with one another. Even those who have differing opinions can be civil. We must all do our part to uphold the law while extending as much mercy and kindness as can be allowed. As an elected official, I will be accountable to the voters of Jackson County for the life I live at all times.

Notice: This contest does not appear on all ballots!

This contest only appears on the ballot for voters who are registered at an address that is within the Justice Court District of Jackson County. The boundaries of the district are described as all of Jackson County, Oregon, excluding the lands within the corporate limits of the City of Medford, Oregon.