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Meet the Democratic Candidates on our Chester County Ballot for the November 2 General Election!



Maria McLaughlin for PA Supreme Court: Judge Maria McLaughlin grew up in Overbrook and is currently a judge in the PA Superior Court. Maria graduated from Delaware Law School – Widener University and upon graduation worked as a Philadelphia Assistant District Attorney and Chief of the Child Support and Enforcement Unit for 19 years. Judge McLaughlin has dedicated numerous hours to anti-violence, anti-drug, and re-entry programs, youth organizations, and helping women in prisons prepare for success outside the prison system.



Timika Lane for PA Superior Court: Judge Timika Lane was born and raised in West Philadelphia. Timika graduated from Howard University before pursuing a law degree from Rutgers Camden School of Law. Judge Lane has practiced family law, worked as a major trial attorney for the Defender Association of Philadelphia and as Chief Legal Counsel for State Senator Anthony H. Williams and as the Democratic Executive Director for the Pennsylvania State Senate State Government Committee, where she challenged Pennsylvania's restrictive Photo ID law.



Lori Dumas for PA Commonwealth Court: Judge Lori Dumas is a native of Philadelphia and serves on the Common Pleas Court in the Philadelphia Family Court's Juvenile Division. Judge Dumas holds a BA in Sociology from Duke University and a law degree from North Carolina Central University School of Law. Judge Dumas graduated from UPenn's Fels Institute of Government, holds a Certificate in Diversity and Inclusion from Cornell University and is licensed as a Personal Care Home Administrator.



David Spurgeon for PA Commonwealth Court: Judge David Spurgeon earned his B.A. from Duquesne University and J.D. from Duquesne University School of Law and was in private practice before joining the Allegheny County DA's Office as an Assistant DA and then Deputy District Attorney. Since 2016 he has served in the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas, handling all matters involving domestic abuse, children, and families.



Alita Rovito for Court of Common Pleas: J.D. Dickenson Law. 15 years as a Chester County Family Court hearing officer, first managing attorney of the Chester County Child Abuse Unit, the prototype for Child Abuse Units across the Commonwealth. Private family law practice since 2009. Alita will bring her experience, compassion, and fairness to the Chester County Court of Common Pleas. Endorsed by the Pennsylvania State Education Association PAC and the FOP.



Tony Verwey for Court of Common Pleas: Tony Verwey has 31 years of diverse legal experience, having received the highest judicial rating of Qualified from the Chester County Bar Association. Recognized by Main Line Today as a Top Lawyer, Thompson Reuters as a Super Lawyer, Philadelphia Business Journal as Best of the Bar, and The Daily Local News as a Reader's Choice Best Lawyer. Endorsed by the Pennsylvania State Education Association PAC.



Dr. Patricia Maisano for Treasurer (incumbent): Educated through PhD level, successful national business owner who has recreated the office of Treasurer with digitalization for speed and privacy. Patricia added municipal taxes saving 26 areas money and collected more than half a million dollars in hotel taxes while in office.



Yolanda Van de Krol for Clerk of Courts (incumbent): BA and MA degrees from Hamilton College and the University of Delaware. Yolanda brings business experience as a bank executive to streamline the processing of criminal legal paperwork and money, saving taxpayer dollars. She has focused on increasing access to justice, driving office modernization, and enacting criminal justice reform. Her achievements include implementing e-filing, saving lawyers and their clients time and money.



Margaret Reif for Controller (incumbent): Margaret has a degree in Economics/Finance from the U. of Scranton. She's saved the County money by streamlining systems, outsourcing, automating technology and investigating corruption that wastes taxpayer dollars. She is certified as a Public Pension Professional.



Sophia Garcia-Jackson for Coroner (current Chief Deputy Coroner): Master's in Forensic Medicine, Certified with the American Board of Medicolegal Death Investigators. Currently manages and oversees all functions of the Coroner's Office: administration, investigations, transportation, and morgue-related duties. Achievements: streamlining the budget process and payments system, sits on multiple task forces coordinating with local law enforcement and other agencies. Endorsed by the FOP.

