

WHY SHOULD I CARE ABOUT JUDGES?

Pennsylvania's state courts are at risk of being corrupted by the same billionaire-fueled dark money forces that put extremists on the US Supreme Court. This will undermine our democracy and our rights. We need to elect fair-minded, compassionate judges who will respect our Constitution and interpret the law in ways that protect our rights and advance the cause of justice.

Justice or Injustice?

In Pennsylvania, we elect our judges. The direction of the PA Courts is in our hands.

The Constitution mandates equal justice under the law, regardless of wealth, status, or connections. Extremist judges, however, will undermine OUR democracy and OUR rights.

PA APPEALS COURTS

The **PA Supreme Court** is the last word on interpreting the PA Constitution.

The **PA Superior Court** hears all civil, criminal, and family appeals.

The **PA Commonwealth Court** hears all governmental and election-related appeals.

Extremists on these courts will:

- Make it more *difficult to vote*
- Take us back to *gerrymandered legislative maps*
- Uphold laws that *deny reproductive care*
- Overturn sensible regulations on *assault weapons*
- Uphold *book bans*
- Undermine *privacy protections*
- Refuse to hold *polluters* accountable

PA LOCAL COURTS

Every PA County has a **Court of Common Pleas** where local civil, criminal, and family cases are heard.

Every county also has **Magisterial District or Municipal Courts** that handle claims that are lower in value.

Extremists on these courts will:

- *Side with insurers and large companies* over PA families and workers
- *Lower the quality* of our public schools
- *Weaken our access to healthcare*, including reproductive care
- Weaken protections for *consumers*
- Weaken protections for *workers*
- Make it easier to *discriminate, harass, and retaliate*
- Make it easier for *polluters* to ruin our air and water



Vote Carefully!
In the United States,
Money Should Not Buy Justice.

PENNSYLVANIA COURTS ARE ON THE BALLOT!

Be Aware of Cross Filing!

The candidate on your primary ballot might not be what they seem. Republicans can appear on your Democratic ballot and vice versa.

In Pennsylvania, candidates for Local Judge and Common Pleas Judge can cross file, meaning their name is on both the Republican and Democratic primary ballots without Party identification. The order in which candidate names appear on your ballot is randomly selected, so you can't infer Party or endorsement. This means you could be voting for a Republican when you intend to vote for a Democrat.

What does this mean for voters? Voters may accidentally vote for extreme judges who are beholden to dark money interests. The top vote receivers from the primary, regardless of party affiliation, will go to the general election ballot.

To find out about your local candidates, visit your County Party's website or visit Voter Services at <https://www.chesco.org/156/Voter-Services>. Then Google each candidate to see if their party and values align with yours.

Please Vote in the May 16 Primary:

In-Person at your polling place (7:00 am to 8:00 pm) on May 16, 2023.

OR

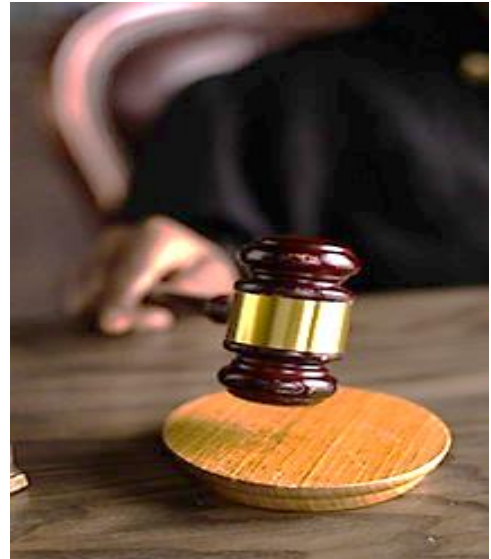
Vote by Mail: Your ballot must be RECEIVED by Voter Services by 8:00 pm May 16, 2023.

- **Put ballot in any mailbox**
Allow plenty of time for US Postal delivery (mail no later than May 9)

or

- **Use a Chester County Ballot Drop Box**
Return Your Own Ballot Only.
Locations and hours will be posted on <https://www.chesco.org/4758/Ballot-Drop-Off-Locations>
Drop boxes will be open until 8:00 pm on election day.

- **Overseas/Military ballots** due by May 23, 2023.



Need a mail in ballot?

<https://www.vote.pa.gov/Voting-in-PA/Pages/Mail-and-Absentee-Ballot.aspx>

PROTECT OUR PENNSYLVANIA COURTS!