

VOTER GUIDE – NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION
DISTRICT COURT JUDGE – District 46
Tuesday, November 6, 2018
POLLS ARE OPEN 7:00 A.M. – 8:00 P.M.

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2 Candidates for DISTRICT JUDGE for ONE 6-year Term; *Vote for no more than ONE*
District 46 includes the Cities of Lathrup Village & Southfield;
Southfield Township; Villages of Beverly Hills, Bingham Farms, & Franklin.

<p>Question 1: Summarize your biography, including your education (degrees conferred, colleges and law school), career and employment experience, elected offices held, community service activity, organizational affiliations, and other pertinent information.</p>	<p>Question 2: Describe the general nature of your law practice or other legal work you have done, the typical clients you have represented, areas of specialty or concentration, and the geographic region of your practice.</p>	<p>Question 3: Why should voters elect (or re-elect) you to judicial office; what qualities (e.g. temperament, diligence, etc.) and experiences do you have that commend you to the judicial office you seek?</p>
<p>DEBRA NANCE</p> <p>I was elected 46th District Judge on November 6, 2012. Graduate of the University of Detroit, I began my professional career as Assistant Personnel Manager at Hudson’s Northland Store, before serving as Personnel Superintendent for other Hudson’s Stores throughout Michigan. I also worked in Human Resource Management in the automotive industry.</p> <p>Graduate of Wayne State University Law School, I’ve worked in the Oakland County Prosecutor’s Domestic Violence Unit and prosecuted cases in the Wayne County Prosecutor’s Child & Family Abuse Bureau. I also worked on assignment to the Office of the General Counsel/ Ford Motor Company before going into private practice at a mid-sized law firm, where I developed a successful litigation practice in the areas of General Civil, Child Abuse/Neglect, Family and Adoption Law.</p>	<p>As 46th District Judge, I represent Southfield, Lathrup Village, Beverly Hills, Bingham Farms, and Franklin Village. I have handled well over 2,800 criminal misdemeanors, 800 felony exams, 1,000 probations violations, 9,000 general civil cases and traffic/ordinance violations, 12,000 landlord/tenant cases, and 30 small claim appeals. I have also been active in the community and among my peers, as well. In fact, I was honored to be elected as the President of the Association of Black Judges of Michigan -in my very first term of office. With confidence, I pledge to you:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the integrity and strength to render the sentences that will keep our community safe; - the experience and empathy to exercise compassionate judgment when appropriate, - and the wisdom to know the difference. 	<p>I have over thirty years of professional experience, nearly twenty years of legal experience, and six years on the bench as the Presiding Judge in courtroom #2 of the 46th District Court. With divine guidance, I have handled over 25,000 cases. I am caring, courteous, professional, and punctual when taking the bench. I believe that litigants come to court to obtain closure, so I have consistently moved my caseload through to adjudication, <u>at or above the new State-wide Standards</u>. In addition to my judicial duties I’ve stayed busy in the community, as well. I am passionate about working with our young people, and I am committed to keeping our community safe. I am <u>proud</u> to be rated “Extremely Well Qualified/Outstanding by the Wolverine Bar Association.</p>

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<p>KAMESHIA D. GANT <i>(Write-in Candidate)</i></p> <p>I am a graduate of the University of Michigan and Wayne State University Law School. I am an experienced trial attorney in private practice and a Consultant for Neighborhood Legal Services of Michigan. I previously worked as a Probation Agent for the Michigan Department of Corrections, Judicial Clerk at the 6th Circuit Court, an internship at the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan. My community and civic affiliations include membership with the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Task Force, Inc., and National Congress of Black Women, Oakland County Chapter. I was appointed to the Oakland County Jury Board Commission in May 2017 and Southfield Community Anti-Drug Coalition Advisory Board in May 2018.</p>	<p>I am an experienced trial attorney in private practice. My law firm is experienced in criminal, civil, family litigation, and appeals. I am a public servant. I represent clients from various backgrounds, races, and religions. My clients are either appointed by the court because they are indigent or have the means to retain my services. In my representations over the years, I have encountered clients with a multitude of challenges such as substance abuse, mental illness, and homelessness. I have utilized by knowledge of community programming to address their individual needs. Through my Consultant work with Neighborhood Legal Service of Michigan, I provide legal-related education to students and their families and I train students of varying grade levels for a mock trial competition.</p>	<p>I am an experienced trial attorney in private practice familiar with district court practice and the types of cases handled by the 46th District Court. I have experience in various aspects of the judicial system including knowledge of the inter-workings of the Probation Department the daily operations of a court room, and experience managing a criminal and civil docket. I can apply my trial skills, knowledge of the law, and court rules to make sound legal decisions that are fair and impartial. I am compassionate, courteous, and patient. I am active in my community. I am an advocate for the education of and mentoring of youth. I volunteer my time with programs and activities which educate students and their families about legal-related information.</p>

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