



**2019 Civil and Surrogate’s Court Judicial Candidate Questionnaire**

*Completed questionnaires will be public documents.*

<b>Personal and Employment History</b>										
How long have you lived in New York City? What neighborhoods have you lived in?	<b>I have lived in NYC for 22 years, and have been a resident of Brooklyn for almost thirteen (13) years.</b>									
Please list all of your employers and your job titles for the past 10 years.	<table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 30%;">Name of Employer</th> <th style="width: 30%;">Dates</th> <th style="width: 40%;">Nature of Practice</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>New York State Supreme Court</td> <td>2008 – Present</td> <td>Civil Court, Criminal Court, Supreme Court (including Matrimonial)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Legal Aid Society of New York City, Criminal Defense Division</td> <td>2001 – 2007</td> <td>Criminal Defense</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Name of Employer	Dates	Nature of Practice	New York State Supreme Court	2008 – Present	Civil Court, Criminal Court, Supreme Court (including Matrimonial)	Legal Aid Society of New York City, Criminal Defense Division	2001 – 2007	Criminal Defense
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Please list all courts you have appeared in front of as an attorney, and if applicable, all courts you have presided over as a judge, or worked in as an employee.	<p><b>As a practicing attorney, I appeared in the criminal courts, Criminal Supreme Court, and the Integrated Domestic Violence Court.</b></p> <p><b>As a Principal Law Clerk, I have worked in the civil court in ALL divisions and assignments, including Small Claims Court, and criminal court. I have worked as Volunteer Arbitrator in Small Claims Court, and I currently work in Supreme Court Civil Branch.</b></p>									
Please describe the types of clients you have represented in your practice.	<b>I previously represented clients in their defense against criminal charges. Although I did not represent, I have worked with self-represented litigants as well.</b>									
If you are running for reelection, please point us to one or two decisions you are most proud of. If not, please point us to one or two cases you litigated	<b>I am not running for re-election. I am most proud of ALL of the cases I litigated. Every client I represented was important, and every resolution I sought for each client were, although different, equally important, as each resolution had a resounding effect on each of my client’s liberty and justice.</b>									

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<b>Personal Values</b>	
Please list any civic, professional, or community-based organizations with which you are a member, volunteer, or otherwise affiliated.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-<b>Brooklyn Community Board 3</b></li> <li>-<b>Junior League of Brooklyn</b></li> <li>-<b>Do The Right Thing Way Block Association</b></li> <li>-<b>Our Lady of Victory RCC</b></li> <li>-<b>Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.</b></li> <li>-<b>Nigerian Lawyers Association</b></li> <li>-<b>Vanguard Independent Democratic Association</b></li> </ul>
Please tell us a story from your professional or personal life about an instance when you were wrong, and how you learned from it.	<b>N/A</b>
Do you think the current makeup of the bench in New York City is representative of the City's residents? If so, in what ways? If not, what, if anything, could and would you do as a judge to make the bench more representative?	<b>I believe the judiciary should reflect the diversity of our Brooklyn communities, and should have the character and ability to render justice with compassion and fairness.</b>
What qualities do you think voters should be looking for in a judge?	<b>As the judiciary is obligated public service, I think voters would want to know that a judge was committed to voluntarily serving the public before becoming a judge.</b>
Please name one judge, current or past, from any jurisdiction, who you admire, and explain why.	<b>I truly admire Hon. Lisa S. Ottley, NYS Supreme Court Justice. She is one of the most well-respected members of the judiciary in Brooklyn, across all practices. She brilliant and compassion, careful and precise, and consistently fair and justiciable, giving each and every case her upmost care and attention. Her dedication on and off the bench is rivaled by none, she has served since her youth, and continues to serve every community across the borough. Justice Ottley truly is a jurist serving the public.</b>
<b>Your Campaign</b>	
Please list any websites or social media pages for your campaign.	<p><b>Facebook: UdohforCivilCourtJudge</b></p> <p><b>Instagram: Udoh2019</b></p> <p><b>Twitter: @ChinyeluUdoh</b></p>
Please list all members of your campaign staff and their roles. Were any of your staff members or consultants chosen or	<b>My campaign team was neither chosen nor recommended by any official or staff of the KCDC.</b>

<p>recommended by officials or staff of the Kings County Democratic Committee? Please indicate that information for each staff member.</p>	
<p>Please list any elected officials, political clubs, or any other notable individuals or organizations who have endorsed your campaign.</p>	<p><b>Central Brooklyn Independent Democrats Independent Neighborhood Democrats Jo Anne Simon Josh Skaller Joan Millman N. Nick Perry Melba Brown Faith and Religious Leaders in the 6<sup>th</sup> district</b></p>
<p>Who or what are the major sources of fundraising for your campaign? Are there any types of donors you won't accept donations from, and if so, what types?</p>	<p><b>N/A</b></p>
<p><b>Your Judicial Philosophy</b></p>	
<p>Why do you want to be a judge?</p>	<p><b>Having experienced injustice and discrimination while growing up, I have desired to always fight for fairness and equity, and to always be an active member of my community. I have been fortunate to serve the community in so many ways, not simply in my practice as a litigator protecting the most vulnerable in our New York City communities, but throughout my life as a dedicated public servant committed to volunteerism, building and bridging friendships and families. Becoming a member of the judiciary is the most humbling opportunity to serve the public in law, and I hope to earn the community's support to continue to serve them in this capacity.</b></p>
<p>What qualities or experiences have you taken or will you take into account when hiring your judicial employees?</p>	<p><b>Work Experience, Writing samples, public service experience, and objective references.</b></p>
<p>What qualities or experiences have you taken or will you take into account when appointing fiduciaries?</p>	<p><b>I will follow the Rules of the Court in how appointments should be made.</b></p>
<p>How, if at all, can the courts address issues of institutionalized racism? How, if at all, could and would you address these issues as a judge?</p>	<p><b>Judges are required to make decisions on cases that appear before them, and follow the rule of law. The Office of Court Administration is responsible for handling making and implementing policies.</b></p>

**The Judicial Selection Process**

Do you think that the current system of electing Civil and Surrogate's Court judges is transparent and accountable to the voting public? If so, how? If not, how can the system be improved?

**N/A**

Would you be willing to publicize the completed questionnaires you submitted to the New York City Bar Association and the Kings County Democratic Committee? If not, why not? If so, please submit these completed questionnaires along with your responses to this questionnaire.

**N/A**

I have reviewed this questionnaire and agree that the responses set forth in this document are accurate:

Candidate Signature: \_\_\_/s/ Chinyelu Udoh\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_May 2019\_\_\_\_\_

***You must sign this questionnaire! When complete, please e-mail your signed and scanned questionnaire to [politics@newkingsdemocrats.com](mailto:politics@newkingsdemocrats.com)***