Incumbent Judicial Affidavit of Identity and Affidavit of Candidacy instructions

When to file
All affidavits must be received by the filing deadline on the date and time specified at Michigan.gov/elections. Affidavits received after the deadline will be rejected regardless of postmark.

Where to file
File with the Michigan Bureau of Elections for all judicial races other than probate, which are filed at the county.

Withdrawing your filing
The deadline for withdrawing is three days after the filing deadline. Once filed, an affidavit of identity may not be altered. If changes are needed, an entirely new affidavit must be filed.

Completing the form

Section 1: Candidate information
Section one requires you to provide your information. You may provide a mailing address if you want to receive your ballot proof and other information at an alternate address. It is recommended that you provide a phone number and email address so your filing official may contact you.
If you are using a name that was not provided to you at birth, you must check the box and provide your former name. However, you do not need to provide a former name if your name changed due to marriage or divorce, or formally for any reason more than 10 years ago, or if you are using your common law name.

Section 2: Office and ballot information
Section two requires detailed information for the office you seek. All office details are required.

- First, mark the box indicating the name of the office you seek and provide the jurisdiction, district/circuit, and division (if applicable) defining the office.
- Second, mark the box indicating you are running for a nonpartisan office without party affiliation.
- Third, provide the date of the primary and general election if you intend to run in both elections. If you are filing only for the November general election, only complete the general election date.
- Fourth, select the term of office. If it is a partial term, you must indicate when the partial term is expiring.
- Fifth, indicate exactly how you want your name to appear on the ballot using upper and lowercase letters. You may not use nicknames or titles (e.g. Dr., PhD, etc).

Section 3: Certification and attestation
- If you previously ran for office and filed campaign finance reports with the county, you must list each county.
- If you previously ran for office and filed campaign finance reports with the Secretary of State, you may indicate “state.”
- If you have not previously run for office, or ran for office but were not required to file campaign finance reports, you may leave this section blank.

Sign and date the affidavit in front of a notary and complete the notarization. By signing you are certifying: all statements, reports, late filing fees and fines have been filed or paid; you are domiciled at the address above; licensed to practice law in the state of Michigan per statute; you will not have attained the age of 70 years by the general election; you are a United States Citizen; acknowledgment that making a false statement in this affidavit is perjury and punishable by law. To be placed on the ballot, you must not have any outstanding fines, fees, or reports required to be filed or paid under the Michigan Campaign Finance Act.

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SECTION 1 Candidate information

First name	Middle name	Last name
Year of birth	☐ My name has formally changed in the last 10 years for a reason other than marriage or divorce. My former name is _____	
Residential address	City	ZIP
Mailing address, if different than above	City	ZIP
Phone number	Email	Campaign website, if applicable

SECTION 2 Office & ballot information

I am an INCUMBENT candidate for the following office (*check only the office sought*)

○ Justice of the Supreme Court ○ Circuit Judge ◉ District Judge
○ Judge of the Court of Appeals ◉ Probate Judge ◉ Other _____

(Jurisdiction)	(District/Circuit number)	(Division number if applicable)

☐ I am running for a nonpartisan office without party affiliation

☐ Primary election _____ (DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)) ☐ General election _____ (DATE (MM/DD/YYYY))

Term of office (*select one*) ○ Regular term ○ Partial term expiring _____ (DATE (MM/DD/YYYY))

Indicate exactly how you want your name to be printed on the ballot **(use upper and lowercase letters)**

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☐ I certify that I was nominated by a political party and accepted the nomination (*if applicable*)

SECTION 3 Certification & attestation

☐ I previously ran in Michigan for an office that required filing reports under the Michigan Campaign Finance Act. I ran in the following counties _____

By signing, I certify that:

- At this date, all statements, reports, late filing fees, and fines due from me or any candidate committee organized to support my election under the Michigan Campaign Finance Act have been filed or paid; and
- I declare that I am domiciled in the address provided above; I am licensed to practice law in the state of Michigan; I will have been admitted to the practice of law for at least five years by the start of the term; and I will not have attained the age of 70 years by the general election; and
- I am a United States citizen and meet the statutory and constitutional requirements for the office sought; and
- I acknowledge that making a false statement in this affidavit is perjury - a felony punishable by a fine up to $1,000 or imprisonment for up to five years or both and may result in disqualification from the ballot.

_____ Candidate signature _____ Date

Notary signature	Notary name
County of commission	Acting in the County of
My commission expires (DATE (MM/DD/YYYY))	Date of notarization (MM/DD/YYYY)

Office use only

Date of filing	Received by
Reviewed by	Campaign finance number