



Questions for Candidates for Court of Appeals Conservative Coalition of Harris County

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Candidate Name	Position for which Candidate is Running
Todd Frankfort	1st Court of Appeals, Place 3

Please give your answer to each of the following questions and please include your rationale with each answer. Please be concise and clear.

1. Please describe the qualifications and experience that make you the best candidate for the office for which you are running. What differentiates you from your opponent(s)?
Answer: I have been in private practice for over 30 years and regularly handle cases from initial filing through trial and appeal. A significant portion of the Court of Appeals' docket involves family law, yet there are currently ZERO family lawyers on either the 1st or 14th Courts. My background brings real-world experience in the cases this court sees frequently. Conversely, my opponents' practice areas are criminal prosecution (currently several former prosecutors on the Court) and intellectual property (most frequently tried in federal court).

2. Please describe what you believe are the most significant issues in this race and why.
Answer: I believe that the most significant issues in the race are experience and electability. Republicans must nominate a candidate with appellate-relevant experience and the strongest ability to defeat the Democrat incumbent in November.

3. Do you have judicial experience? To what extent have you practiced in the area of Civil/Family/Probate law? List the state(s) in which you are or have been licensed to practice law, and the date(s) you received such licenses.
Answer: I do not have judicial experience, other than acting as an arbitrator in family law matters. Early in my career, I practiced real estate, civil, and corporate litigation for approximately 7 years. Since 2003, I have practiced exclusively family law, and became Board Certified in Family Law in 2007. In 2011, I was admitted as a Fellow in the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, a national recognition of excellence in family law.

I am licensed in Texas (since 1994), in the United States District Court – Southern District of Texas and in the United States Supreme Court.

4. What carries the greatest influence in your rulings: civil case law, the Constitution, state statutes, or other?

Answer: When ruling in arbitrations, I apply the governing statutes (i.e. the Texas Family Code) and the facts established by the evidence. That same approach guides my judicial philosophy: review the constitutional and statutory text, follow binding precedent, follow binding precedent, evaluate the record, and decide the case. Making or changing the law is the Legislature's role – not the courts'.

5. How will technology advancements (such as AI, digital Court Hearings, etc.) impact the court system over the next few years? What issues should the public be aware of?

Answer: Technology should serve the courts, not replace time-tested judicial practices. While tools like electronic filing have improved efficiency, courts must be cautious with emerging technologies such as AI to ensure accuracy, transparency, and due process. In-person hearings remain the gold standard for assessing credibility, advocacy, and fairness, and they should remain the norm whenever possible.

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