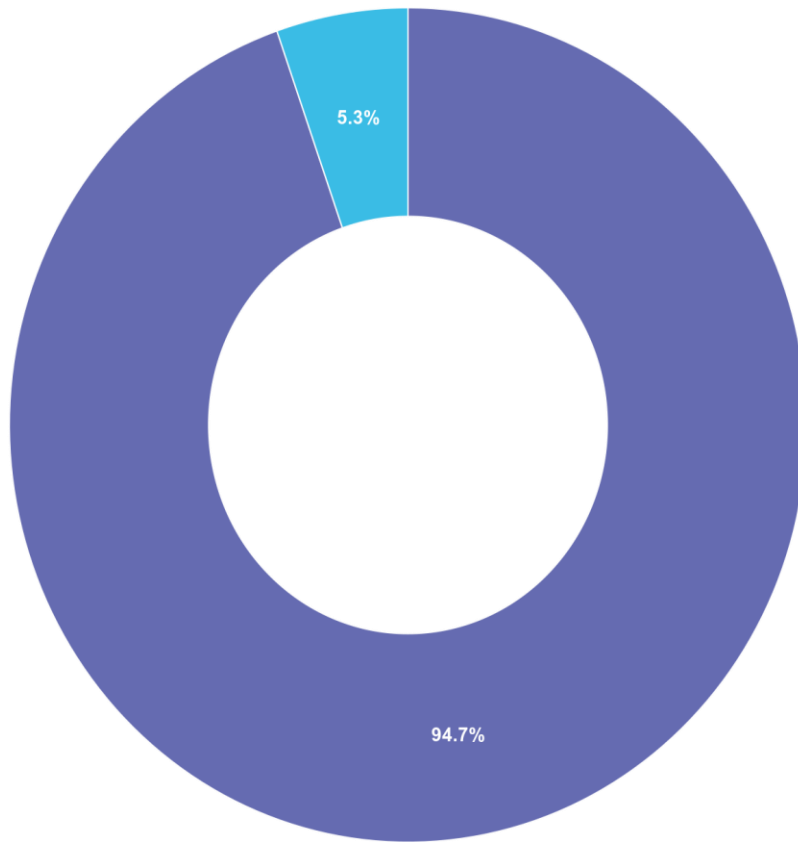


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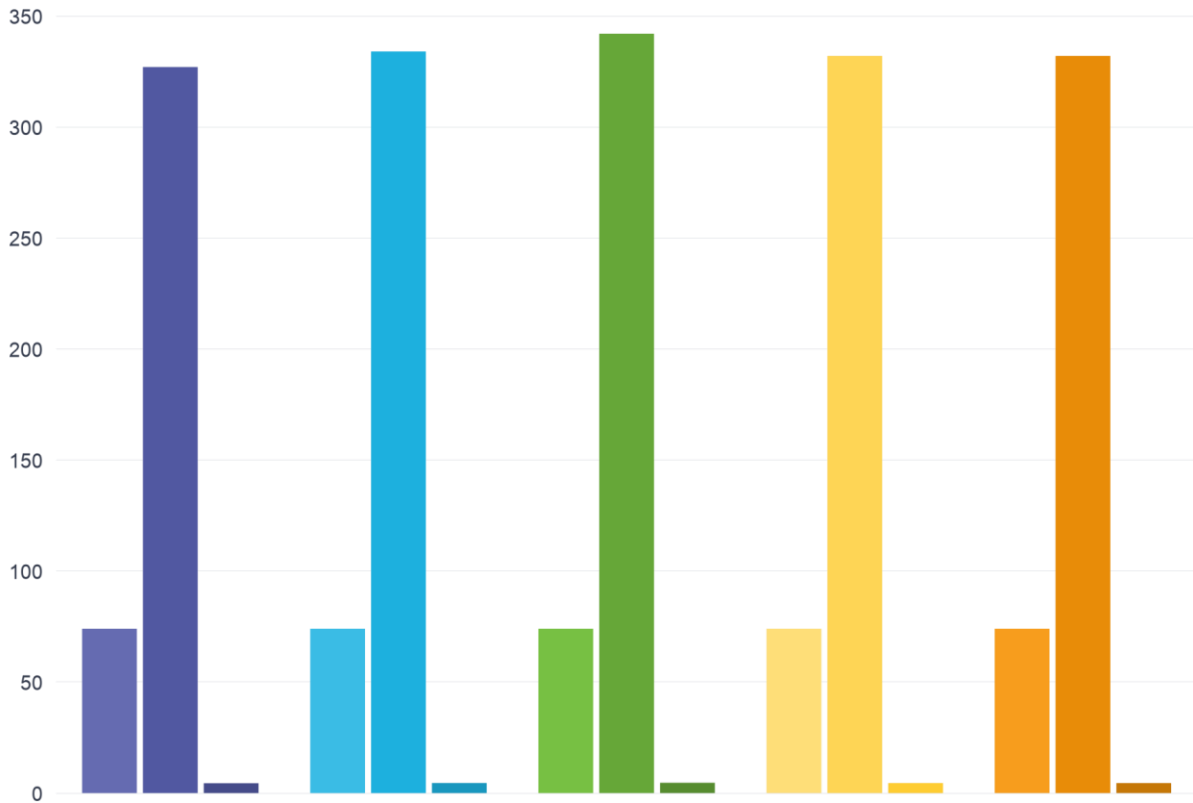
Q1 Please select who you believe is the best candidate to fill the role as the next Circuit Court Judge for the 15th Judicial District.



Responses 76 Answered 75 Unanswered 1

Choice	Totals
● Branden Bellar	71
● Michael Collins	4

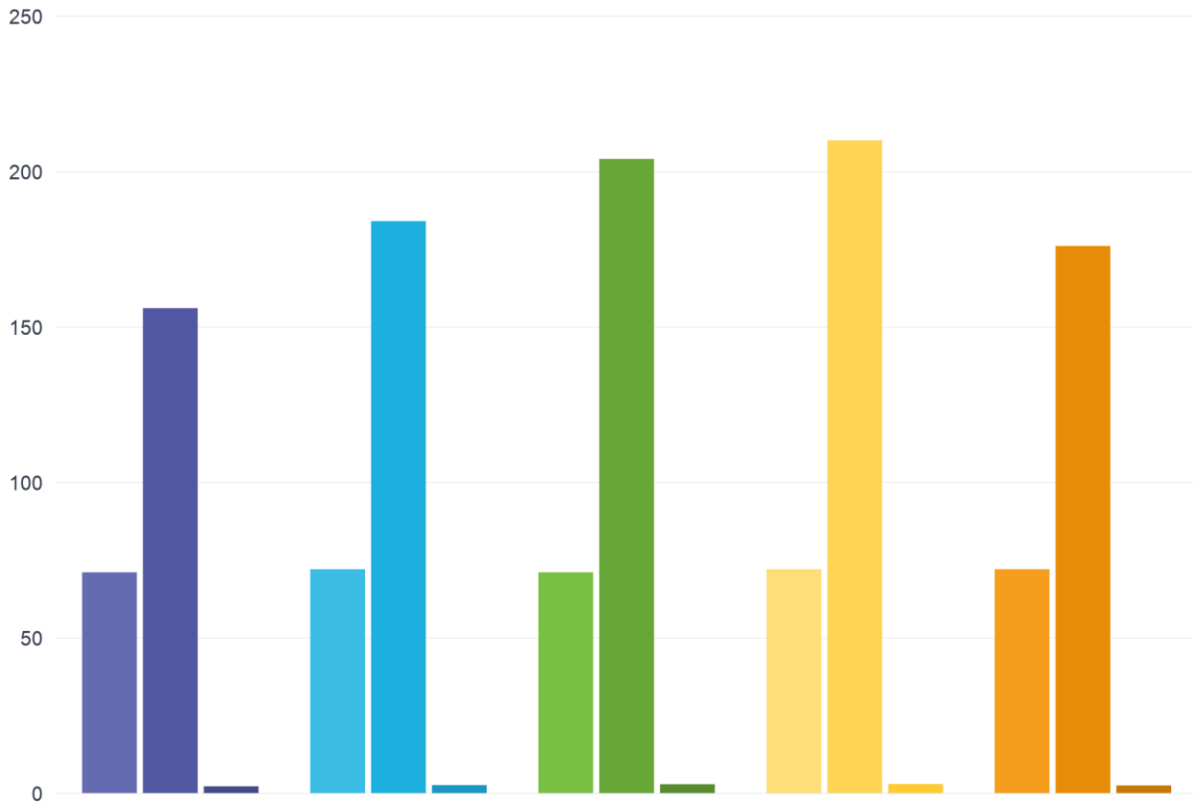
Q2 Please rank judicial candidate Branden Bellar in the following areas:
Scoring



Responses 76 **Answered** 74 **Unanswered** 2

Choice	Score	Average
● Judicial Demeanor	327	4.42
● Knowledge of the Law	334	4.51
● Ethics	342	4.62
● Experience	332	4.49
● Overall Rating	332	4.49

Q3 Please rank judicial candidate Michael Collins in the following areas:
Scoring



Responses 76 **Answered** 72 **Unanswered** 4

Choice	Score	Average
● Judicial Demeanor.	156	2.17
● Knowledge of the Law.	184	2.56
● Ethics.	204	2.83
● Experience.	210	2.92
● Overall Rating	176	2.44

Q4 If you would like to share additional thoughts regarding the candidate or the campaign, please do so here:

Essay

Responses 76 **Answered** 8 **Unanswered** 68

Response

I think both of the candidates are qualified and would do a great job. It's a hard choice.

I have never practiced before Judge Collins. I met him twice and on each occasion, he was very gracious. I have not had the opportunity to work with Mr. Bellar on any cases. However, I have engaged with him at the local bar meetings and listened to his opinions on how the bar could be better. I found him to be compassionate toward the legal profession and issues confronting it, as well as willing to listen to opposing views without without complaint.

I had a hotly contested matter with Mr. Bellar. He was ethical, professional, competent, and courteous at all times. Mr. Collins is very ego-centric: most of his comments at the public hearing began with "I". He lacks humility which is an absolute requirement for a good judge. He remains a novice in the law. I refuse to return to his GS courtroom as he is discourteous to lawyer, and spends 15+ minutes of the beginning of the hearing "preaching" to the captive audience. How arrogant.

I have concerns regarding Judge Collin's ability to follow the law, protect person(s) constitutional rights, and not put his personal viewpoints into a case.

I have had professional interactions with both candidates and although I believe both of them to be of high moral character and respect both men, I believe that Mr. Bellar has greater experience in a wider variety of legal matters and has a bit more even and predictable demeanor which is important when advising a client.

Michael Collins has no jury trial experience and minimal Circuit Court practice experience.

Judicial elections should not be included in partisan politics. The 15th Judicial District has been fortunate to avoid this distraction until now. Our bar should actively work eliminate these concerns in the future both district and statewide. This is an opportunity to serve the greater good of our community and State. It's an obligation we owe our profession and the justice system as a whole.

Judges should not run in a partisan election and should have the temperament to work with all parties particularly those who represent people they can't identify with, such as the public defender.