



Keep JUDGE
Hladik

Dear Neighbor,

My name is Dennis Hladik. I serve as your District Judge, and I'm writing to ask for your vote this November. I had been a practicing attorney for 30 years when Judge John Michael announced his retirement last November. At the urging of a number of lawyers and judges, I applied for the office. Seventeen lawyers applied for the position through the Oklahoma Judicial Nominating Commission, composed of six lawyers elected by lawyers, three lay persons appointed by Governor Keating, three lay persons appointed by Governor Henry, and a 13th at-large member selected by the twelve.

After reviewing the applications and receiving information concerning each candidate's experience and reputation, the commission narrowed the field to eight. Although the commission did not disclose its reasons, it appeared the decision was based on experience. My opponent was one of the applicants eliminated in this cut, and he immediately announced his intention to run against the successful applicant.

Extensive background investigations were conducted on the remaining eight by the OSBI. Investigators came into the community and spoke privately with lawyers, judges, and citizens about each candidate. Every applicant was required to sign documents allowing the OSBI full access to all of his or her tax returns. After reviewing the OSBI reports, the applicants' tax returns, and interviewing each candidate, the commission submitted three names to Governor Henry, directing him to pick one of the three. Governor Henry personally interviewed each, and questioned us concerning our views on legal issues. A few days later, Governor Henry called and told me he had chosen me. I closed my law practice, referred my clients to other lawyers, and was sworn in as District Judge.

It is an honor and privilege to serve as your District Judge. Over the coming days, I will be sending more information to you. I hope you will see that I am a proven, conservative, fair and experienced leader. If you ever have questions or if I can ever be of service to you or your family, please do not hesitate to contact me at (580) 237-3195.

Sincerely,
Judge Dennis Hladik



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