

**JUDICIAL CANDIDATES
(Non-Incumbent)
August 7, 2012 Primary
November 6, 2012 General Election**

Filing Location:	<p>Ottawa County Probate Court: Ottawa County Clerk's Office 12220 Fillmore Street, Room 130, West Olive, MI 49460 *Call Elections Division at: 616-994-4535 for additional office locations and hours*</p> <p>Appeals Court, Circuit Court and District Court: Michigan Secretary of State, Richard H. Austin Building, 430 W. Allegan Street, 1st Floor, Lansing, MI 48918</p>
Candidate Qualifications:	<p>State law requires that candidates be a citizen of the United States and a qualified and registered elector of the district they wish to represent. All judicial candidates must be licensed to practice law in the State of Michigan. Appeals, Circuit and District Court candidates must be admitted to the practice of law in the State of Michigan for at least 5 years. [Michigan State Constitution, Art. VI, Sec. 19]</p>
Filing Requirements:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Affidavit of Identity (two copies) - Affidavit of Constitutional Qualification (one copy) - Countywide Nonpartisan petition containing sufficient signatures. (See [MCL 168.544(f)]; for petition signature requirement chart)
Filing Deadline:	<p>Filings must be made in the office of the appropriate filing official by 4:00 P.M. on Tuesday, May 1, 2012</p>
Withdrawal:	<p>Candidates wishing to withdraw must submit in writing no later than 4:00 P.M. on Friday, May 4, 2012.</p>
Campaign Finance:	<p>It is the responsibility of the candidate to contact the Secretary of State (517) 373-2540 to determine what requirements you may be subject to regarding campaign finance. Candidates should do this prior to expending funds, advertising, or placing signs in support of your campaign, to avoid improper activities.</p>