

*From the Desk of*

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Dear Fellow Voters:

As we reflect on recent national events, we know that our democracy has been weakened. Our democracy is only as strong as the citizens who participate and believe in it. It is for this reason that I implore you to get involved and participate in the process by voting. Judicial elections are a vital part in our democratic process to ensure both equal access and equal justice.

I am pleased to endorse attorney Brenda Stallings for election as Pulaski County Circuit Court Judge, Division 12. I ask that you vote for her as well, and here's why.

Brenda was born in Arkansas, and she has dedicated her life's work to our community. Some of her most notable accomplishments include serving on boards that serve women and children; volunteering at many vaccination clinics across the state; taking Arkansas students on college tours; raising monies for scholarships; serving in her local, state, and national bar associations; volunteering for pro bono clinics; and assisting citizens become homeowners with affordable housing in our neighborhoods.

Brenda is committed to her community, and her work if elected will continue on the bench and for the families served in our courtroom. As a former prosecutor, circuit judge, and appellate judge, I know first-hand the level of dedication and passion necessary for the job. Our judicial system demands that we have judges with a strong work ethic and who care about the community and the people they serve; understand and apply the law with an even hand; and who possess the temperament on a daily basis to address the concerns and grievances that afflict our community. Brenda will do just that.

She is a hard worker and has worked in juvenile court as a public defender for over 20 years. She is patient, open-minded, compassionate, and creative. I look forward to the many ways she will level the playing field and pave the path to a more accessible court. Brenda will respect the law and listen to both parties, whether presented by counsel or appearing pro se. She will hold court regularly, provide easy access to her scheduling docket, and render timely decisions.

Brenda did not enter this judicial race on a whim. She made the decision to run only after deliberate and prayerful consideration of how she could best serve. Like it did for many of us, the pandemic propelled her to dig deeper and discover new ways she could make an even broader impact. The time is now!

Brenda is not new to this; she's true to this! She has committed her life and career in service to our community. For these reasons, I humbly ask for your support to elect Brenda Stallings the next judge of the Pulaski County Circuit Court, Division 12.

Yours in commitment,

  
Olly Neal