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Marylin Pierre

Age: 58

City/town of residence: North Potomac

Current/previous employers:

- Attorney, Skolnick Law Firm, (2024-present)
- Principal attorney, Pierre & Associates (1993-present)



- Legal intern, Queens County District Attorney’s Office (1988-1988)

Political experience:

- Maryland Democratic Central Committee member (2009-2010)
- Circuit Court judge candidate (2018, 2020, 2022)
- Vice president, Rockville Mid-County Democratic Breakfast Club

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Why are you running for office?

When I first began practicing, I naively believed that our justice system was implicitly fair. I want to become a judge to restore the court's dignity. An arena where both sides are treated fairly and given the time and respect they deserve. I want a courtroom where clients like mine are not afraid to stand up for themselves and their families. I want to show everyone that our justice system is not broken, and that we all win when the system lives up to its ideals.

What experience (work, political or other) has prepared you to hold this office?

I have been practicing law in Montgomery County for over 32 years. I am licensed to practice law in multiple states, the District of Columbia, several federal district courts, and the United States Supreme Court.

I am a former officer in the Military Police Corps and a former president of the J. Franklyn Bourne Bar Association. I am a former chair of the Montgomery County Criminal Justice Coordinating Commission and a board member of the Maryland State Board of Occupational Therapy.

I am recognized as a bar leader by the Montgomery County Bar Association and as a pro bono star by the Pro Bono Resource Center of Maryland.

What's the most important issue in this election?

The state of Maryland incarcerates a higher percentage of its young Black males than any other state in the country.

My plan to address this problem is to practice restorative justice. Restorative justice focuses on repairing the harm caused by crime and other undesirable behavior to the community. This has been shown to reduce crime and save taxpayers money.

My core belief is that people should be judged by what they do, not by who they are. Whether you receive fair treatment in our courts should not be influenced by your race, whether Black, White or any other social construct that we use to categorize people.

Is there anything else you'd like to comment on about this race?

I take issue with the Governor's Commission that recommends candidates for judge to our governor. The committee's job is to give each candidate a fair look, properly evaluating each set of credentials to make the best recommendations possible. My credentials have been trivialized by members of the Governor's Commission. The potential for abuse in the commission process is why the Maryland legislature gave the voters a say in electing circuit court judges.
