

Kevin Stitt

Keep Oklahoma's Turnaround Working! STITT FACING UP TO SPECIAL INTERESTS!

By Staff

Under Governor Kevin Stitt's leadership, Oklahoma's economy continues to thrive. Governor Stitt has proven to be the right leader for Oklahoma as he ensures that the state is the best place for business ventures and that new jobs are constantly being created.



When the federal government

encouraged shut downs and "safer-at-home" policies, Oklahoma was able to push past roadblocks and stay on track to be a Top Ten state. Oklahoma is now ranked #1 in lowest cost to do business, #3 in lowest cost of living, and is host to consistently low levels of unemployment. Governor Stitt's list of accomplishments continues to grow as he encourages job creation, diversifies revenue sources, and pushes for strong fiscal policies.

Since Governor Kevin Stitt took office in 2018, he has been committed to improving the education system in Oklahoma and giving teachers the recognition and benefits that they deserve. Governor Stitt has brought teacher pay and benefits to the top in the region and is committed to the continued improvement of Oklahoma's education system. This includes holding schools accountable for their spending, and ensuring that transparency is maintained.

Oklahoma Project, Sooner State Leadership, Clean Up Oklahoma and Conservative Voice for America are all dark money groups who continue to deliver lies from special interest groups who aren't conservative and aren't transparent about their intentions. In fact, these dark money groups (ANNOYMOUS DONORS) have spent and placed \$9 million to date in TV ads, without a declared opponent in the primary race, and have publicly committed to spend another \$10 million. This is more money than Stitt's campaign spent in the entire 2018 election cycle. Why would they do that? Because Governor Kevin Stitt has clearly upset some special interest insiders as he refuses to adhere to the establishment and continues to fight every day for the people of Oklahoma.

Governor Kevin Stitt is leading Oklahoma with a vision to become Top Ten in job growth, infrastructure, education and more.

Oklahomans spoke in record numbers that they wanted Stitt to use his business acumen to transform the state. In 2018, he received more votes than any gubernatorial candidate in state history in his first bid for elected office of any kind. Kevin is committed to delivering taxpayers more for their money, and his fiscally conservative leadership helped the state build its largest savings account in history, funded common education at historic highs, and cut taxes for all Oklahomans.



Walters is the candidate for school choice!

Ryan Walters is the appointed Secretary of Education in Oklahoma Governor Kevin Stitts' cabinet. He was appointed in 2020 by Governor Stitt. Walters began his term fighting against unnecessary school closures as a result of COVID-19.

Ryan Walters was born and raised in McAlester, Oklahoma, and after attending college, he returned to his hometown high school to teach. After his career in the classroom, Walters transitioned into the nonprofit sector as the Executive Director for Every Kid Counts Oklahoma.

Secretary Walters has been vocal about fighting for a strong conservative agenda and pushing back against the Biden Administration's strings of indoctrination.

Walters believes the best and brightest teachers are here in Oklahoma, and in order to address the critical issue of teacher shortage, we must find innova-

"I am 100% unapologetically pro-life, and I will be a tireless advocate for our most vulnerable. A child's life is a gift from God and must be protected. We should not give a single taxpayer dollar to organizations, like Planned Parenthood, that perform or promote the taking of innocent human life."

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Ryan Walters

tive ways to retain teachers, including merit-based pay raises.

Walters worked with Governor Stitt to introduce legislation that would create a pathway for the best teachers in Oklahoma to earn up to six figures. Through

this plan, Oklahoma would become a nationwide leader in teacher pay opportunities, giving Oklahoma a better chance to recruit and retain teachers, and ultimately allowing students to have the best educational experience. Walters advocates to increase transparency with accountability in the educational system. By ensuring educational funding is centered around supporting students, Walters believes Oklahoma can become a leader in educational outcomes for our students.

for their children, and deserve to have a say in their child's education. Every student is unique and has different needs, so a one-size-fits-all system does not make sense. Parental empowerment is the best approach for supporting our children and fostering the best educational outcomes for them.

Through supporting teachers, empowering parents, fighting indoctrination of extreme agendas, and increasing transparency and accountability, Walters is the best choice for State Superintendent of Oklahoma. Walters has been endorsed by Governor Stitt, Senator Ted Cruz, Former Governor Frank Keating, State Senator Nathan Dahm and local State Senator Jessica Garvin.



Ryan and Katie, have four children: Violet (6), Ella (4), Benjamin (2) and newborn Samuel.

does not include Critical Race Theory, sexual orientation training and radical gender theory. Walters will continue to fight against the liberal indoctrination that both the Biden and Hofmeister administrations have attempted to imple-

ment.

to school. Parents

know what is best

Stitt is a fourth-generation Oklahoman and a graduate of Oklahoma State University. He and his wife, Sarah, have been married for 23 years. They have six children.

For more information about Governor Kevin Stitt and his position on the issues, got to https://stittforgovernor.com/.

General Election Voting at Your Precinct Location

• Tuesday, November 8 - 7 am to 7 pm



Transparency and accountability also stem from a curriculum based in the Oklahoma Academic Standards that Mark your ballot for Ryan Walters when you go vote. The children and future of Oklahoma depends on it!

New Early Voting at County Election Board Location

- Wednesday, November 2 8 am to 6 pm
- Thursday, November 3 8 am to 6 pm
- Thursday, November 4 8 am to 6 pm
 - Friday, November 5 8 am to 6 pm
- Saturday, November 6 8 am to 2 pm



Matt Pinnell was elected Lieutenant Governor of Oklahoma on November 6, 2018 with 62% of the vote, winning all seventyseven counties.

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Pinnell serves as President of the Oklahoma State Senate and on multiple constitutional boards



and commissions. He is also Secretary of Tourism, Wildlife and Heritage on Governor Kevin Stitt's cabinet.



- Improving Education, Empowering Students
 Stronger Local and Small Businesses
- Expanding Business Recruitment and Tourism
 Increasing Government Accountability
- Protecting Our Families, Defending Our Values

Pinnell oversees the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department and the state's efforts to promote tourism, the third largest industry in Oklahoma. In his role, Matt initiated the Oklahoma Fishing Trail, Oklahoma Road Trip, and #OKHereWeGO tourism campaigns, which have generated more than \$91 million in revenue. He leads State Park improvement projects, contributing to \$413.2 million in visitor spending and 2,980 jobs the parks generated last year.

As an entrepreneur himself, Pinnell champions small business growth. He serves on the Oklahoma Department of Commerce executive committee focusing on local business growth, entrepreneurship, and workforce development. He advocates for better skills training and programs that invest in local companies as well as cutting taxes and bureaucratic red tape. Through his video series "A Look at Oklahoma CareerTech," Pinnell promotes Oklahoma's awardwinning CareerTech system to fight against the skills gap.

Pinnell has an impressive record of fighting for conservative candidates and causes across Oklahoma and U.S., including serving as Chairman of the Oklahoma Republican Party for two election cycles. The youngest state Republican Party chairman in the country at the time of his election, Pinnell helped the party secure all five congressional seats and every statewide elected office simultaneously for the first time in Oklahoma history.

Matt also served as the RNC's National State Party Director, where he traveled to all 50 states and played an integral role in Republicans taking control of the United States Senate in 2014 and helping President Donald Trump win the White House in 2016. As a proud Christian family man and Oklahoma native, Matt Pinnell will always stand for Oklahoma values. He has a 100% pro-life rating from Oklahoma for Life and an A-rating by the National Rifle Association. He stands firm in support of law enforcement and opposes efforts to defund the police. He proudly supports the Religious Freedom Act, which protects churches as essential in the state of Oklahoma. When reelected, Matt Pinnell will deliver real, lasting, conservative solutions for Oklahoma's communities, businesses, and economy and lead our state to a prosperous future. Matt is a graduate of Oral Roberts University with a degree in Advertising and lives in Tulsa with his wife and their 4 children who attend Jenks Public Schools.

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Todd Russ is a respected banking leader with more than 30 years of experience. He began in banking as a banking assistant at the State Bank

of Rocky in 1983. He was later employed at Washita State Bank in Burns Flat and became Vice President. Russ served as vice-president and executive vicepresident at banks in Chickasha and Oklahoma City until returning to Washita State Bank where he served as President and CEO.

During his tenure, Russ took one of the smallest banks in the state and doubled its assets, and was the top rated bank in its peer group for six consecutive quarters. Russ sold the majority of his bank stock and began management consulting with banks and businesses in 2008.

The State Treasurer is essentially the Bank CEO for the State of Oklahoma. Todd Russ is the ONLY candidate for State Treasurer who has been a Bank CEO.

Russ developed a reputation for successfully guiding banks to resolve problem loans and other bank management needs. In addition, Russ has worked with Oklahoma banks, corporations, and small businesses to address performance, profitability, and compliance issues.

During his banking career, Russ also served as a director of the Oklahoma Bankers Association and Chairman of the OBA Small Bank Council.

Since 2009, Russ has represented an extensive part of western Oklahoma that encompasses District 55. He has proven to be an effective leader during his six terms in the Republican-led State House of Representatives.

Russ was the founder of the Burns Flat-Dill City Educational Foundation. He was a charter member of the Oklahoma Southwest Economic Alliance. Russ also served as a member of the Cordell City Council and on the advisory board for the Western Technology Center for Business. He is a member of Leadership Oklahoma and the NRA.

Russ is a fourth-generation resident of Western Oklahoma. He graduated from Sentinel High School in 1979 where he was active in Future Farmers of America, receiving the State Farmer degree his senior year. Russ worked as a welder to help fund his college education. He then attended Southwestern Oklahoma State University, obtaining a bachelor's degree in Finance. Russ is also a graduate of the University of Colorado Graduate School of Banking. He has specialized training in Asset/Liability Management and Interest Rate Risk Analysis.

Todd and Khristy live in Cordell. They have been married for 39 years and are members of New Beginnings Assembly of God. Khristy is a 20-year veteran public school teacher. She currently owns and operates Atlas Title and Closing. They have three grown children.

CONGRESSMAN COLE SEEKS RE-ELECTION! *by Patriot Staff*



Tom Cole has spent his career in service to Oklahoma. In Congress, Tom is a leading advocate for a strong national defense and protecting taxpayers and promoting small businesses. And, notably, Tom is a bold leader on issues dealing with Native Americans and tribal governments.

Identified by Time Magazine as "one of the sharpest minds in the House", Cole was named as one of "Five Freshmen to Watch" by Roll Call at the outset of his congressional career.

In Washington, Tom Cole is always on the front lines promoting and protecting our strong conservative Oklahoma values. He serves on the powerful House Appropriations Committee and is Chairman of the Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies where he has helped promote important research into finding cures for terrible diseases like Alzheimer's and Cancer, while simultaneously cutting overall spending in wasteful, unnecessary programs. He is also assigned to the Subcommittees on Defense and Interior.

Tom also serves on the House Budget Committee where he has fought to reduce spending and balance the budget. Each year he has been in Congress Tom has supported the smallest budget proposed.

Throughout his life Tom Cole has always worked to serve Oklahoma. Tom served as Chairman of the Oklahoma Republican Party and as a member of the Oklahoma State Senate.

As Oklahoma's Secretary of State, Tom was Governor Frank Keating's chief legislative strategist and liaison to the state's federal delegation. Together they worked with business and elected leaders to orchestrate the tremendous economic growth Oklahoma experienced from the late 90's through the first decade of the 21st century.

Keating tapped Cole to lead Oklahoma's successful effort to secure federal funds to assist in the rebuilding of Oklahoma City in the wake of the bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building on April 19th, 1995.

Cole also is a former college instructor in history and politics, holding a B.A. from Grinnell College, an M.A. from Yale University, and a Ph.D. from the University of Oklahoma.

Tom Cole is a fifth generation Oklahoman and an enrolled member of the Chickasaw Nation. He is currently one of only two Native Americans serving in Congress.

Tom and his wife, Ellen, have one son, Mason, and reside in Moore, Oklahoma.

Your vote for Matt will be a vote for making Oklahoma the best it can be!

"We do not have government by the majority. We have government by the majority who participate." Thomas Jefferson Your vote for Todd Russ will ensure that trustworthy conservative measures will protect Oklahoma taxpayer's dollars.



SATURDAY OCTOBER 29

Stephens County Fairgrounds

6pm - 9pm GOD BLESS THE USA For more information, go to http://www.tomcole-forcongress.com/

Judge Races on the Stephens County Voter Ballot

These are our recommendations on the local judge races. These represent our opinion and not the opinion of the Stephens County or Comanche County Republican Parties. These candidates did not solicit our endorsement.

District 5 Office 2 Brent Russell District 5 Office 3 Neil West District 5 Office 4 Scott Meaders Associate District Judge Stephens County - Anthony Sykes For the first time in many years, there are NO state questions on the 2022 General Election ballot. Recreational marijuana will be on a March 2023 Special Election ballot.

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U.S. SENATE

Markwayne Mullin lives on a working ranch in rural Oklahoma, and he's a businessman like Donald Trump. He is leading the charge to save our constitutional freedoms and defeat the Left's Socialist agenda.

Markwayne and his wife Christie are high school sweethearts who have been married for 24 years. Their abiding faith in Christ is at the center of their family, and together they're raising six children – Jim, Jayce, Andrew, Larra, Ivy and Lynette. The Mullins are members of the Assembly of God Church.

Mullin Ranch is a working cow-calf operation in eastern Oklahoma where Markwayne and Christie live and raise their family. Together the couple have created hundreds of jobs across the state of Oklahoma through more than a dozen businesses – including Mullin Plumbing, the largest service company in the region.

Markwayne has always been a fighter. He is a former Mixed Martial Arts fighter with a professional record of 5-0. He was inducted into the Oklahoma Wrestling Hall of Fame in 2016. Markwayne remains active in the wrestling community, coaching his kids and other young hopefuls in tournaments at home.

Elected to Congress in 2012, no one has fought harder than Markwayne to advance President Trump's agenda to Make America Great Again. Now Markwayne is ready to take the fight to the U.S. Senate. He is running for the unexpired term of retiring Senator Jim Inhofe. Mullin will work tirelessly to secure the border and finish Trump's border wall, demand election integrity, make America energy independent again and combat Biden's inflation.

Markwayne is 100% pro-life and a lifetime member of the NRA. "I'm running to keep this seat RED, fight for our conservative values in the Senate, and Save America from Biden's far-left insanity" Mullin told The County Patriot. For more information on Markwayne Mullin, go to https://mullinforamerica.com/.

UNCOMMON COURAGE! by Staff

Leslie Osborn is tough as nails and sharp as a tack! She has been a successful small business owner for the past twenty two years. In 2008, she heeded the call to serve the people of District 47, winning election to the Oklahoma House of Representatives. And she has delivered, making state history as the



first female to chair the Judiciary Committee where she authored a sweeping workers' compensation reform bill, which lowered costs by more than 30% for Oklahoma businesses- something that had been a priority for the business community for decades. Leslie got it done!

Elected as Commissioner of Labor in 2018, Osborne has a vision for Oklahoma's future. "In my view, it starts with a trained and educated workforce. That said, I have opened a conversation with the citizens of Oklahoma to discuss their aspirations and ideas. I love this state, and I want to be part of a state government that serves its people by putting their interests above all else."

Leslie graduated from Oklahoma State University with a degree in business.

She is a firm believer that moving the state forward will take a village of citizen-advocates and elected statesmen. "We have serious problems in Oklahoma, but with leaders who put people over politics, I am convinced we can solve them. Together we will set a new agenda for strengthening our economy and improving our quality of life," Osborne told The County Patriot.

Now this mother of two is ready to fight for all Oklahomans as State Labor Commissioner, championing for both small and large businesses and their employees. For more information on Leslie Osborne, go to https:// www.electosborn.com/.

ANSWERING THE CALL!

by Staff

When his nation called, Captain Gentner Drummond led the first U.S. Combat mission in the Gulf War and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for "extraordinary achievement". By the end of Operation Desert Storm, Capt. Drummond was among the most highly decorated Oklahomans of the war.

After completing nearly eight years of service to our country and earning a law degree from Georgetown University, Gentner returned home to Oklahoma to raise his family.

Even though Gentner was a practicing attorney, ranching was in his blood. He had been raised on the family ranch in Osage County, working sunup 'til sundown, including his school work at Hominy Public Schools. Gentner continued that tradition, raising his own children with the same values he had learned from his family.

Along the way, Gentner also became a successful businessman. His holdings include Blue Sky Bank, Drummond Law Firm, and Drummond Communications, creating hundreds of jobs in addition to the Drummond ranching operation.

Gentner and Wendy Drummond have six children and five grandchildren.

As Attorney General, Gentner Drummond will take on a new mission: defend our rights, uphold the Rule of Law, and serve the People of Oklahoma, not the political elite. Gentner will fight against federal overreach and fight for our Second Amendment rights. For more information about Gentner Drummond, go to https://drummondok.com/.







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ASK ME WHY!

Greetings from the Stephens County Republican Party. We are fortunate to have a very active county party organization. It is our job to promote conservative values and help candidates get elected who we believe will uphold and promote those conservative values. As Republicans we stand for these values:

• Our Country is exceptional • Our Constitution should be honored, valued, and upheld • Leaders should serve people, not special interests • Families and communities should be strong and free from government intrusion • The institution of traditional marriage is the foundation of society • Government should be smaller, smarter and more efficient • Health care decisions should be made by us and our doctors • Paychecks should not be wasted on poorly run government programs• Military must be strong and prepared to defend our shores • Culture should respect and protect life • Children should never be left in failing schools • Veterans should have the best care and opportunities in the world

If you are registered as a Republican, get involved and help shape your government. If you believe in these values as I do, and are not a registered as a Republican, seriously consider joining us. Party affiliation matters.

We have many in Oklahoma who are registered as an "Independent" because they are dismayed with both major parties. I get that. Republicans are people and as such are imperfect and make mistakes. However, we have a better chance of making a real difference banded together in one voice than anything we can accomplish as a group of scattered voices. We also have many Oklahomans who, like their parents and grandparents are still registered Democrat. However, their values are conservative and consistent with those listed above.

To be effective, you must register with the party that most closely reflects your personal values. I know many Oklahomans who are still registered Democrat that are Republican at heart and belief. The National Democratic Party no longer reflects the values of a vast majority of Oklahoma Democrats.

As many of your neighbors have already done, join with us to move our State and our Nation in a strong conservative direction.

The Republican Party meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm. Call me at 580-656-7951 or email me at leon@wpmonline.com for more information.

Leon Farris, Chairman, Stephens County Republican Party

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David has been a dedicated advocate for our state for many years. Along the way, it's been her privilege to achieve a number of firsts She's the first woman since statehood to be named majority leader of the Oklahoma State Senate. She's the first woman to chair the Senate Appropriations Committee, and also the first Republican woman to serve as majority whip.

David is a dedicated wife, mother and grandmother. Her husband, Dan, is a retired federal law enforcement officer. Her daughter is an Oklahoma Air National Guard officer, and her son served in the U.S. Marine Corps.

David is experienced. She knows good policy. And she knows how to lead. It's why she's endorsed by Governor Kevin Stitt:

"Kim David has a strong track record as a conservative leader, working with my administration to lower taxes and reduce barriers for businesses to compete and thrive in Oklahoma. Oklahomans can count on Kim David to stand up and fight Joe Biden and the radical liberals in DC. She will make decisions to position our great State as a leader in delivering affordable energy independence and reliability for all Oklahomans."

Kim David,

Corporation

Commissioner.

GOP nominee for

Kim David

As the good folks of Stephens County understand, reliable, affordable energy and strong infrastructure is of vital importance to Oklahoma. It's also an opportunity; as world events drive up domestic energy and utility prices, our state is perfectly positioned to be a part of the solution.

David believes in energy independence and the availability of a stable energy supply and stable prices. She also believes in common-sense regulation that enhances safety and performance.

David's pledge is that she will be a corporation commissioner who always listens and does what's best for ALL Oklahomans. As she has done during her entire career, she will be an independent voice who refuses to play partisan politics.

David says she does this kind of work because she "loves it." And that you can count on her "to go the extra mile to get the job done and be a commissioner of whom you can be proud."

Vote for Kim David on your ballot on November 8th.

Okahoma Judges Retention Ballot How are Oklahoma's appellate court judges and

justices appointed?

All judges and justices on the three courts of last resort in Oklahoma are appointed by the Governor of Oklahoma. But they must first go through a 'nominating' process conducted by the Oklahoma Judicial Nominating Commission. The commission submits three candidates to the governor, who must select from the three. After nomination by the governor, they must be confirmed by the State Senate.

Who is on the Judicial Nominating Commission?

There are 15 members - six appointed by the governor (must not be lawyers or have lawyers in their family). No more than three of the governor's appointments can be people with the same political party affiliation. The Oklahoma Bar Association appoints six members (a lawyer from each Congressional district). There is one appointment by the Speaker of the Oklahoma House and one by the Oklahoma Senate President Pro Tempore (cannot be a lawyer) and the last member selected by the other 14 members. Commission members serve 6 year terms. The Chairman of the Commission is elected by the membership and serves a one year term. Commission members cannot be an official within a political party or an elected official during their term and for five years after their term ends. They are not paid, but are reimbursed for travel expenses.

Senator Lankford seeks re-election!

Senator James Lankford's life has been about service. An ordained Southern Baptist minister, he served as Director of Student Ministry for Falls Creek Youth Camp, the largest youth camp in the country, for 15 years.

He served in the U.S. House of Representatives for 4 years, before running and winning the U.S. Senate seat in 2014 after it was vacated by the late Senator Tom Coburn.

He was reelected in 2016 to a full six year term. Lankford serves as



Senator James Lankford listens to a constituents concerns.

the ranking member of the Homeland Security Senate Subcommittee on Government Operation and Border Management. In addition, he is on the Senate Finance Committee, the Energy Committee and the Committee on Indian Affairs.

James was recognized as the Senate's top-ranked "Taxpayers Friend" by the National Taxpayers Union for his strong record in support of lower taxes, limited government, and economic freedom. His annual Federal Fumbles report is a must-read in Washington, DC, because of its commonsense solutions to the problems our federal government faces. The link to view it is: *https://www.lankford.senate.gov/fumbles*

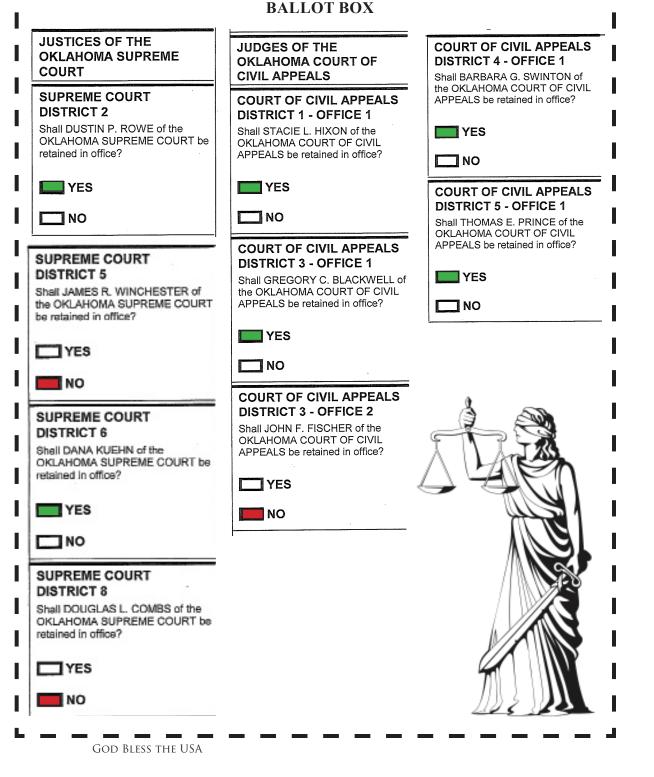
Lankford believes he has an obligation to solve the troubles of our nation, not just complain, which is why for every problem identified in Federal Fumbles, there is a recommended solution. There is a way to eliminate wasteful, ineffective, or duplicative program spending; develop oversight methods to prevent future waste; and find ways to get us back on track.

Senator Lankford has also been recognized by many other organizations for his work toward increased personal freedom, economic growth, and religious liberty.

James lives in Oklahoma City with his wife Cindy. They have been married more than 30 years and have two daughters, Hannah and Jordan. He enjoys spending time with his family, working in his yard, and reading.

For more information on James Lankford, go to: *https://www.lankford.senate. gov/*

Here are the Judge Retention Votes Suggested by the Staff of the Stephens County Patriot. NOTE: YOU MAY TAKE THIS WITH YOU TO VOTE, BUT IT IS <u>ILLEGAL</u> TO SHARE IT WITH ANYONE WHILE WITHIN 300 FEET OF A



Where do you find information on the judges/justices?

It is very difficult to find information on the judges and their ideology. Two of the courts of last resort have websites where they publish their decisions. The Oklahoma Supreme Court website is: https://www.oscn.net/schome/ The Oklahoma Court of Criminal appeals website is: http://www.okcca. net/ The Oklahoma Court of Civil decisions can be viewed at Justia. That website is: https://law.justia.com/cases/oklahoma/ court-of-appeals-civil/ Their political affiliation is not public information. The judicial conduct code prevents the judges/ justices from campaigning, which limits voter information on their individual ideology/values/philosophy.

How many judges/justices are up for retention in November?

There are nine up for retention. Four on the Supreme Court, five on the Court of Civil Appeals.

Has a judge/justice ever not been retained?

No, since Oklahoma began judicial retention, no judge/justice has not been retained.

This information is provided by the staff of the Stephens County Patriot to inform voters of how Oklahoma's unique judicial system is structured.