



November Newsletter

ELECTION EDITION

OUR JUDICIAL SLATE

**JUDGE DAN McCAFFERY
FOR SUPREME COURT**

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EDITORIAL

Best for Pa. high court

Daniel D. McCaffery and Carolyn Carluccio are both experienced jurists, but questions around abortion and the 2020 election give McCaffery the edge.

The millions of dollars pouring in to influence who wins a seat on the Pennsylvania Supreme Court underscores the need to do away with the unseemly process of electing judges. But until that system is changed, voters must decide which sitting judge should be elevated to the highest court in the commonwealth.

The two candidates on the Nov. 7 ballot are Republican Carolyn Carluccio and Democrat Daniel D. McCaffery. The winner will fill the vacancy on the seven-member court left by Chief Justice Max Baer, a Democrat, who died of a heart attack last October.

This is not a difficult decision — especially since such issues as abortion and voting rights are also essentially on the ballot. The Inquirer recommends **Daniel D. McCaffery** for the Pennsylvania Supreme Court.

Since the U.S. Supreme Court overturned *Roe v. Wade* last year, 21 states have banned or severely restricted the procedure. For now, abortion remains legal in Pennsylvania, but Republicans in the state legislature have attempted to restrict or even ban the procedure, which should remain a matter of individual choice.

Unlike the Supreme Court justices who said during their confirmation hearings that *Roe v. Wade* was settled law and then voted to overturn it, McCaffery said he would abide by stare decisis, the legal system construct whereby judges honor precedent.

The U.S. Army veteran and Temple Law School graduate served as a prosecutor in Philadelphia and as a civil lawyer before



The Editorial Board recommends Judge Daniel D. McCaffery for the Pennsylvania Supreme Court. Ryan Collard / AP

being elected to the city's Court of Common Pleas.

In 2019, McCaffery, 59, was elected to the Superior Court, one of the state's appellate courts, where he said he's written more than 600 opinions. McCaffery's brother, Seamus, resigned from the state Supreme Court in 2014 in the wake of a state investigation involving pornographic emails. McCaffery said he is much different in temperament and training from his brother, who was a Philadelphia police officer before becoming a judge.

Carluccio, 63, has been a judge for 14 years and is the first woman to head the Montgomery County Court of Common Pleas. She was endorsed by two Pennsylvania anti-abortion associations and removed a reference on her website that said she was a defender of "all life under the law."

In a meeting with this board, Carluccio said she would follow

the law in Pennsylvania regarding abortion. She said she did not scrub the "all life" language from her website, but rather a political consultant "updated" it before the primary. Bottom line: The anti-abortion language was removed before election season.

Also troubling is Carluccio's stance on election issues, which have roiled both our state and our nation since 2020, when former President Donald Trump and his associates repeatedly promoted lies about election interference, which led to the deadly Jan. 6, 2021, insurrection.

During a Republican forum in Erie last spring, Carluccio said she would welcome a chance to review Act 77, a law passed in 2019 with overwhelming GOP support that expanded mail-in voting. She declared the law "bad for the commonwealth" and referenced unproven "hanky-panky" with mail ballots.

But Carluccio told this board she would follow Act. 77. A different answer for a different audience?

It's sad that this next sentence needs repeating: Trump brought more than 50 lawsuits claiming election fraud and lost at every turn, including in Pennsylvania. Trump-appointed election officials declared the 2020 election the "most secure in American history." Trump's top advisers repeatedly told him that he lost.

So it is beyond disturbing that any candidate for public office — let alone the state Supreme Court — is still stoking bogus election claims or giving elusive answers to simple questions.

During the meeting with this board, Carluccio was asked: Do you think Joe Biden won the election? She initially said, "I have no idea."

After seeing the surprised reaction of a board member, Carluccio tried to clarify her response with this muddle: "Yeah, I think he's the president. Obviously, he's our president. I believe he won the election. There are people in my party who don't believe that. I do believe that I'll be very clear about it. And I should have just been more direct in the beginning."

Such obfuscation by people in positions of leadership helps explain why many still believe Trump's election lies and why our democracy remains in peril. The inability to clearly repudiate bogus election claims should be grounds for automatic disqualification for any candidate seeking office.

Voters deserve judges who follow the law and not the political winds. Fortunately, the commonwealth has a highly qualified and fair judge in McCaffery — the best choice for the Pennsylvania Supreme Court.

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Our government was built on the foundation of three equal branches - Executive, Legislative, and Judicial. Historically, voters have understood the importance of the Executive and Legislative branches but have focused less on the importance of the Judicial branch. The last few years have brought the importance of the role of the judiciary to the forefront of the minds of voters across the Commonwealth and throughout our country. It is clear with the challenges and changes evident in our world, now more than ever, we need judges who are impartial, fair, and experienced. This is why I am running for a seat on the Superior Court for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

The Superior Court is the highest in Pennsylvania where Pennsylvanians who have previously been to trial have the constitutional right to have their appeals heard. Because the Superior Court serves all Pennsylvanians, we need judges with diverse voices and lived experiences to reflect the diversity of Pennsylvanians' daily experiences. I was raised in West Philadelphia in a military and union household. I was a public-school teacher and initially pursued my law degree at night. I am a single mother who had to rely on our healthcare system as I battled a rare form of cancer. These are experiences that are shared by Pennsylvanians from all walks of life and give me the insight that is needed to truly be fair and impartial to those from any community across the Commonwealth.



Diverse voices and lived experiences are important, but we cannot diminish the importance of having an experienced jurist to preside over the myriad of issues that come before the Superior Court. As a trial judge on the Court of Common Pleas, it is my responsibility to protect the right of every citizen to a fair trial, pursue justice for victims, and ensure the guilty are held accountable. I preside over cases believing that the law has the power to set things right when wrongs have been committed, change outcomes for people, and produce good even when evil and ugliness have occurred. That belief guides me through every decision and verdict I have made from the bench and is in part why I am the only judge who is highly recommended by the Pennsylvania Bar Association running for a seat on the Superior Court.



For many, the Superior Court is the court of last resort to truly get justice. All those who come before the Superior Court deserve to have their appeals heard before experienced jurists who are committed to the fair application of the law, who see the humanity in people, and who will never back down from doing the right thing. Our citizens deserve to have an appellate judge who is committed to protecting fundamental constitutional rights and knows what it takes to serve as a fair and impartial arbiter of the law.

I am running for Superior Court this Fall with the requisite professional and personal experience to serve everyone who comes before the Court because all Pennsylvanians deserve jurists who will give them confidence in our judicial system and the rule of law.

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Race to Watch:

Bucks County, PA



Re-Elect: County Commissioners Diane Marseglia and Bob Harvie

The Bucks County Board of Commissioners is composed of 3 commissioners elected to 4-year terms, 2 from the majority party, 1 from the minority party. The commissioners are responsible for the adoption and administration of the county operating budget (\$469 million in 2021) and oversight of almost 2,400 full-time employees, one of the largest workforces in the county.

In 2019, Democrats took the Bucks County Commissioner's Board majority after spending over 40 years in the minority, and in 2023, we plan to make history and re-elect Bob Harvie and Diane Marseglia. As reported by Politico, Bucks County is one of the swingiest counties in one of the swingiest states in America, and local races such as County Commissioners can predict national trends. Bob and Diane have invested in smart on-crime policies, stood up for women's right to choice, and expanded access to voting.

PA Dems and Bucks County have formed a dynamic partnership to establish the largest county-wide field program, driven by two primary objectives: securing victory in the two Bucks County Board of Commissioners seats and significantly boosting voter turnout across the county to support our statewide Judicial Candidates, including the Pennsylvania Supreme Court race. The road to success unmistakably goes through Bucks County!



Allegheny County

Allegheny County is the second largest county in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and in the 2022 election cycle produced the largest number of Democratic votes in PA. Allegheny also holds the distinction of having the largest amount of Vote By Mail requests and the largest number of ballots returned. In both the 2022 election cycles and again in the special elections held in 2023 for open State Representative seats, Democrats saw between an 87% to over 93% return rate of VBM ballots blowing away previous election cycle results.

While these numbers are impressive and something Democrats should be proud of, we also need to be very mindful that the other side is aware of that too - and will do everything possible to slow or stop the success of Democratic returns at the ballot boxes (since this is their mission throughout the country). In 2023, Allegheny County has key countywide races which include the Allegheny County Executive seat. As with other counties across PA, whatever Party controls the County Commission or county government so too do they control the local Boards of Election. With that being said, the stakes could not be higher as we head into the 2024 Presidential Election Cycle- which explains the flood of outside money raining in, literally trying to buy control of the County Executive seat.

As we are witnessing across PA, from the State Supreme Court seat to local School Board races throughout the Commonwealth - outside money, especially from the wealthiest Billionaire in PA, is working furiously to buy influence in elected office up and down the ballot...and his right-winged agenda has added Allegheny County to his wish list.

But our Democratic leaders have stepped up to show their support for Sara Innamorato who is not only poised to be the first woman County Executive in Allegheny County history but the only candidate in the race who will ensure our access to the polls and ballots is secured- and will also be a tireless fighter and advocate for women's reproductive rights.

U.S. Senators Bob Casey and John Fetterman, Governor Josh Shapiro, and Mayor Ed Gainey are only a few of the many leaders and organizations that have stepped up for Sara- we must all do our part to help Democrats finish strong in Allegheny County and across PA.



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Voting on Election Day

Polls will be open 7:00 AM – 8:00 PM on Tuesday, November 7th.

Voting by Mail

Voting by mail is an easy three-step process! Request your ballot online or with a paper application, complete the ballot as instructed, and return the completed ballot by mail or drop it off at the right place by 8:00 PM on Election Day.

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