

NAME: Hal Moroz
PARTY: Non-partisan
SEEKING: Supreme Court Justice

1. Why are you seeking the office?

I care about our future in Georgia! I served more than 20 years in the military. Later, I served as a County and City Judge. As an Assistant District Attorney, I successfully prosecuted criminals in one of Georgia's toughest jurisdictions. I also represented military veterans in courts up to and including the United States Supreme Court. Everything about my life has been SERVICE to a cause greater than self. I am running to further serve and to ensure our diverse population is reflected on this court. I will fight for justice and common sense in our judiciary.

2. What distinguishes your candidacy?

Experience distinguishes my candidacy, both in Life and the Law.

Our Citizens deserve Supreme Court Justices with broad experience in life and the law. I have served both as a prosecuting attorney and a judge. I have been a soldier and a teacher, and have the experience that reflects the diversity of the citizens of our communities, including those like myself who have held careers in the military, in my case the United States Army where my home was Fort Benning.

3. What is the proper role of a judge in interpreting the laws and Constitution?

I believe all judges must hold strict adherence to the Constitution and laws as written, and NEVER substitute their will for what the law actually says. Our courts have strayed from this role. Judicial activism is wrong. Lawmaking is the constitutional responsibility of the legislature, not the judiciary.

The role of a judge is to base decisions on the facts of the case before them and the law as written, with respect and without favoritism to either party.

4. What in your life experience makes you believe that you are or would be a good judge?

I have lived in Georgia virtually my whole adult life, with minor exceptions during my military service and travels as a teacher.

I grew up in poverty, with my father dying when I was 5 years old, and my mother working two jobs to raise her son until he joined the military at age 17. I understand justice and mercy and opportunity, and I have lived a life that reflects the diversity of our communities. I know the trials and tribulations of fellow-Georgians, and I know the Law.

5. What do you see as a new challenge for judges in a post-pandemic court system?

Judges are the gatekeepers of justice in our communities. The Constitution was never meant to restrict a free people. It was created to organize our form of government and restrict the government in curtailing our rights and freedoms.

Our courts in Georgia need to get back to basics and the Constitutions of Georgia and the United States as written. This pandemic was a wake-up call. All judges are challenged to herald a rebirth of adherence to and respect for the Constitution in a post-pandemic court system.

6. Please give a 100 word summary of your background.

I am living proof the American Dream exists. I grew up in poverty and was afforded the opportunities of a lifetime to learn and live and grow.

My background of service and respect for all of our citizens is needed today on our Supreme Court more than ever, and I realize our freedoms are fragile. I want to guarantee our God-given rights and freedoms and opportunities for all Georgians, including future generations. I trust my fellow-Georgians agree, and will vote for Hal Moroz for Justice on the Supreme Court of Georgia.