

Full Name	Party	Answers to Questions
South Thanet		
Craig Mackinlay	Conservative	
Stuart Piper	UKIP	<p>I am so sorry to have been very busy. This last few days has been particularly hectic with the recent developments in South Thanet where two of my opponents are in the press for the wrong reasons.</p> <p>The Law is not my area of expertise but I am confident that Government will protect not only our legal system but the rights of our people when sorting out the details of Brexit.</p> <p>It has been my honour to have served the District Council as Chairman for two years and i have attended the dedication services for the Judiciary and been very pleased to have known the last two High Sheriffs of Kent.</p> <p>I hope you will forgive this rather short reply and I look forward perhaps to be able to discuss more at length should i be elected to serve as the new MP.</p>
Raushan Ara	Labour	<p><b>Question 1</b> The Labour party is totally opposed to the constant attack on public services and on the legal system. To achieve fairness in our society requires public funding so that cases can be brought to the courts, e.g. to challenge discrimination or the erosion of working conditions. It therefore opposes all attempts to increase the costs of such actions. A country that espouses the rights of individuals but fails to will the means for all is not a fair society and Labour will seek to ensure that any attempts are resisted and if in government, will reverse decisions that reduce public access to legal redress.</p> <p><b>Question 2</b> The position of the Labour party is that the UK should have remained in the EU. However, it accepts the referendum but not at any cost. Labour will seek to represent the interests of business, especially services (e.g. financial and legal) that are vital to local (Kent) and national interests. A failure to achieve this would not be a good deal and Labour through Parliament has fought for the necessity to reject such a deal.</p> <p><b>Question 3</b> I am firmly of the view, as is Labour, that all professions, including lawyers, should maintain the highest professional standards and that deregulation should be opposed.</p> <p><b>Question 4</b> Labour nationally is firmly committed to engagement with specialist advice. Within the Party, there are arrangements with the Society of Labour Lawyers. That organisation (my CLP chair is an executive member), has a number from the legal profession and their advice and engagement is often sought. I would want to have the same arrangement with yourselves, irrespective of the political views of its members.</p>

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