

THE WASHINGTON STATE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE UNIFORM JUDICIAL EVALUATION QUESTIONNAIRE¹

Position Sought (Court/Division/District): _____

By Appointment: By Election:

Personal Information

1.

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	WSBA Bar Number
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2. Business Address:

Business Name _____

Street or P.O. Box _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Business Phone No. _____ After-hours/direct dial: _____

Work e-mail address: _____

3. Home Address:

Street or P.O. Box _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone No. _____ Mobile Phone No.: _____

Home e-mail address: _____

4. Date of Birth: _____ 5. Social Security Number:² _____

6. City/State/Place of Birth: _____

Prior Evaluation / Application History

7. Please state the date of all other judicial evaluations you sought, bar polls you participated in, and appointment applications you submitted. Please specify whether you sought appointment or election for each, from whom the evaluation was sought, the position sought, and the outcome.

¹ The Governor's Office uses this questionnaire exclusively for candidates seeking judicial appointment. The Washington State Bar Association and other state bar associations noted on the last page also accept this questionnaire in their judicial evaluation process. The Governor's Office reserves the right to update this questionnaire and will post updated versions of the questionnaire on the Governor's webpage. Please direct all questions about the questionnaire to the Governor's Office of General Counsel.

² Only include your social security number on the copy of the questionnaire forwarded to the Governor's Office.

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Professional History

8. Year admitted to practice law in Washington: _____

9. Employment History (in reverse chronological order):

a. Start Date: _____ End Date: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

Phone No.: _____

Position/Title: _____

Supervisor: _____

Nature of Practice (including frequency of court appearances):

Reason for leaving: _____

b. Start Date: _____ End Date: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

Phone No.: _____

Position/Title: _____

Supervisor: _____

Nature of Practice (including frequency of court appearances):

Reason for leaving: _____

c. Start Date: _____ End Date: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

Phone No.: _____

Position/Title: _____

Supervisor: _____

Nature of Practice (including frequency of court appearances):

Reason for leaving: _____

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d. Start Date: _____ End Date: _____
Organization: _____
Address: _____
Phone No.: _____
Position/Title: _____
Supervisor: _____
Nature of Practice (including frequency of court appearances):

Reason for leaving: _____

e. Start Date: _____ End Date: _____
Organization: _____
Address: _____
Phone No.: _____
Position/Title: _____
Supervisor: _____
Nature of Practice (including frequency of court appearances):

Reason for leaving: _____

f. Start Date: _____ End Date: _____
Organization: _____
Address: _____
Phone No.: _____
Position/Title: _____
Supervisor: _____
Nature of Practice (including frequency of court appearances):

Reason for leaving: _____

Please continue, if necessary, on a separate piece of paper in the above format as needed.

10. Please list all other courts and jurisdictions in which you have been admitted to practice law and the dates of admission. Please provide the same information for administrative bodies having special admission requirements.

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11. Please list all bar associations and professional societies of which you are a member and give the titles and dates of any offices that you have held in such groups. _____

12. Are you in good standing in every bar association of which you are a member? Yes / No. If you answered "no", please explain.

13. If you have ever been a judge, please identify any court committees on which you have served or administrative positions you have held. Please state the dates of service for each.

14. Please list up to five of your most significant professional accomplishments. (If applicable, please provide the case and court name and the citation if a case was reported (and copy of the opinion).

15. Please summarize up to eight of the most significant matters that you participated in as an advocate. Please include the dates of your participation and the reason each was significant to you. Please provide the citation if a case was reported. If you have been a judge, please include some cases that have been tried before you.

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Educational Background

16. Please list all undergraduate and graduate (non-law school) colleges and universities attended, years of attendance, degree awarded and reason for leaving if no degree was awarded.

College/University	Dates of Attendance	Degree
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17. Please list all law schools attended, years of attendance, degree awarded and reason for leaving if no degree was awarded.

Law School	Dates of Attendance	Degree
Law School	Dates of Attendance	Degree

Professional Experience

18. Please summarize, briefly, the general nature of your current law practice.

19. If you are in practice, please describe your typical clients and any areas of special emphasis within your practice.

20. If your present law practice is different from any previous practice, please describe the earlier practice, including the nature of your typical clients and any area of special emphasis within your practice.

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21. Within the last 5 years, did you appear in trial court:
 Regularly Occasionally Infrequently
22. Within the last 5 years, did you prepare appellate briefs and appear before appellate courts:
 Regularly Occasionally Infrequently
23. Within the last five years, how often did you appear in the court for which you are applying:
 Regularly Occasionally Infrequently
24. Career Experience

(a) What percentage of your appearances in the last five years was in:

(1) Federal appellate courts	_____	%
(2) Federal trial courts	_____	%
(3) State appellate courts	_____	%
(4) State trial courts	_____	%
(5) Municipal courts	_____	%
(6) District courts	_____	%
(7) Administrative tribunals	_____	%
(8) Tribal courts	_____	%
(9) Other	_____	%
TOTAL	100%	

(b) What percentage of your practice in the last five years was:

(1) Civil litigation (excl. family law)	_____	%
(2) Criminal litigation	_____	%
(3) Family law litigation	_____	%
(4) Non-litigation	_____	%
TOTAL	100%	

(c) What percentage of your trials in the last five years were:

(1) Jury trials	_____	%
(2) Non-jury trials	_____	%
TOTAL	100%	

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25. Please briefly describe any legal non-litigation experience that you feel enhances your qualifications to serve as a judge.

26. If you are now an officer or director of any business organization or otherwise engaged in the management of any business enterprises, please provide the following: the name of the enterprise, the nature of the business, the title of your position, the nature of your duties, and the term of your service. If you are appointed and do not intend to resign such position(s), please state this below along with your reasons for not resigning.

27. Please list all chairmanships of major committees in bar associations and professional societies and memberships on any committees that you have held and believe to be of particular significance.

Judicial Interest and Experience

28. In 50 words or less, please describe why you should be appointed/elected and are seeking a judicial position.

29. In 50 words or less, please describe your judicial philosophy.

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30. Have you ever held a judicial office or have you ever been a candidate for such office? Yes / No. If you answered "yes", please provide details, including the courts involved, whether elected or appointed, and the periods of your service.

31. Have you ever held public office other than a judicial office, or have you ever been a candidate for such an office? Yes / No. If you answered "yes", please provide details, including the offices involved, whether elected or appointed, and the length of your service.

32. Please briefly identify all of your experience as a neutral decision-maker (e.g. judge (permanent or pro tem) in any jurisdiction, administrative law judge, arbitrator, hearing officer, etc.). Give courts, approximate dates, and attorneys who appeared before you.

Community and Civic Activities

33. Please list your community and civic activities, including dates and leadership roles held, over the last 10 years.

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Discipline and Disputes

34. Have you ever been held, arrested, charged or convicted by federal, state, or other law enforcement authorities for violation of any federal law, state law, county or municipal law, regulation or ordinance? Yes / No. If you answered "yes", please provide details. (Do not include traffic violations for which a fine of \$150.00 or less was imposed.) Please feel free to provide your view of how it bears on your present fitness for judicial office.

35. Has a client ever made a claim or suit against you for malpractice? Yes / No. If you answered "yes", please provide details and the current status of the claim and/or suit.

36. Please describe your direct experience, if any, with domestic violence and sexual harassment.

37. Have you been a party in interest, witness, or consultant in any legal proceeding? Yes / No. If you answered "yes", please provide details. Do not list proceedings in which you were merely a guardian ad litem or stakeholder.

38. Have you ever been the subject of a complaint to any bar association, disciplinary committee, court, administrative agency or other professional group? Yes / No. If you answered "yes", please provide details.

39. Have you ever been disciplined or cited for breach of ethics or unprofessional conduct? Yes / No. If you answered "yes", please provide details.

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40. If you have served as a judge, commissioner, or in any judicial capacity, has a complaint for misconduct in that capacity ever been made against you? Yes / No. If you answered "yes", please provide details.

Miscellaneous

41. Are you aware of anything that may affect your ability to perform the duties of a judge? Yes / No. If you answered "yes", please provide details.

42. Have you published any books or articles in the field of law? If so, please list them, giving the citations and dates. Also, please give the dates and forums of any Continuing Legal Education presentations that you have made.

43. Please list any honors, prizes, awards or other forms of recognition that you have received and whether they were professional or civic in nature.

44. Are you aware of anything in your background or any event you anticipate in the future that might be considered to conflict with the Code of Judicial Conduct? Yes / No. If you answered "yes", please explain.

45. Please provide a writing sample of your work (between 5 and 10 pages long), written and edited solely by you, within the last 4 years.

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Access to Justice

46. Please describe activities that you have engaged in to eliminate bias or improve access to the judicial system for indigent populations and ethnic, racial and sexual minorities. As a member of the bench, what, if any, role do you believe a judge has to enhance equal access to justice?

47. Please describe the frequency, time commitment and substantive nature of your direct participation of free legal services to indigent populations, and ethnic, racial and sexual minorities.

Diversity in the Legal Profession

48. Please briefly describe your understanding of the issue of "diversity within the legal profession."

References

It is useful for evaluators to speak with attorneys and non-attorneys who are familiar with you. One or more participants in the evaluation process may contact each of your references. All telephone numbers should be current and legible. If a reference is unreachable, your rating/evaluation may be delayed. **Please use a separate piece of paper for each list.** You may contact references in advance if you so desire. Individuals not listed by you as a reference may be contacted to obtain information about you.

49. If you have been in practice within the past fifteen years, list the names and phone numbers of ten opposing counsels who know you best, including at least three opposing counsels on cases that went to trial.
50. If you have been a judge or otherwise have served as a neutral decision-maker within the past fifteen years, please list the names and phone numbers of the last ten attorneys who have appeared before you.
51. List the names and phone numbers of up to six non-attorney references whose opinions or observations – particularly with respect to your commitment to improving access to the judicial system for indigent populations, people of color, and disenfranchised communities – would assist in the consideration of your application.

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52. For the last five trials in which you participated (whether as trial lawyer or decision-maker), list as appropriate the following for each: case name, subject matter, court, judge (w/ phone number), and opposing counsel or counsel appearing before you (w/ phone number).
53. List the names and phone numbers of ten additional attorneys familiar with your professional qualifications, skills, experience or attributes.

Certification

54. By signing below, I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the information provided by me in responding to this questionnaire is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Date: _____ Signature: _____

NOTE: The Governor's Office strongly encourages individuals seeking judicial appointment to utilize, to the fullest extent possible, the ratings processes from state, county, and minority bar organizations. Contact information for the minority bar associations can be found on the Washington State Bar Association's website at (<http://www.wsba.org/public/links/minoritybars.htm>). It is the applicant's responsibility, however, to obtain these evaluations in a timely manner. To that end, all applicants are strongly encouraged to commence the evaluation process for other bar associations as soon as possible. To facilitate the process, the following organizations have agreed to accept this questionnaire as the principal application in their evaluation process and may also require candidates to complete an additional supplement questionnaire:

State Bar Association

- Washington State Bar Association (WSBA) (appellate court evaluations only)

County Bar Associations

- King County Bar Association (KCBA)

Minority Bar Associations

- Latina/o Bar Association of Washington (LBAW)
 Loren Miller Bar Association (LMBA)
 The Joint Asian Judicial Evaluations Committee of Washington³
 Pierce County Minority Bar Association (PCMBA)
 Q-Law / GLBT (Gay Lesbian Bisexual Transgender) Bar Association
 Washington Women Lawyers⁴ (WWL)

As of the date of your certification above and submission of this questionnaire to the Governor's Office, please check, as necessary, beside each of the above organizations if you have contacted them to evaluate you for the position for which you have applied.

³ A joint committee of the Asian, Korean, South Asian and Vietnamese American Bar Associations of Washington.

⁴ Washington Women Lawyers has approved the use of the Governor's Uniform Judicial Evaluation Questionnaire for its statewide and all county chapters.