

Candidate Questionnaire

Name:

Current job title:

Relevant prior job titles:

When did you pass the Nevada bar?

Provide an overview of your area of legal expertise. Are there any major areas of law that you feel unqualified to preside over as a judge?

In general, what do you consider to be the major mitigating and aggravating circumstances in any given criminal matter which could influence your sentencing range decisions?

Are there any traditional mitigating circumstances which you consider to be illegitimate and/or unworthy of consideration?

Have you ever been inside a prison facility? What were the circumstances and how did it affect you?

Please share details about what you consider to be two or three of your biggest cases.

In any of the cases listed above, what would be the primary critique of you by opposing counsel?

Under what specific circumstances would you self-recuse from a case? Are there self-recusals that you would personally consider important beyond the minimum requirements of the judicial canons?

On average, what percentage of your time do you spend in a courtroom? Please limit your answer to time participating in trials, adversarial hearings, oral arguments, or handling a master calendar.

-Do you represent clients?

>If yes, how many clients have you represented in your legal career?

-Have you participated in any trials? Yes___ No___

>If **yes**, please answer the following questions:

1. How many trials have you done in total? _____

a. Of that total, how many were:

Jury Trials___

Bench Trials___

b. How many trials have you done in the following areas of law:

Criminal___

Civil (excluding family law)___

Family Law____
Immigration____
Administrative____
Military____

Have you participated in any appeals or writs to the Nevada Supreme Court or Nevada Court of Appeals?

Yes____ No____

If **yes**, please answer the following questions:

How many appeals have you written? _____

How many oral arguments have you done? _____

How many writs of mandamus, prohibition, habeas corpus and certiorari have you written (*excluding* district court writs)? _____

Have any of your cases had an important impact on Nevada law?

If so, please describe the case(s) in detail:

How many cases have you tried to verdict?

How many cases have you tried to verdict in the following areas of law:

Criminal_____

Civil (excluding family law)_____

Family Law _____

Immigration _____

Administrative _____

Military _____

Have you actively participated in the presentation of any appeals presented to the U.S. Supreme Court, any U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, any state supreme court or state court of appeals?

How many appellate briefs have you authored?

How many oral arguments have you presented to an appellate court?

How many extraordinary writs have you authored for presentation to an appellate court?

Have any of the above cases in which you participated established any precedent or otherwise significantly expanded an important substantive or procedural rule of law?

Have you ever worked as a judicial clerk? If so, where and when?

Do you do pro bono work? If so, what kind of cases and how many case hours per month? Please go into as much detail as possible.

Do you sit on any nonprofit boards? Which and what is your role?

Have you volunteered in the community more than 40 hours in any of the last 5 years? What were the circumstances?

Have you ever been cited for misconduct or been the subject of a finding of misconduct from a judicial opinion or order, whether or not it resulted in the reversal of a case?

Please list all on-record or private reprimands you have received since you obtained your law degree and briefly explain the details.

Have you had grievances filed against you that resulted in discipline? Explain.

Have you been terminated from a job in the last 10 years? Explain when and why.

Do you have, or have you ever had, any tax liens filed against you or an entity in which you are a principal? If yes, have they been satisfied? If yes, please explain the circumstances.

Have you ever been flagged for failure to file federal taxes? If so, explain the dates, amounts and reasons.

Do you have past or present loan defaults? If so, explain the dates, amounts and reasons.

Have you ever filed for bankruptcy?

Have you ever been arrested? When and on what charges? What was the outcome?

Have you ever been the victim of a crime? How did it impact you (if at all) as an attorney or judge?

Have you ever been a principal, named litigant in a civil matter? How did it affect you?

Who is your campaign consultant (if you have one)?

List major donors to your campaign (contributions of \$500 or more).

Are there any donors to your campaign for which you would feel an abiding sense of caution to self-recuse if that donor (or someone closely tied to the interests of that donor) were to appear in your courtroom on a case?

Please provide a writing sample of which you were the primary author.