

Incumbent Questionnaire

Name:

Current job title:

Relevant prior job titles:

Years on the bench:

How many days were you physically present on the bench in 2019?

How many judicial days were covered for you by other judges or senior judges?

Please share details about what you consider to be two or three of your biggest decisions and why they were important.

In any of the cases listed above, what would be the primary critique of you by the non-prevailing litigant and how do you respond to that critique?

Please share details about all recusals, whether self-recusals or forced. Please note if any recusal motion alleged a bias related to race, gender, religion and/or sexual orientation. How many times have you had to file an affidavit to oppose a motion for recusal? How many were successful? Have you ever self-recused without being asked? What were the circumstances/list cases.

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

Have you ever been reversed by a higher court? How many times? Please share details about each reversal.

Has a case you've been involved with been remanded and/or transferred by a higher court or the chief judge to a different judge? Please explain the circumstances.

How many cases have you taken more than 30 days to issue a ruling in a matter submitted for decision? Please explain the circumstances.

Please discuss any assignments of error that did not result in reversal, including but not limited to "abuse of discretion."

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 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 affect 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 that 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.

If you are on the Family Court bench:

Is having your own children a vital factor to be a family court judge or is it not a major factor ? Why or why not?

What factors are most important, in general, to determine the “best interests of the child” in any given case?

In general, how would you proceed where a litigant levies a serious allegation of addiction and/or (physical or emotional) abuse against the other?

Have you ever been a litigant in a family court matter? How did the experience personally affect you?