**The Washington State Governor’s Office**

**initial statement of interest and qualifications**

**for judicial appointments**

*Candidates who are considering applying for a future judicial appointment may submit this initial statement of interest and qualifications to the Governor’s Chief Legal Counsel at* *Judicial@gov.wa.gov**. Candidates may also request an informational interview to explore whether they may be a good fit for a future judicial appointment. This initial statement of interest and qualifications is not a substitute for the Governor’s Uniform Judicial Evaluation Questionnaire, which all applicants must timely submit to be considered for appointment to any judicial vacancy.*

1. **Judicial Position**

What type of judicial position are you interested in? If you are interested in a specific vacancy, or a specific court, division, or district, please identify it.

1. **Personal Information**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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WSBA bar number and year of admission: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Other bar admissions:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. **Prior Evaluation and Application History**

Have you previously sought a judicial position? If so, please list all prior judicial positions sought. Please list any judicial evaluations you have received from any bar associations and when.

1. **Education**

Please list all law school, graduate, and undergraduate institutions you have attended. Please indicate any degrees awarded and the year.

1. **Professional History**

Please provide your employment history, including your current position.

1. **Professional Associations and Awards**

Please list any bar association or professional society activities, including any leadership positions you have held, and any awards/honors you have received.

1. **Professional Practice Experience**

List three significant cases you have been involved in, and describe your role in each.

How many cases have you taken to trial?

[ ]  None

[ ]  1-5

[ ]  6-15

[ ]  15 or more

Please provide a brief description of your trial-court experience.

How many cases have you handled on appeal?

[ ]  None

[ ]  1-5

[ ]  6-15

[ ]  15 or more

Please provide a brief description of your appellate experience.

How many proceedings before administrative boards and commissions have you handled?

[ ]  None

[ ]  1-5

[ ]  6-15

[ ]  15 or more

Please provide a brief description of your experience before administrative bodies.

1. **Judicial Interest and Experience**

In 75 words or less, please describe why you are interested in a judicial position.

In 75 words or less, please describe the type of judge you aspire to be.

In 75 words or less, please describe any experience you have as a neutral decision-maker (e.g. permanent or judge *pro tempore* in any jurisdiction, administrative law judge, arbitrator/mediator, hearing officer).

1. **Community and Civic Activities**

Please list any community or civic activities you have been involved in during the past 10 years, including any leadership roles you have held.

1. **Access to Justice and Diversity in the Legal Profession**

In 75 words or less, please describe what access to justice and diversity in the legal profession mean to you.

1. **Discipline and Disputes**

Have you ever been held, arrested, charged, or convicted in any criminal proceeding?

Has a client ever made a claim or brought a suit against you for legal malpractice?

Have you ever been the subject of a complaint or proceeding related to any form of professional misconduct? Have you ever been professionally disciplined or sanctioned?

Are you aware of anything that may affect your ability to perform the duties of a judge?

If you answered “yes” to any of the above, please provide a detailed description.

1. **References**

Please provide at least two letters of recommendation.

1. **Rating and Evaluations**

[Evaluations from the state, county, and affinity bar associations](https://governor.wa.gov/bar-associations-involvement-appointments) help the Governor locate and evaluate the widest spectrum of candidates. All applicants are strongly encouraged to utilize these evaluation programs and to contact county and affinity bar associations as soon as possible in the application process.

1. **Date and Signature**

Please attest to the following and sign your name below:

**All information provided in this initial statement of interest and qualifications is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the Governor’s Office may verify this information, and that untruthful or misleading answers are cause for rejecting any future application or for dismissal if appointed.**

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