**Guidelines for Completing the Governor’s Office**

**Uniform Judicial Evaluation Questionnaire**

Please use Microsoft Word or a compatible word-processing program to fill in the questionnaire.

Please fill out all sections of the questionnaire—including indicating “N/A” or “0” where applicable. However, you may delete any rows or other portions of sections of the questionnaire that are inapplicable. For example, in Section IV (Education), if you attended three institutions of higher education, you may delete the row providing space to list a fourth institution. Likewise, in Section V (Professional History), if you have three employers to list, you may delete the sections providing space to list additional employers—and if you have additional employers to list, you may add additional sections.

Where checkboxes are provided, please double-click the checkbox to indicate your selection. An “x” should appear within the checkbox.

For questions seeking a narrative answer, please type your answer in the space indicated. You may type as many lines as you would like, subject to any specified word limitations. Typing your answers within the questionnaire is preferable to cross-referencing attachments (except as to your writing sample, which should be provided as an attachment).

**The Washington State Governor’s Office**

**Uniform Judicial Evaluation Questionnaire**

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| 1. **Judicial Position** | | | |
| **Position Sought** | | **Court, Division, or District** | |
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| 1. **Personal Information** | | | |
| **Name (Surname(s) followed by Given Name(s))** | | **Email (Personal and Work)** | |
| **Home Mailing Address** | | **City, State, ZIP** | |
| **Work Mailing Address** | | **City, State, ZIP** | |
| **Phone Number (Personal and Work)** | |  | |
|  | | **Social Security Number[[1]](#footnote-1)** | |
| **WSBA Bar Number and Year of Admission** | | **Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)** | |
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| 1. **Prior Evaluation and Application History** | | | |
| **Please list all prior judicial positions sought. Please list evaluations you received as part of that process, including dates.** | | | |
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| 1. **Education** | | | |
| **Please list all law school, graduate, and undergraduate colleges and universities attended.** | | | |
| **College/University** | **Month and Year Attended (From and To)** | | **Degree Awarded** |
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| **If you did not complete your degree at any of these schools, please explain why.** | | | |
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| 1. **Professional History** | | | |
| **Please list all of your employment in the legal field, and any other employment that is relevant to your application for a judicial appointment.** | | | |
| **1. Present or Last Employer** | | **Dates of Employment**  **From**       **To** | |
| **Your Title** | | **Employer’s Phone** | |
| **Employer’s Address** | | **Supervisor’s Name** | |
| **Nature of Practice (including frequency of court appearances and areas of special emphasis)** | | | |
| **Reason for Leaving** | | | |
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| **2. Previous Employer** | | **Dates of Employment**  **From**       **To** | |
| **Your Title** | | **Employer’s Phone** | |
| **Employer’s Address** | | **Supervisor’s Name** | |
| **Nature of Practice (including frequency of court appearances and areas of special emphasis)** | | | |
| **Reason for Leaving** | | | |
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| **3. Previous Employer** | | **Dates of Employment**  **From**       **To** | |
| **Your Title** | | **Employer’s Phone** | |
| **Employer’s Address** | | **Supervisor’s Name** | |
| **Nature of Practice (including frequency of court appearances and areas of special emphasis)** | | | |
| **Reason for Leaving** | | | |
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| **4. Previous Employer** | | **Dates of Employment**  **From**       **To** | |
| **Your Title** | | **Employer’s Phone** | |
| **Employer’s Address** | | **Supervisor’s Name** | |
| **Nature of Practice (including frequency of court appearances and areas of special emphasis)** | | | |
| **Reason for Leaving** | | | |
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| **5. Previous Employer** | | **Dates of Employment**  **From**       **To** | |
| **Your Title** | | **Employer’s Phone** | |
| **Employer’s Address** | | **Supervisor’s Name** | |
| **Nature of Practice (including frequency of court appearances and areas of special emphasis)** | | | |
| **Reason for Leaving** | | | |
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| **Please list any additional employment in the legal field, and any other employment that is relevant to your application for a judicial appointment, and include the same information sought in previous Section V questions.** | | | |
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| 1. **Jurisdictions, Associations, and Awards** | | | |
| **List all courts and jurisdictions in which you have been admitted to practice law and the dates of admission. Include administrative bodies.** | | | |
| **Please list all bar associations and professional societies of which you are a member and provide the titles and dates of any offices that you have held in such groups.** | | | |
| **Are you in good standing in every bar association of which you are a member?**       **If you answered “no”, please explain.** | | | |
| **If you have been a judge, please identify court committees on which you served or administrative positions you have held. Include dates of services for each.** | | | |
| **Please list any honors, prizes, awards, or other forms of recognition that you have received.** | | | |
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| 1. **Professional Practice Experience** | | | |
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| **How many of your appearances, either as counsel or as a judicial officer, in the last fifteen years were in:** | | | |

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| **WA Appellate Courts**  0 cases  1-10 cases  11-50 cases  50-100 cases  > 100 cases  **WA Trial Courts**  0 cases  1-10 cases  11-50 cases  50-100 cases  > 100 cases  **WA District Courts**  0 cases  1-10 cases  11-50 cases  50-100 cases  > 100 cases  **WA Municipal Courts**  0 cases  1-10 cases  11-50 cases  50-100 cases  > 100 cases  **WA Administrative Tribunals**  0 cases  1-10 cases  11-50 cases  50-100 cases  > 100 cases  **Federal Appellate Courts**  0 cases  1-10 cases  11-50 cases  50-100 cases  > 100 cases  **Federal Trial Courts**  0 cases  1-10 cases  11-50 cases  50-100 cases  > 100 cases  **Federal Administrative Tribunals**  0 cases  1-10 cases  11-50 cases  50-100 cases  > 100 cases  **Tribal Trial Courts**  0 cases  1-10 cases  11-50 cases  50-100 cases  > 100 cases  **Tribal Appellate Courts**  0 cases  1-10 cases  11-50 cases  50-100 cases  > 100 cases  **Other (please specify):**  0 cases  1-10 cases  11-50 cases  50-100 cases  > 100 cases |

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| **What percentage of your practice in the last fifteen years was in:** | | | | | | | | |
| **Civil Litigation (excl. family law)**      **%**  **Criminal Litigation**      **%**  **Family Law Litigation**      **%**  **Non-Litigation**      **%** | | | | | | | | |
| **What percentage of your trials in the last fifteen years were:** | | | | | | | | |
| **Jury Trials**      **%**  **Non-Jury Trials**      **%** | | | | | | | | |
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| **TRIAL EXPERIENCE: Indicate the total number of cases during your career that you have tried to verdict or judgment (rather than settled) in the following courts, and indicate the following percentages: trials in which you were the sole counsel or chief counsel, jury trials, and trials where you were the arbiter/decision maker.** | | | | | | | | |
| **Court** | | **Number** | | **% as sole/Chief Counsel** | | **% Jury** | | **% as the Arbiter** |
| **WA Superior Court** | |  | |  | |  | |  |
| **WA District Court** | |  | |  | |  | |  |
| **WA Municipal Court** | |  | |  | |  | |  |
| **WA Administrative Tribunals** | |  | |  | |  | |  |
| **Federal District Court** | |  | |  | |  | |  |
| **Federal Administrative Tribunals** | |  | |  | |  | |  |
| **Tribal Court** | |  | |  | |  | |  |
| **Other (please describe)** | |  | |  | |  | |  |
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| **APPELLATE EXPERIENCE: Indicate the total number of appellate cases during your career where you appeared as counsel of record in the following courts, and indicate for each court the following percentages: cases where you were sole counsel or chief counsel, and cases where you were the arbiter/decision maker (if applicable).** | | | | | | | | |
| **Court** | **Number** | | | | **% as sole/Chief Counsel** | | **% as the Arbiter** | |
| **WA Supreme Court** |  | | | |  | |  | |
| **WA Division I COA** |  | | | |  | |  | |
| **WA Division II COA** |  | | | |  | |  | |
| **WA Division III COA** |  | | | |  | |  | |
| **WA Superior Court** |  | | | |  | |  | |
| **U.S. Supreme Court** |  | | | |  | |  | |
| **Federal Courts of Appeal** |  | | | |  | |  | |
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| **Briefly describe five significant matters that you directly handled as counsel, and include the reason that each is significant to you. For each, please provide the name of the judge or other judicial officer, and the case citation, if applicable.** | | | | | | | | |
| **State in detail your experience in adversary proceedings before administrative boards or commissions during the last ten years.** | | | | | | | | |
| **Describe any experience you have in Tribal courts and/or addressing Tribal law or Indian law issues in your practice.** | | | | | | | | |
| **Please briefly describe any legal non-litigation experience that you feel enhances your qualifications to serve as a judge.** | | | | | | | | |
| ***Optional:* Please list leadership positions you’ve held in bar associations and professional societies that you believe to be of particular significance.** | | | | | | | | |
| ***Optional:* 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, topics, and forums of any presentations you have given on legal topics (e.g., Continuing Legal Education).** | | | | | | | | |
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| 1. **Judicial Interest and Experience** | | | | | | | | |
| **In 75 words or less, please describe why you are seeking a judicial position.** | | | | | | | | |
| **In 75 words or less, please describe the type of judge you aspire to be.** | | | | | | | | |
| **Have you ever held a judicial office?**       **If you answered “yes”, please provide details, including the courts involved, whether elected or appointed, and periods of your service.** | | | | | | | | |
| **Have you ever held public office other than a judicial office?**       **If you answered “yes”, please provide details, including the offices involved, whether elected or appointed, and periods of your service.** | | | | | | | | |
| **Please briefly identify all of your experience as a neutral decision-maker (e.g. permanent or pro tem judge in any jurisdiction, administrative law judge, arbitrator, hearing officer, etc.). List the courts/jurisdictions and provide approximate dates.** | | | | | | | | |
| **If you seek an appellate court position, please describe how your previous judicial experience prepared you to serve as an appellate court judge.** | | | | | | | | |
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| 1. **Community and Civic Activities** | | | | | | | | |
| **Please list community and civic activities, including dates and leadership roles you have held, over the last fifteen years.** | | | | | | | | |
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| 1. **Access to Justice and Diversity in the Legal Profession** | | | | | | | | |
| **Please describe any activities that you have engaged in to eliminate bias or improve access to the judicial system.** | | | | | | | | |
| **What are the most significant barriers to access to justice today? In what ways have you seen these barriers in your practice? How have you worked to increase access to justice?** | | | | | | | | |
| **As a member of the bench, what role, if any, do you believe that a judge has to enhance equal access to justice?** | | | | | | | | |
| **What experiences, training, or knowledge do you have in addressing diversity in the legal profession?** | | | | | | | | |
| **What can a judge, or court, do to improve diversity in the legal profession?** | | | | | | | | |
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| 1. **Discipline, Disputes, and Conflicts** | | | | | | | | |
| **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?**       **If you answered “yes”, please provide details, including case numbers. (Do not include traffic violations for which a fine of less than $300.00 was imposed.) Please feel free to provide your view of how it bears on your present fitness for judicial office.** | | | | | | | | |
| **Has a client ever made a claim or suit against you for malpractice?**       **If you answered “yes”, please provide details and the current status of the claim and/or suit.** | | | | | | | | |
| **Have you ever been a party, witness, or consultant in any legal proceeding?**       **If you answered “yes”, please provide details, including the case number. Do not list proceedings in which you were merely a guardian ad litem or stakeholder.** | | | | | | | | |
| **Have you ever been the subject of a complaint to any bar association, disciplinary committee, court, administrative agency, or other professional group?**       **If you answered “yes”, please provide details.** | | | | | | | | |
| **Have you ever been disciplined or cited for breach of ethics or unprofessional conduct?**       **If you answered “yes”, please provide details.** | | | | | | | | |
| **Have you ever been subject to employment discipline, such as a warning, reprimand, suspension, demotion, or termination for cause?**       **If you answered “yes”, please provide details.** | | | | | | | | |
| **If you have ever served as a judge, commissioner, or in any judicial capacity, has a complaint for misconduct in that capacity ever been made against you?**       **If you answered “yes”, please provide details.** | | | | | | | | |
| **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, where it is incorporated, 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.** | | | | | | | | |
| **Are you aware of anything that may affect your ability to perform the duties of a judge?**       **If you answered “yes”, please provide details.** | | | | | | | | |
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| 1. **References – In the evaluation process it is useful for evaluators to speak with attorneys and non-attorneys who are familiar with you. Evaluators may contact each of your references. If a reference is unreachable, your evaluation may be delayed.** | | | | | | | | |
| **Please list the names, phone numbers, and job titles/employers of up to 5 professional references.** | | | | | | | | |
| **Please list the names and phone numbers of up to 10 opposing counsel who know you best, including at least three opposing counsel on cases that went to trial.** | | | | | | | | |
| **If you have been a judge or otherwise have served as a neutral decision-maker within the last 10 years, please list the names and phone numbers of the last 10 attorneys who have appeared before you.** | | | | | | | | |
| **For the last five trials in which you participated (whether as a trial lawyer or decision-maker), please list as appropriate the following for each: case name, subject matter, court, judge (with phone numbers), and opposing counsel or counsel appearing before you (with phone numbers).** | | | | | | | | |
| **Please list the names and phone numbers of 5 additional attorneys familiar with your professional qualifications, skills, experience, and attributes.** | | | | | | | | |
| **Please list the names and phone numbers of up to three non-attorneys who have either been represented by you or who have worked for you.** | | | | | | | | |
| **Please provide a writing sample of your work (between five and 10 pages long), written and edited by you, within the last five years.** | | | | | | | | |
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| 1. **Rating and Evaluations – The Governor’s Office requires individuals seeking judicial appointment to utilize, to the fullest extent possible and as early as possible, the ratings processes from state, county, and affinity bar organizations. To facilitate the process, many of these organizations accept this questionnaire as the principal application in their evaluation process and may also require completion of a supplemental questionnaire.**  * **Candidates are encouraged to seek ratings from multiple bar associations as early as possible so that your ratings are received by the application deadline or shortly thereafter. You may seek a rating before a notice of vacancy is posted; contact the relevant bar association for its policies and availability.** * **Contact affinity bar associations to determine whether an evaluation process will be conducted. Contact information can be found on the Washington State Bar Association’s website at https://www.wsba.org/connect-serve/other-bars/affinity-bar-associations. This webpage contains a link to the list of Judicial Evaluation Committee Representatives for those associations who participate in standing judicial evaluation committees. Note that some of the affinity bar associations may conduct judicial evaluations when judicial vacancies occur, even if committee representatives are not listed on the webpage.** * **Contact the relevant county bar associations to determine whether an evaluation process will be conducted. Contact information for county bar associations can be found on the WSBA website at** [**http://www.wsba.org/Legal-Community/County-Bar-Associations**](http://www.wsba.org/Legal-Community/County-Bar-Associations) * **If you are applying for a state Court of Appeals or Supreme Court position, contact the Washington State Bar Association (WSBA) Judicial Recommendation Committee to request an interview. The Committee screens and interviews candidates and provides a rating that is reviewed by the WSBA Board of Governors and referred to the Governor for consideration. Committee information can be found on the WSBA website at** [**http://www.wsba.org/jrc**](http://www.wsba.org/jrc)**.** | | | | | | | | |
| **List all ratings you have received from any bar association at any time. Please provide the name of the organization, the rating it gave you, and the year in which the rating was given.** | | | | | | | | |
| **To the extent not covered above, list the organizations you have contacted for an evaluation.** | | | | | | | | |
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| 1. **Attestation – All information provided in this questionnaire 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 rejection of my application or for dismissal if appointed.** | | | | | | | | |
| **Date** | | | **Signature** | | | | | |

1. Please only include your Social Security number on the copy of the questionnaire forwarded to the Governor’s Office. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)