

**SPOKANE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
JUDICIAL APPLICANT QUESTIONNAIRE**

PLEASE TYPE

1. Name, business addresses and telephone number.

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(509) 326-2613

2. Year of admission to practice of law in Washington. 2000

3. Please identify and summarize the general nature of your current law practice/judicial experience.

Criminal defense in District and Municipal courts to felonies in Superior Courts and Federal Courts throughout the state of Washington. Representation of individuals in civil administrative hearings for various different licenses from transportation and nursing to driving privileges. Restoration of civil rights (including gun rights) and vacation of criminal records. Minor civil litigation.

4. List other legal practices or judicial offices you have held.

Personal injury plaintiff's litigation, domestic relations, Social Security and Disability

5. List colleges, universities and law schools attended, years of attendance and degrees awarded.

Associate of Arts – Spokane Falls Community College – 1995

Bachelor of Arts (Political Science) – Gonzaga University – 1997

Juris Doctorate – Gonzaga University School of Law – 2000

6. Other than your legal/judicial experience, list your employment history.

United Parcel Service – Teamster

Tipke Manufacturing

Regal Cinemas

7. Please list all courts and jurisdictions in which you are admitted to practice and the dates of admission, including the same information for administrative bodies having special admission requirements. Are you in good standing with each of these courts/jurisdictions?

Washington State Supreme Court – 2000 – In good standing

United States Federal Court – 2005 – In good standing

8. State the number of cases you have tried to conclusion in courts of record during the past ten years. 100+ non-jury / 36 jury. Of those, state how many you served as sole counsel, associate counsel or chief counsel.

I served as sole counsel on almost all of the cases.

- (a) What percentage of your trials during the past five years were:

Civil 70% Criminal 30% Jury 30% Non-Jury 70%

- (b) What percentage of your trials during your career were:

Civil 70% Criminal 30% Jury 30% Non-Jury 70%

9. State in detail your experience in administrative adversary proceedings before boards of commissions during the past ten years.

I have represented numerous individuals in administrative hearings with the Department of Licensing for suspensions based upon driving-related charges. I have represented commercial vehicle drivers with the Department of Licensing. I have represented small business owners with various regulatory boards and nurses with the nursing board.

10. How many appellate cases have you handled through appellate decisions? 25+. And of these, in how many did you do the bulk of the written briefing and/or oral argument? 90%.

11. If you had other experiences in the legal profession that may enhance your qualifications for service as a judge, briefly describe and include dates. Also please list any non-legal activities in which you have been involved which you feel have enhanced your qualifications for a judicial position.

Having appeared in many courts (both state and federal) throughout the State of Washington, I have had the opportunity to see how efficient, unbiased, effective, and responsible courts should be run. I have served on the board of directors for Serve Spokane whose primary focus is to reach out to and improve the standard of living for low-income women and children through contributions, education, and opportunities.

12. Please state whether you have ever held a judicial office or have been a candidate for such an office. If so, give the details, including the court, whether it was elected or appointed and periods of service. Include service as a pro tem judge giving courts and approximate dates.

I have never held a judicial position nor have I ever run for one.

13. List any organizations, other than a law practice, in which you have been an owner, director or officer.

Board of Directors - Serve Spokane – 2003 to 2005

14. State the qualities that you consider to be most important in an individual holding judicial office.

Efficient, knowledgeable on the law, unbiased, immune to outside influences, decisive, courteous, and fair.

15. Have you ever been convicted of a crime? No. (Do not include infractions). If any episode occurred, please give your view of how it bears on your present fitness for a judicial office.

16. Have you ever been disbarred, suspended, reprimanded or otherwise disciplined by any bar association or Supreme Court? No. If so, please give particulars.

17. Do you know of anything that might interfere with the performance of your duties as a judicial officer? No. If so, please give particulars.

18. Please state the title, citations and date of any books or articles published in the field of law, as well as dates and forums of any CLE presentations you have made.

CLE – New DUI Laws – Pitfalls & Opportunities – December, 2004.

19. Please list all bar associations and professional societies in which you are a member giving dates, titles of any offices, chairpersonships on any major committees and memberships on any committees believed to be noteworthy.

Washington State Bar Association

Spokane County Bar Association

Washington State Trial Lawyer's Association

Washington Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers

20. State your reasons for seeking a judicial position.

I would like to serve my community by allowing fair and speedy access to justice for the public. In this position I will be respectful and courteous while following the law and bringing new ideas to the bench. I will accomplish these goals while keeping in mind community safety and expenses.

21. Please provide a statement of your personal experiences, awareness and appreciation for the issues of equal access to justice, pro se litigants and diversity.

Pro se litigants have trouble with forms, dockets, scheduling, and accessibility to the bench. Access to justice for pro se litigants is hindered if they are not financially solvent. Currently the court system is delayed in dealing with diversity challenges such as language barriers and multicultural issues.

22. List the name and phone number of ten (10) lawyers who are familiar with your professional qualifications, skills, experience or attributes.

Julie McKay (509) 326-0973
Brian O'Brien (509) 477-2814
Cynthia McMullen (509) 924-9816
Tracy Staab (509) 456-8707
Justin Bingham (509) 835-5962

Jennifer Fassbender (509) 326-2613
Geoffrey Aultman (509) 455-6000
Deborah King (509) 477-2811
James Workland (509) 455-9077
Timothy Nodland (509) 747-2200

23. Please provide any additional comments you feel are significant.

I would like to bring a positive and significant change to the District/Municipal Court bench by introducing innovative concepts involving all aspects of the courts such as jail overcrowding and access to the courts.

I certify the above is true, accurate and complete. I further agree to notify the SCBA if there are material changes in this information between the time this questionnaire is completed and rating received.

Date: September 27, 2006

Return completed questionnaire to Executive Director, SCBA, 1116 W. Broadway, Fourth Floor Annex, Spokane, WA 99260 no later than **SEPTEMBER 29, 2006**. Completed questionnaire will be available at the bar office for review and will be posted on the website.