

**SPOKANE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
JUDICIAL APPLICANT QUESTIONNAIRE**

PLEASE TYPE

1. Name, business addresses and telephone number.

— Gregory J. Tripp
Committee to Re-Elect Judge Greg Tripp
P.O. Box 8274
Spokane, WA 99203

509-838-2461

2. Year of admission to practice of law in Washington: 1973.
3. Please identify and summarize the general nature of your current law practice/judicial experience.

Spokane County District Court Judge, Position No. 5.

My current assignment is to preside over the Spokane City criminal docket. I have been honored to serve on the Spokane County District Court for over nine years. In that time, I have handled every docket of the court and have substantial experience with the cases we handle. My principal duties, right now, are criminal trials, probation violation hearings and related law motions. In addition I am the Presiding Judge of the Cheney Municipal Court in accordance with the County Districting Plan. My duties include presiding over criminal jury and non-jury trials, motions, sentencing, preliminary hearings, civil trials, motions, small claims court and traffic infractions

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

Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, Clark County Washington
1973-75
Private practice of law 1975-97:
Hennessey and Curran, Spokane, 1975-77
Bogle and Gates, Seattle, 1977-78
Small firm and sole practitioner, Spokane 1978-97
Spokane County District Court Judge 1997-present

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

University of Washington, Seattle, 1966-70; B.A. Business Administration
Willamette University College of Law 1970-73 J. D.

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

Summer employment during high school, college and law school:
Albertsons, carry out; Washington Secretary of State, Initiative verification; Daily Olympian, display advertising department; Penelctro, Ltd, England, Sales Analyst; Washington Department of Revenue, Administrative intern.

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, 1973
United States District Court, Eastern District of Washington
1976
United States District Court, Western District of Washington
1978

In good standing in all jurisdictions

8. State the number of cases you have tried to conclusion in courts of record during the past ten years: 100+. Of those, in how many did you serve as sole counsel _____, chief counsel _____ or associate counsel _____.
(a) What percentage of your trials during the past five years were:

Civil _____% criminal _____% jury _____% non-jury _____%

- (b) During all the years of your career, what percentage of your trials were

Civil _____% criminal _____% jury _____% non-jury _____%

The Spokane District and Municipal Court is a high volume court. Included within "civil" are dozens, or perhaps hundreds of small claims and non-jury civil cases and traffic infractions. Civil jury cases which actually proceed to trial are few in number, but were usually soft tissue personal injury cases. I have probably tried 50 or more jury trials.

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

Pro bono overpayment cases before the Department of Social and Health Services while in private practice

10. How many appellate cases have you handled through appellate decisions? 3 And of these, in how many did you do the bulk of the written briefing and/or oral argument? 2.

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.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CURRENT* AND FORMER

*Chair, Washington State Access to Justice Board

*Spokane County Bar Association Volunteer Lawyer Advisory Committee

*Faculty, Washington State Judicial College

District and Municipal Court Judges Association, Chair Technology Committee

Judicial Information Service Advisory Committee

President and Trustee, Legal Foundation of Washington

Chair, Reappointment Review Committee; United States Magistrate Judge Cynthia Imbrogno

Group Facilitator, National Judicial College

American Judges Association

American Inns of Court

Chair and Member of Executive Committee, General Practice Section, Washington State Bar Association

Spokane Estate Planning Council

National Legal Committee, Voice of the Retarded

Spokane County District Court Judge Pro Tem

Superior Court Arbitrator

Trustee, Spokane County Young Lawyers

(organized new lawyer orientation program)

Chair and lecturer in Washington State Bar Association and Spokane County Bar Association Continuing Legal Education Programs

Founded Spokane Law Explorer Post

COMMUNITY SERVICE, CURRENT* AND FORMER

*Director, Fairmount Memorial Association
*Spokane Downtown Rotary
*Director, Eastern Washington State Historical Society
Chair, Spokane Sports, Entertainment, Arts and Convention Advisory Board (SEACAB)
Metropolitan Division Co-Chair, United Way
Treasurer, Downtown Exchange Club
Secretary, Downtown Exchange Club Foundation
Secretary, Spokane Symphony Society
Advisor, Dance Theatre Northwest
Sacred Heart Hospital Volunteer
Leadership Spokane
Selection Committees for Legal Foundation's Goldmark Award, Armed Forces Person of the Year and YWCA Volunteer of the Year
Co-Chair, Yes! Spokane Science Center Campaign
District 81 Gifted Education Task Force
Lewis and Clark High School Rededication Committee
Hutton School PTA Treasurer and Board member

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.

Spokane County District Court Judge: appointed effective March 1, 1997, elected 1998 and 2002
Cheney Municipal Court Judge: appointed effective January, 1999; reappointed January 2002 and 2006 (within duties of District Court Judge)

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

Please see number 11 above.

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

- a. patience, empathy and compassion;
- b. knowledge of the law, ability to access it quickly, and ability to apply it;
- c. the ability to be fair and appear to be fair in the administration of justice;

- d. the ability to treat all cases and persons individually, with respect and without assumption;
- e. the ability to listen, think and communicate logically and critically; and
- f. courage to make appropriate decisions.

15. Have you ever been convicted of a crime? (Do not include infractions.) If any occurred, please give your view of how it bears on your present fitness for a judicial office.

Yes. As a teenager, late at night after working at two jobs, some friends decided to egg a competitor grocery store. I don't recall the exact charge, but I was fined \$25. It enhanced my knowledge and respect for the legal system at a young age.

16. Have you ever been disbarred, suspended, reprimanded or otherwise disciplined by any bar association or Supreme Court? If so, please give particulars.

No.

17. Do you know of anything that might interfere with the performance of your duties as a judicial officer? If so, please give particulars.

No.

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.

2005 WSBA District Court Seminar, Practice Tips

2002 SCBA District Court, Update, Chair

1999 SCBA District Court, Civil, "State of the Court and Legislative Update"

1998 SCBA District and Municipal Court Judges' Spring Program, Panel Moderator, "Private Consumer Protection Actions in District Court"

1995 WSBA, Best of CLE, Section Chair

1995 WSBA, Advising Startup and Small Business, "Structuring Acquisitions and Dispositions"

1994 WSBA, Best of CLE, Chair

1990, WSBA, Best of CLE, Chair

1984 WSBA, Convention, "Update on the Law, Wills and Probate"

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

Washington State and Spokane County Bar Associations,
District and Municipal Court Judges Association

Please see number 11 above.

20. State your reasons for seeking a judicial position.

Service as a judge has been a great opportunity to be of help to the community and to work to keep families and the community safe. It is an opportunity to be a change maker in peoples' lives that has a direct impact on the quality of life of our community. I want to continue my contribution with my work both on and off the bench. My nine and one-half years on the bench have demonstrated that I have the qualities, skills, and experience to serve.

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

Fundamental to these issues is that in a free society everyone must have a voice and an opportunity to be heard. Our system of justice is not complete unless it is available to everyone. This is an ideal held by many. Achieving this ideal is a difficult and complex process. Recently the Access to Justice Board, of which I am Chair, reviewed its principles and goals.

They are set forth at www.waaccessjustice.org and encompass my view. Our state Supreme Court has stated that access to justice is a fundamental right. There must be an opportunity for meaningful participation and deliberation whenever legal needs, rights, and responsibilities are affected. Legal issues must be adequately understood, presented, and dealt with in a timely, fair, and impartial manner. Access to justice also depends on the availability of affordable legal information and services, including assistance and representation when needed. There must be adequate funding, resources, and support. Equal justice under the law requires that access to justice be available to all people. All persons or groups shall be afforded equal access to justice regardless of the popularity of the cause involved, status, or other considerations or characteristics.

In addition to observing these issues on a daily basis in court, my personal experience began as I served as a pro bono attorney to a limited extent in private practice. My education in the questions of access to justice began with my service on the board of the Legal Foundation of Washington and continues with my work on the Access to Justice Board. My appreciation of the need became clearer as the Legal Foundation board grappled with grant applications exceeding the six million or so dollars available. Ultimately, I participated with the Equal Justice Coalition education efforts of our Congressional Delegation and have helped raise the needed funds for state the Civil Legal Needs study. This study has lead in part to increased funding for Civil Legal Aid and the establishment of the Office of Civil Legal Aid.

22. List the names and phone numbers of ten (10) persons, who are familiar with your professional qualifications, skills, experience or attributes.

Nancy Isserlis	838-6131
William D. Hyslop	455-9555
Kim Concannon	477-3662
George Gagnon	477-3662
Amy Sullivan	477-4246
Steven Marsalis	477-2426
Judge Annette Plese	477-2218
Judge Harold Clarke III	477-2965
James Parkins	325-5466
Caitlin Davis-Carlson	206-624-2536

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

Since first coming to Spokane as a lawyer in 1975 I have loved this area and the people residing here. When I came here I married JoAnn Delaney Tripp, a life long resident, and we have raised two daughters here. We have lived and worked in this community. For twenty-two years, I practiced law and for most of that time, JoAnn has worked as a high school teacher and counselor. We know the values of this area. We have been deeply involved in our community and our schools and have worked to make our area a better place for everyone.

My service as a judge has been wonderful and rewarding. My work is directed to that same ideal by keeping our families and community safe. The District Court may be the most important to that process, for it is court of only impression for the vast majority of people. It becomes important for them to leave with a sense of justice and having been treated fairly.

It is my philosophy that people should be treated fairly, that a judge should listen to all sides while remaining open minded and be courteous to all

in court. In a criminal case, upon a conviction, defendants should be held responsible and accountable for their actions.

Four years ago, before I was reelected to the District Court I was sincerely honored by the "Exceptionally Well Qualified" rating I received from the Spokane County Bar Association and from the Washington Women Lawyers. This year I have been honored by this same rating again by the Washington Women Lawyers.

It has been my honor to have been endorsed thus far by those listed on the attached page.

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: _____

Please complete the attached forms.

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.

Spokane County District Court Judge Greg Tripp Endorsements

Judicial Endorsements

Retired Judges

Richard Guy, Supreme Court
George Shields, Court of Appeals
Philip J. Thompson, Court of Appeals
Paul A. Bastine, Superior Court
Harold "Pete" Clarke, Superior Court
Michael Donohue, Superior Court
Richard Ennis, Superior Court
James M. Murphy, Superior Court
Richard Richard, District Court
John J. Madden, District Court
Daniel T. Maggs, District Court

Court of Appeals

Hon. Stephen Brown
Hon. Kenneth H. Kato
Hon. Dennis J. Sweeney

Superior Court

Hon. Robert D. Austin
Hon. Sam F. Cozza
Hon. Harold D. Clarke, III
Hon. Tari S. Eitzen
Hon. David Frazier
Hon. Jerome J. Leveque
Hon. Maryann C. Moreno
Hon. Kathleen M. O'Connnor
Hon. Michael P. Price
Hon. Neal Q. Rielly
Hon. Gregory D. Sypolt
Hon. Linda G. Tompkins

District Court

Hon. Joshua F. Grant
Hon. Vance W. Peterson
Hon. Annette Plese
Hon. Douglas B. Robinson
Hon. Clifford B. "Kip" Stilz
Hon. Philip J. Van de Veer
Hon. Richard B. White

Association Endorsements

Geiger Corrections Local 492-G
Deputy Prosecutors Local 1553 PA
Spokane County Deputy Sheriffs Association
Spokane Police Guild
Spokane Regional Labor Council, AFL-CIO
Washington State Patrol Troopers Assoc., Dist. 4

Other Endorsements

Steve Tucker, Spokane County Prosecutor
Ron Shepherd, Lincoln County Prosecutor
John T. Rodgers, Spokane County Public
Defender
Thomas R. Fallquist, Spokane County Clerk
William Donahue, Spokane County Auditor, Ret.
Senator Bob McCaslin
Representative Lynn Schindler
Mike Geraghty
Ken Pelo
Matthew Pederson, Mayor City of Airway
Heights
C. Allan Gainer, Mayor, City of Cheney
Cynthia McMullen, Medical Lake Prosecutor
David Rodgers, Retired Mayor of Spokane
Diana Wilhite, Mayor, City of the Spokane
Valley
Mike DeVleming, Spokane Valley City Council
Rich Munson, Spokane Valley City Council

School Board Members

Mead School District

Frank Hoover, Retired

Spokane School District No. 81

Don Barlow, President
Christie Querna
Barbara Richardson
Rocco N. Treppiedi
Terrie Beaudreau, Retired

West Valley School District

James A. Williams

RESUME
OF
GREGORY J. TRIPP

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EDUCATION

Certificates, National Judicial College, 1997; Washington State Judicial College;
1998

Juris Doctor, Willamette University College of Law, 1973

Honors: Second Year Writing Award; International Trial Lawyers
Distinguished Achievement Award

Bachelor of Arts, Business Administration, University of Washington, 1970

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

1997 - PRESENT: Spokane County District Court Judge, Presiding Judge, 1999;
Cheney Municipal Court Judge

1978 - 1997: Private practice as sole practitioner and small partnership,
Spokane. Practice included civil litigation, real
estate, business, probate, estate planning, personal
injury, and criminal defense

1977 - 1978: Associate - Bogle and Gates, Seattle; Practice was principally
civil litigation and administrative law

1975 - 1977: Associate and Partner - Hennessey and Curran, Spokane;
Practice included domestic relations, collections,
construction law, criminal law and personal injury

1973 - 1975: Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, Clark County, Washington;
Felony prosecution; supervision of District Court
prosecution; misdemeanor prosecution

PRIOR EMPLOYMENT

Sales Analyst, Penelectro Ltd., England; Administrative Intern, Washington State Department of Revenue

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