



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

JUDICIAL SELECTION COMMISSION

Application for Judicial Appointment

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Superior Court

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Appellate Court

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Supreme Court

Please check appropriate box(es) indicating the position(s) to which you are seeking appointment.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Please type answers to all questions immediately below the question on the **original** form. **Do not alter or retype the original form.** If additional space is necessary, attach your answers on separate pages. **Please do not staple any documents together. Send by regular mail.**

General

1. State your full name and preferred pronouns. (If you have ever been known by any other name, please state the name and reason for change.)
2. State your office address, home address, telephone numbers, and email addresses.

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3. Give the date and place of your birth.

4. Are you a U.S. citizen?

Education

5. (a) List each college and law school from which you received a degree, include the dates of attendance, the degree(s) awarded, your QPR/Ranking, your undergraduate college major, and a copy of the transcript from each law school attended.

(b) List each college and law school you attended but from which you did not receive a degree. State your reason(s) for leaving if you were not in good standing at the time.

6. List any academic distinctions which you received in law school.

10. Have you ever been a party (real rather than nominal) in any legal proceedings other than those described in response to question 11? If so, give the particulars, including the nature of each case, case names and numbers, courts, and dates. Do not list proceedings in which you were merely a guardian ad litem or stockholder. Include all legal proceedings in which you were a party in interest, a material witness, were named as a co-conspirator or a correspondent, and any grand jury investigation in which you figured as a subject, or in which you appeared as a witness.
11. Have you ever been found in violation of ethical or professional rules of conduct or been disciplined for a breach of such conduct by any court, administrative agency, bar association, disciplinary committee, or other professional group? If so, state the particulars.
12. Have you ever been subject to formal disciplinary action (such as written warning, suspension, demotion, or termination) in your current or previous employment? If yes, please briefly explain the circumstances, including the approximate date and outcome.
13. Have you engaged in the possession, use, or sale of illegal drugs?

14. Have you or has anyone on your behalf, or with your knowledge, made or promised to make any payment or contribution to any political party, candidate or any other person in connection with the submission of your name as a candidate for judge?
15. Is there anything not otherwise disclosed that could adversely affect your ability or qualifications to serve as a judge?

Health

16. (a) Do you have a condition that presently interferes with your ability to serve on the bench?
- (b) Please fill out the attached general medical release form.
17. Do you consume or use alcohol, cannabis or other controlled substances to the extent that such consumption would interfere with your ability to serve on the bench?

Current Employment

18. If you are not actively engaged in the practice of law at the present time, state the details of your current employment.

19. If you are or have previously been engaged in the practice of law, describe the general character of your practice. Indicate the nature of your typical clients and whether you have practiced in any specialty area. If the nature of your practice has been substantially different at any time, give the details, including the nature of your earlier practice.
20. List all courts in which you are presently admitted to practice, including the dates of admission in each case. Give the same information for administrative bodies having special admission requirements.

Employment History

21. Indicate the periods of any military service, including the dates, and the branch in which you served, your rank or rate, your serial number, and the kind of discharge received.
22. If you have practiced in other localities or have been connected with law firms, corporate law departments, or governmental agencies, other than where you are currently employed, give the particulars, including the locations, the names of the firms, corporate law departments, or agencies, your relationships thereto, and the relevant dates. Indicate any period during which you practiced alone.
23. Have you ever been engaged in any occupation, business, or profession other than the practice of law? If so, give the details, including dates.

24. Have you ever been a candidate for or held public or judicial office? If so, give the details, including the offices or courts involved, dates, whether you were elected or appointed, and the length of service, if any.

Litigation Experience

25. (a) Do you regularly appear in court?
- (b) What percentage of your appearances in the last five years was in: (1) federal court? (2) state courts of record? (3) other courts?
- (c) What percentage of your litigation in the last five years was: (1) civil? (2) criminal?
- (d) What percentage of your trials in the last five years was: (1) jury? (2) non-jury?
- (e) State the number of cases you have tried to conclusion in courts of record before a judge or a jury, during each of the past five years, indicating whether you were sole, associate, or chief counsel.

- (f) Describe 10 litigated, non-litigated, administrative, or business matters which, in your opinion, are the most significant matters you have handled and give the citations if the matters were reported.

(g) State in detail your experience in adversary proceedings before administrative boards or commissions during the last five years.

26. (a) Summarize your experience in court prior to the last five years. If during any prior period you appeared in court with greater frequency than during the last five years, indicate the period during which this was so and give for such prior periods the same data requested in Question 24.

(b) Summarize your experience in adversary proceedings before administrative boards or commissions prior to the last five years.

(c) Have you served as a small claims commissioner, factfinder, arbitrator, attorney trial referee, special master, or in any similar capacity? If so, provide the number and nature of cases and the approximate dates.

Non-Litigation, Corporate, and Other Legal Experience

27. Have you appeared before any state government agency, officer, or commission? If so, state fully the circumstances of such appearance.
28. Have you published any books or articles? If so, list them, stating the publishing dates and any citations.
29. Have you ever been involved in any activity where you have had a leadership role which involved significant decision-making? If so, list the activity, the position you held, and the time periods.
30. If you are a non-litigation attorney, corporate attorney, or have other legal experience how will your experiences be an asset to the bench?

Business Involvements and Finances

31. Are you a director, officer, or stockholder of any business or corporation? Would you sever these connections if you are appointed a judge?
32. Are you a member of any partnership or joint venture? Would you sever these connections if you are appointed a judge?
33. Do you have any other business association or relationship of any kind which would not be severed if you are appointed a judge?

34. If you are now an officer or director of any business organizations or otherwise engaged in the management of any business enterprise, give the details, including the name of the enterprise, the nature of the business, the title of your position, the nature of your duties, and the term of your service. If it is not your intention to resign such positions and give up any other participation in the management of any of the foregoing enterprises, state your reasons.
35. Have you ever filed for bankruptcy or had bankruptcy proceedings initiated against you? If so, explain.
36. Do you presently have any non-current unpaid tax obligations? If so, explain.
37. Can you adequately support your family and meet financial obligations on the salary of the judgeship to which you aspire? (Candidates may be asked detailed questions regarding financial status at the oral interview, if held.)

Civic, Professional and Other Associations

38. List all memberships in bar associations and professional societies and give the titles and dates of any offices which you have held in such groups. Also list bar association or professional society committees you have chaired, and memberships on any committees which you believe to be of particular significance.
39. State all civic, charitable, or social organizations with which you have been connected, and the facts concerning such connection, for the past five (5) years.
40. Do you currently belong or have you belonged to any organization that discriminates on the basis of race, sex, sexual orientation, disability, ancestry, or religion through either formal membership requirements or the practical implementation of membership policies? If so, state the organization and the dates of membership.
41. Describe any pro bono or community service activities in which you are or have been engaged including any connections to civic, charitable, or social organizations.
42. List any honors, prizes, awards, or other forms of recognition which you have received since you graduated from law school.

References

43. List the names, complete mailing addresses, telephone numbers, and emails of six lawyers with whom you have dealt most frequently in the last three years. At least two of these lawyers should be adversaries in litigated matters or opposing counsel in non-litigated matters. (The Commission will contact these people directly and a non-response from any of them will be considered to be an unfavorable response.) Indicate whether or not they were involved in litigated or non-litigated matters with you.

44. State the names, complete mailing addresses, telephone numbers, and emails of six lawyers and/or judges who know you and your work and who can be interviewed about your legal qualifications as a judge. For litigation attorneys, at least three of these references should be judges. (The Commission will contact these people directly and a non-response from any of them will be considered to be an unfavorable response.) Please do not list any subordinates or family members in this section. Indicate in what capacity you know this reference professionally. People listed in response to question #42 should not be listed in response to this question.

45. If you have had a supervisor within the past ten years, state the names, complete mailing addresses, telephone numbers, and emails of two former or current supervisors who can be contacted. People listed in response to questions #42 and #43 should not be listed in response to this question.

Miscellaneous

46. What do you feel are your strongest qualifications for judicial office and what life experiences would be helpful to you if you are appointed to said office?

47. If you have made a prior application which has been unsuccessful, set forth reasons why you feel your present circumstances would support approval at this time. State the date of your last application and interview. Attach any supporting data.
48. Why do you want to become a judge?
49. If you are applying for an appointment to the Appellate and/or Supreme Court, please provide two significant writing samples that show your writing and analysis abilities, including but not limited to analysis of the application and construction of statutes, regulations and court rules.
50. State any other information which you regard as pertinent.

Certification

I hereby attest that the responses made to the questions in this application are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature

Print or type name

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, 20____

Commissioner of the Superior Court

Notary Public

My Commission expires: _____

Submit with this application:

- (a) your most recent Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory rating
- (b) a copy of your latest resume
- (c) a copy of your last-filed IRS Tax Return and Connecticut State Tax Return*
- (d) an executed General Release (form attached)
- (e) an executed Medical Release (form attached)
- (f) a copy of your law school transcript as requested in Q 5(a)
- (g) a completed financial affidavit (separate form)
- (h) a completed DESPP Authorization for Release of Personal Information (separate form)

*** Please redact all Social Security Number(s) for you and any family members listed on your tax returns on each page where they appear.**

General Release

I understand that the completion and filing of this application and supplemental information, and the interview, if given, with members of the Connecticut Judicial Selection Commission will be the basis for a finding by such commission of my present qualifications for judicial office. I agree to furnish additional information orally or in writing as may be required by said commission. I hereby request and authorize anyone whose knowledge of my person and character might otherwise be considered privileged, to furnish such information as it relates to my qualifications to serve as a judge, if requested by such commission.

I hereby authorize the commission to release a copy of this completed application to the Office of the Governor and to the Judiciary Committee of the General Assembly upon request.

I hereby request and authorize any Grievance Committee to disclose to the Judicial Selection Commission the contents of any grievance file containing a complaint against me. I hereby authorize any Bar Association in which I disclosed I am a member of to provide the Judicial Selection Commission with any information regarding my membership. I understand that such disclosures will be made in order that said commission may make a general evaluation of my fitness for judicial office. I further understand that said commission will not disclose to any person the existence of any such file or the contents thereof.

I hereby attest that the responses made to the questions in this application are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature

Print or type name

DATE ADMITTED TO THE CONNECTICUT BAR _____

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, 20____

Commissioner of the Superior Court

Notary Public

My Commission expires: _____

Medical Release

Please complete and attach this page to your response to the questionnaire.

Name, address, telephone, and fax number of your primary care physician:

I hereby authorize and request Dr. _____, based upon his/her review of my medical records, to disclose to and advise the Judicial Selection Commission that my physical and mental health is such that I can fulfill the duties of judicial office with reasonable accommodation. If Dr. _____ has no concerns regarding my physical and mental fitness for judicial office or knows of no reasons that I am unable to perform the duties and functions of judicial office with reasonable accommodation, this release should not be construed as a general release of my medical records. If Dr. _____ has any such concerns or knows of any such reasons, Dr. _____ is authorized and requested to disclose any medical records germane to those concerns or reasons.

Dated at _____, this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Signature

Print or Type Name

Witnessed:

Commissioner of the Superior Court
Notary Public
My Commission Expires: