

This questionnaire is submitted in connection with a vacancy on the

1. Give your full name.
2. State both your office and home addresses.

State your office telephone number, home telephone number, and cell phone telephone number.

State your e-mail address.

3. Give the date and place of your birth.
4. If you are a naturalized citizen, please give the date and place of naturalization.
5. Indicate your marital status; if married, the name of your spouse; and the names and ages of your children.
6. Indicate the periods of your military service, including the dates, and the branch in which you served, your rank or rate.
7. List each college and law school you attended, including the dates of attendance, the degree awarded, and your reason for leaving each school if no degree from that institution was awarded.
8. 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.
9. Are you actively engaged in the practice of law at the present time? If you are connected with a law firm, a corporate law department or a governmental agency, please state its name and indicate the nature and duration of your relationship.

10. If in the past you have practiced in other localities or have been connected with other law firms, corporate law departments or governmental agencies, please give the particulars, including the locations, the names of the firms, corporate law departments or agencies and your relationship thereto, and the relevant dates. Indicate also any period in the past during which you practiced alone.

11. Do you presently hold judicial office, or have you in the past held any such office? If so, give the details, including the court or courts involved, whether elected or appointed, and the period of service. Also state whether you have been an unsuccessful candidate for election to judicial office, stating the court and date involved.

12. What is the general character of your practice? Indicate the character of your typical clients and mention any legal specialties which you possess. If the nature of your practice has been substantially different at any time in the past, give the details, including the character of such and the periods involved.

13. (a) Have you regularly appeared in court during the past five years?
(b) What percentage of your appearances in the last five years was in:
 - (1) Federal Courts (list each court):
 - (2) State Courts (list all courts):
 - (3) other courts (please list all states other than Georgia in which you have appeared):(c) What percentage of your court appearances 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 approximate number of cases you have tried to conclusion in courts of record during each of the past five years, indicating whether you were sole, associate, or chief counsel.
 - (f) Describe five of the more significant litigated matters which you have handled.
 - (g) State with reasonable detail your experience in adversary proceedings before administrative boards or commissions during the past five years.
14. (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 periods during which this was so and give for such prior periods the same data which was requested in item 13 above.
- (b) Summarize your experience in adversary proceedings before administrative boards or commissions prior to the last five years.
15. Describe your appellate practice during the past five years in detail and give citations if your cases were reported.
16. Please submit a representative sample of your writing (e.g. brief, order, opinion, opinion letter).
17. Describe your practice other than trial practice during the past five years in some detail as it may relate to office and business practice, as well as any other phases of your practice.
18. Have you ever been engaged in any occupation, business or profession other than the practice of law? If so, please give the details including dates.
19. Are you presently acting in a fiduciary capacity? If so, state details.
20. Please describe your opinion of the role a law clerk or a staff attorney should serve with respect to assisting a judge.

21. Please describe how a judge of the court for which you are applying might improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the legal system in administering justice.
22. Have you ever held public office, other than judicial office, or have you ever been a candidate for such an office? If so, give the details, including the offices involved, whether elected or appointed, and the length of your service.
23. Have you ever been sued by a client? If so, please give particulars.
24. Have you ever been a party or otherwise involved in any other legal proceedings? If so, give the particulars. Do not list proceedings in which you were merely a guardian ad litem or stakeholder. Include all legal proceedings in which you were a party in interest, a material witness, were named as a co-conspirator or a co-respondent, and any grand jury investigation in which you figured as a subject, or in which you appeared as a witness.
25. Have you published any legal books or articles? If so, please list them, giving the citations and dates.
26. List any honors, prizes, awards, or other forms or recognition which you have received.
27. List all bar associations and professional societies of which you are a member and give the titles and dates of any offices which you have held in such groups. List also chairmanships of any committees in bar associations and professional societies, and memberships on any committees which you believe to be of particular significance.
28. Have you read and carefully studied the Code of Judicial Conduct?
29. Will you adhere to the letter and the spirit of such Code should you be appointed as judge?
30. You are requested to execute and transmit to the Chairman of the Commission two copies of the form of Authorization for Access to Information Concerning Disciplinary Matters included with this questionnaire.

31. If you are now an officer or director of any business organization or otherwise engaged in the management of any business enterprise, please give 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, please so indicate, giving reasons. List all companies in which you, your spouse or minor children hold stock.
32. List the non-professional organizations to which you belong and civic and service activities in which you have participated in the past two years.
33. Have you ever been arrested, charged, or held by federal, state or other law-enforcement authorities for violation of any federal law, state law, county or municipal law, regulation or ordinance? If so, please give details. Do not include traffic violations for which a fine of \$50.00 or less was imposed.
34. Have you ever been disciplined or cited for a breach of ethics or unprofessional conduct by, or been the subject of a complaint to, any court, administrative agency, bar association, disciplinary committee, or other professional group? If so, please give the particulars.
35. The Governor's Ethics Order prohibits the appointment by the Governor of any person to fill a judicial vacancy:
 - (a) who has made a contribution to, or expenditure on behalf of, the Governor or the Governor's campaign committee at any time after the vacancy occurs; or
 - (b) who has made a contribution to, or expenditure on behalf of, the Governor or the Governor's campaign committee within the 30 days preceding the vacancy, unless such person requests and is granted a refund of such contributions or reimbursement of such expenditure.
36. Have you made a contribution or expenditure as described in 35(a) above?
37. (a) Have you made a contribution or expenditure as described in 35(b) above?

- (b) If you answered yes to 37(a), have you been granted a refund or reimbursement?

Applicant's Signature

Date: _____

RULES AND PROCEDURES OF THE JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION

1. The list of persons under consideration is considered public information.
2. Discussions at the interview meeting between nominees and the Commission are confidential.
3. Each nominee should mail the application packet to the Judicial Nominating Commission, c/o Dana McGuire, 600 Peachtree, N.E., Suite 5200, Atlanta, GA 30308-2216. The application packet consists of the following items: 1) one page resume; 2) completed questionnaire; 3) writing sample, 4) two notarized release forms; and, 5) photo.
4. All nominees who have submitted application packets should appear at the interview meeting if possible.
5. The Commission welcomes inquiries from any nominee who desires further information concerning the procedures of the Commission.
6. The Commission welcomes communications from organizations or persons familiar with the specific qualifications, experience, and ability of any nominee but discourages general endorsement letter writing "campaigns" in support of a nominee. A copy of any communication recommending a nominee should be sent the Commission.



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All Members of the Georgia Judicial Nominating Commission ("JNC") shall act in accordance with the following protocols.

1. The JNC does not select or pick judges; this is a power reserved exclusively to the Governor.
2. No Member may receive anything of value from any applicant (a person who has an application for consideration for appointment to a vacant judgeship) while their application is pending.
3. No Member shall receive anything of value in exchange for their support or vote for an applicant.
4. No Member shall communicate any information received during any part of the process that has been deemed "confidential" by the Co-Chairs.
5. No Member of the Commission other than the Co-Chairs is authorized to speak for or comment on the work of the JNC.
6. No Member of the JNC shall have the legal authority, whether by agency or otherwise, to bind the JNC or any member of State government to anything.
7. Each Member is responsible for complete and total compliance with all applicable laws, rules, regulations, and Codes of Professional Conduct.

Approved:

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STATE OF GEORGIA

COUNTY OF _____

The undersigned, being a nominee for appointment by the Governor of the State of Georgia, to a position of Judge in one of the courts in this State and being fully cognizant of the responsibility to the public, the Bench and the Bar of this State, lodged with the Judicial Nominating Commission of the State of Georgia in the selection of persons to be submitted to the Governor for any such appointment do hereby:

1. Authorize the State Bar of Georgia and its Disciplinary Board (and the disciplinary authority of any other state in which the undersigned may have practiced law) and/or the Judicial Qualifications Commission of the State of Georgia to answer any inquiries, questions or interrogatories concerning the undersigned which may be submitted to them by the Judicial Nominating Commission of the State of Georgia or its authorized representative, and to give full and complete information regarding the undersigned in any of their files and to permit said Commission or its authorized representative to inspect and make copies of any documents, records and other information concerning the undersigned and any complaint which might have been made against the undersigned at any time whatsoever:

2. Does hereby release and exonerate the Governor of the State of Georgia, the State Bar of Georgia, the Judicial Nominating Commission of the State of Georgia, the Judicial Qualifications Commission of the State of Georgia, and every other person, firm, officer, corporation, association, organization or institution which might be involved in complying with, or receiving information under, the authorization and request made herein from any and all liability of every nature and kind growing out of or in any wise pertaining to compliance with this authorization and request.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned has set his/her hand and seal this _____ day of _____, 20__.

Please fill in: Date of birth _____

State Bar Number _____

Print Name _____

Subscribed before me this ____ day of _____, 20__

Notary Public

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Judicial Application Checklist

Please mail your complete application packet (five items listed below) to the Judicial Nominating Commission, c/o Dana McGuire, 600 Peachtree, N.E., Suite 5200, Atlanta, GA 30308-2216 by the application deadline.

1. One Page Resume
2. Completed Questionnaire
3. Writing Sample
4. Two Notarized Release Forms
5. Photo

NOTE: If your application packet is bound please also include an unbound copy suitable for scanning.