DETROIT BAR ASSOCIATION

**JUDICIAL CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE FOR USE BY**

**THE JUDICIAL CANDIDATE EVALUATION COMMITTEE**

**Note:** The objective of the Committee is to evaluate judicial candidate’s fitness based on experience, legal ability, reputation for integrity and temperament as well as suitability for judicial position without regard to party affiliation, race or creed. We request each candidate’s cooperation and frank disclosure both in answering this questionnaire and during the interview conducted by a panel of the Committee. ***Please note that any resume and any information submitted in response to Section I of this questionnaire may be posted on the DBA website and made available to the public and media.***

**Instructions:** Please attach most current resume to this form. If any questions on this questionnaire duplicates what is listed in the resume, please write “refer to resume” in the space provided. Feel free to provide additional information or compose answers on a separate word document and attach them to this questionnaire. Please contact Tracey Cooley at the DBA at 734-969-5681 or email [tcooley@detroitlawyer.org](mailto:tcooley@detroitlawyer.org), if there are any questions or concerns.

Please send full responses via email to tcooley@detroitlawyer.org **no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, June 7, 2024.**

# Section I

1. First Name

Middle Name

Last Name

1. Have you ever practiced law or served as a judge under a different name?  Yes  No

If yes, please list the different name(s) used and the dates used:

1. Phone Number:
2. Email Address:
3. List each educational institution you attended, the dates of attendance and degree awarded, if any, and your reason for leaving any educational institution if no degree was awarded.

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| **Educational Institution** | **Date Attended** | **Degree Awarded** |
| 1. College |  |  |
| B. Law School |  |  |

Other graduate studies and/or degrees, and honors awarded:

1. List all courts in which you are presently admitted to practice, including the dates of admission as well as any administrative bodies having special admission requirements.
2. a. List history of professional employment, most current position first, since your admission to practice (include law firms, corporate law departments, governmental agencies, etc.).

b. If you currently hold or have held a judicial position, please state court, whether appointed or elected, and periods of service.

c. Lastly, please list any occupation or business, including military service that you believe relevant to the judicial position sought.

1. State the nature of your practice including professional specialties and areas of particular competence. If the nature of your practice has been substantially different at any time in the past, give the details, including the character of such practice and the periods involved.
2. Describe any and all trial experience and appellate work. If none, indicate other experience that is equivalent to trial experience.
3. If you currently hold or held a judicial position:
4. Please describe the kinds of cases you have adjudicated in the past two years.

b. How many in-person bench trials have you conducted in the past two years?

c. How many virtual (zoom) bench trials have you conducted in the past two years?

d. How many jury trails have you conducted in the past two years?

1. List the three most recently litigated matters that you participated in as judge or counsel (even if settled). *If presently a practicing attorney, attach a copy of one sample professional writing. If presently a judge, attach a copy of your last opinion.*

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| **Case Name** | **Case No. Court** | **Presiding Judge** | **Opposing Counsel** |
| **1.** |  |  |  |
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1. Describe any experience in adversary proceedings before administrative boards or commissions during the last five years.
2. If you are now an officer or director of any business organization engaged in the management of any for-profit business enterprise, and it is not your intention to resign, please identify that organization(s) and enterprise(s), state your position(s) and give your reasons for not resigning.
3. Have you run for and/or held public office other than judicial?

If so, give the details, including dates, the offices, whether elected or appointed and the length of your service.

1. Have you ever contributed to any professional journals?

If so, please give citations.

1. List all bar associations and professional societies that you are or have been a member and give the titles and dates of any offices that you may have held in such groups. List also chairmanships of any committees in bar associations and professional societies, and memberships on any committees that you believe to be of particular significance.
2. List other community, civic, or charitable activities or memberships that you feel are important to your candidacy.
3. Have you ever been convicted of a crime?

If so, explain including indicating whether a felony or misdemeanor was involved. If you decline to answer, please indicate.

1. Have you ever been a defendant in a lawsuit involving a claim of fraud, malpractice or breach of trust or fiduciary duty, in which a judgment was entered against you, or a monetary settlement was paid?

If so, describe such lawsuits including present status or final disposition.

1. Have you ever been held in contempt of court or disciplined (reprimanded, suspended, disbarred or removed from office) by any professional grievance board or commission?

If so, describe.

1. a. Briefly state your particular qualifications for judicial office.

b. What in your past experience, in or out of the law, has been instrumental in your decision to seek judicial office?

1. Please state as to the past seven (7) years the number of the following:
2. As lead counsel, cases tried to a jury verdict
3. As lead counsel, jury cases started but which did not go to verdict
4. As counsel assisting at trial, cases tried to a jury verdict
5. As counsel assisting at trial, jury cases started but which did not go to verdict

# Section II

1. Please provide the following information:

**Home Address**

City, State Zip Code

**Office Address**

City, State Zip Code

1. List the names of six lawyers and/or judges who know you and your work, who can be interviewed relative to your qualifications as a judge (Please print).

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I understand that the information I provided in my completed questionnaire and supplemental information, as well as the interview with members of the Judicial Candidate Evaluation Committee (the Committee) will be the basis for a rating by the Committee of my qualifications for judicial office. I agree to furnish additional information orally or in writing as may be required to the Committee. I hereby request and authorize any of my relatives, members of the armed forces (including but not limited to my own superior or commanding officers), law enforcement agencies, teachers and persons 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 as may be requested by the Committee. I release and discharge the Committee and all members thereof, individually and in their representative capacity, and any person or institution furnishing information under a request initiated by reason of permission here granted, from all liabilities whatsoever. The answers contained in this questionnaire are considered to be continuing to be true until the date of my election to judicial office, and if any answer or portion of answer ceases to be true, I will immediately so inform the Committee in writing.

I request and authorize the State Bar of Michigan to disclose to the Committee of the Detroit Bar Association the contents of any State Bar Grievance file containing a complaint against me as defined in Rule 16.7 of the Procedural and Administrative Rules of the State Bar Grievance Board. I understand that such disclosures will be made in order that the Committee may make a general evaluation of my fitness for judicial office. I also understand that the Committee will not disclose the existence or contents of any such file.

I release, discharge and exonerate the State Bar of Michigan, its commissioners, officers and agents and the Detroit Bar Association, its directors, officers and agents, from any and all liability of every kind arising out of the disclosure, as herein requested, of such files and their contents.

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Signature Date

This document was subscribed and sworn to before me this day of , 2024

, Notary Public in County My Commission Expires .

**Please e-mail to** [**tcooley@detroitlawyer.org**](mailto:tcooley@detroitlawyer.org) **your completed questionnaire. It must be received no later than 5pm on Friday, June 7, 2024.**