

The deadline to submit your questionnaire is 12:00 Noon, February 4, 2011.

This questionnaire is submitted in connection with a vacancy on the

\_\_\_\_\_ Court.

### **QUESTIONNAIRE**

1. Give your full name.
2. State both your office and home addresses.
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 maiden name of your wife; 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, and your serial number.
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 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 a 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 periods 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 specialities, 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 appearance in the last five years was in
- (1) Federal Courts?
  - (2) State Courts of Records?
  - (3) Other Courts?
- (c) What percentage of your court appearance in the last five years was Civil?
- (1) 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 three of the more significant litigated matters in which you have handled and give the citations if the cases were reported.
- (g) State with reasonable detail your experience in adversary proceedings before administrative boards or commissions during the past three years.
14. (a) Summarize your experience in court prior to the last three years. If during any 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 date that was requested in Question 12.

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

15. Describe your practice other than trial practice during the past three years in some detail as it may relate to the office for which you are seeking appointment.

16. 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.

17. If you are now an officer or director of any business organization or otherwise engaged in 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 position 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 wife or minor children hold stock (not including publicly held corporations).

18. Are you presently acting in a fiduciary capacity? If so, state details.

19. Have you ever held public office other than a judicial office, or have you ever been a candidate for such an office? If so, give the detail, including the offices involved, whether elected or appointed, and the length of your service.

20. 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 \$25.00 or less was imposed.

21. Have you ever been sued by a client? If so, please give particulars.

22. 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.
23. 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.
24. Have you published any legal books or articles? If so, please list them, giving the citations and dates.
25. List any honors, prizes, awards, or other forms of recognition, which you have received.
26. 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 significances.

27. Have you read and carefully studied the Code of Judicial Conduct?

28. Will you adhere to the letter and the spirit of the Canons should you be appointed as judge?

29. You are requested to execute and transmit to the Clerk of the Council two copies of the form of Authorization for Access to Information Concerning Disciplinary Matters included with this questionnaire.

**Sec. 5-604. - Term; qualification; compensation.**

The term of office of recorders and recorders pro tem shall be four (4) years and until a successor is appointed and qualified. A recorder or recorder pro tem shall be not less than thirty (30) years of age, an active member of the State Bar of Georgia in good standing, a resident of the territory of the consolidated government, and shall have practiced law for a period of not less than five (5) years prior to the commencement of the duties of office. Compensation of the recorders and recorders pro tem shall be fixed by the Council.

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Signature

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Date

AUTHORIZATION

STATE OF GEORGIA

COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

The undersigned, being a nominee for appointment by the Council of Columbus, Georgia, to a position of Judge in one of the courts in this City and being fully cognizant of the responsibility to the Public, the Bench and the Bar of this State, lodged with the Council of Columbus, Georgia in the selection of persons serve, 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) to answer any inquiries, questions or interrogatories concerning the undersigned which may be submitted to them by the Council of Columbus, Georgia or its authorized representative and to give full and complete information regarding the undersigned in any of their files and to permit said Council 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 Council of Columbus, Georgia, the State Bar 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 the 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 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_(L.S.)

Subscribed before me by \_\_\_\_\_

This \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_\_.

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NOTARY PUBLIC