



King County Democrats

2005 Judicial Candidate Questionnaire

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Incumbent (yes or no)? How long?	No	COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION <i>(Leave Blank - For Committee Use Only)</i>
Present Position	lawyer	

WHAT RATINGS HAVE YOU RECEIVED?

Martindale-Hubbell		Northwest Indian Bar Association	
King County Bar Association	pending	Latina/Latino Bar Association	
Washington Women's Lawyers	pending	Asian Bar Association of Washington	
Loren Miller Bar Association	pending	Korean-American Bar Association	pending
Lesbian and Gay Bar Association / SEAMEC	Pending	Municipal League	pending
Other Groups		Women's Political Caucus	

PLEASE RESPOND TO THE FOLLOWING.

Law School & Undergraduate Schools Attended		Year of Graduation & Degrees	
Notre Dame and Seattle University law schools		1981 - 1984	
Vanderbilt University		1977 - 1980	
Hours and Type of Pro Bono Work performed during last five (5) years:			
60 hours - helping individuals restore voting right			
Have you ever represented government, corporations or insurance companies? If "yes", please list and discuss.			
Yes - see enclosure A			
Have you ever been a prosecutor for any government entity? If "yes", where and for how long?			
No			
Have you ever defended a person accused of a crime? If "yes", where and how many cases?			
Yes, see enclosure B			
Have you ever served as an Arbitrator or Mediator? If "yes", where and how many times?			
No			
How many times have you participated as a judge or attorney in:			
Superior Court jury trials	100+	Federal District Court trials	0
Arguments in Court of Appeals	10	Arguments in Supreme Court	0
Municipal Court	30+	District Court	100+

Have there ever been any successful claims made against you or your malpractice carrier? If "yes" please attach explanation.

List any complaints you have received through any Bar Association, Judicial Conduct Committee or Board, or private insurance carrier. (Attach on a separate sheet of paper.)



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PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS IN 50 WORDS OR LESS
(USE AN ADDITIONAL SHEET OF PAPER IF NECESSARY)

1.	What is your strongest area of legal expertise?
	criminal law
2.	What recommendations do you have for improving court system funding and administration?
	See enclosure
3.	What recommendations do you have for increasing access to the judicial system (Civil and Criminal)?
	see enclosure
4.	What actions have you taken in the last five years on issues regarding access to the judicial system?
	see enclosure
5.	If a sitting Judge, what committees have you been appointed to and what are the significant accomplishments of those committees or yourself? If not, which committee assignments would you seek?
	N/A
6.	Have you reviewed the GR Definition of the Practice of Law, and the Practice of Law Board's Work? - Do you have comments or ideas? Would you be in favor of regulated non-lawyer practice to assist those in need in less complex matters? Please explain.
	see enclosure
7.	Have you been appointed as a guardian, GAL or Special Master? If "yes", please give the details?
	No
8.	How have you promoted diversity within your staff?
	see enclosure
9.	What is your campaign plan? Why will you win?
	see enclosure
10.	If you are a candidate in a contested primary race, what record of performance, ability, experience, personal qualities, and positions on issues distinguish you from your opponent(s)?
	see enclosure
11.	If you do not win the primary, is there any reason that you could not support your primary opponent(s) in the general election? Please explain.
	N/A

PLEASE ATTACH THE FOLLOWING:

1.	Your current resume.	
2.	A list of organizational and personal endorsements you have received in this race. Identify your top 3 endorsers and why.	
3.	A list of all elected and appointed positions you have sought or held in any political organization or in the federal, state or municipal government. (Include elected offices held, election contests in which you were a candidate, party offices held, campaigns in which you served as a volunteer, and political memberships.)	
4.	A list of all judicial candidates you have openly endorsed or supported in the last five years.	
5.	Current and past memberships in any clubs or organizations, including unions, bar and legal associations.	

Signature		Date	
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A.

1. I represented for free on behalf of Weyerhaeuser Company a Weyerhaeuser retiree that had a dispute about his pension with a local bank.
2. I worked for a private law practice in Tumwater that had the city attorney's contract. I wrote legal opinions in that capacity for the City of Tumwater.
3. I was chief operating officer of the Tacoma Symphony Orchestra and represented the symphony in a matter with the IRS.

B.

1. In law school, I worked for Pierce County's Department of Assigned Counsel and represented individuals in juvenile court.

While working in Tumwater, WA, I was awarded the Thurston County District Court Public Defender contract and was also on Thurston County's felony appointment panel.

In 1989, I joined ACA in King County. I have worked in ACA's appellate division, civil commitment division, and am currently in the felony division. I handle complex felony cases and among the elite lawyers qualified by the Washington State Supreme Court to try capital cases.

I have tried hundreds of cases and represented thousands of individuals.

2. -Implementing Executive Sims' parity proposals
-consolidate District/Superior courts as proposed by Councilman Gossett
-expand less costly court and DOSA programs freeing funds for other court programs as supported by Senator Kline
3. -Implement RJC daycare at King County Courthouse
-eliminate Federal Way Municipal Court's video conferencing – in which defendants that can post bail appear in court with a judge while defendants unable to post bail appear by video conferencing from jail.
4. Successfully argued in King County Superior Court that video conferencing violates due process. Video conferencing offers a two-tiered justice system – one system for the poor and another for those that can make bail.
5. N/A

6. Paralegals can serve a valuable purpose but the lack of oversight rather than the lack of training is the concern I have with expanding paralegal services.
- 7.
8. The place I work appears to have a glass ceiling. I encouraged the creation of standards so that promotions would be less arbitrary and was among the lawyers at my office that prompted the hiring of an outside agency (Seabold) to suggest standards of operation.
9. We have raised enough money to run a first-class campaign and we have endorsers and a message that demonstrate that I am the most qualified candidate for Federal Way Judge. My message has already been greeted with great enthusiasm by the Federal Way electorate.
10. Unlike my opponent, I live in Federal Way. I am the only candidate endorsed by Democrats, Republicans, and State Supreme Court Justices. I have a reputation for integrity while a domestic violence task force sought my opponent's removal from office and he was suspended from office by the city manager.
2.
 - a. Governor Booth Gardner – 12 year record of appointing excellent judges
 - b. Governor Albert Rosellini – 8 year record of appointing excellent judges
 - c. Governor John Spellman - besides experience with judicial appointments shows my candidacy has bipartisan support.
3. Superior Court candidate in King County in 2000. Worked with Justice Barbara Madsen's 2004 campaign.
4. Judson Gray (Pierce County)
Robert Bryan
Justice Barbara Madsen
5. International Woodworker's Union
Afro-American Association (Vanderbilt)
Rotary
Chamber of Commerce
Federal Bar Association
Washington State Olympic Committee
WSBA Justice Sub-Committee

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EDUCATION: Notre Dame/ Seattle University Law School 1981-1984 JD
Phi Delta Phi Honor Society Certificate of Merit;
Moot Court Honors

Vanderbilt University 1977-1980 BA
National Merit Scholar; College Register (National
Honor Society) Double major

RECENT

ENDORSEMENTS: State Supreme Court Justice James Johnson; State Supreme
Justice Richard Sanders; Governor Booth Gardner; Governor
Albert Rosellini; Senator Slade Gorton; Governor John Spellman; 30th
District Republicans; King County Young Democrats; Ambassador
Designee Susan McCaw

PAST

ENDORSEMENTS: State Supreme Court Justice Barbara Madsen; King County
Republican Party; Washington Taxpayers Association;
EPA Director William Ruckelshaus; George Weyerhaeuser; Evergreen
Freedom Foundation Director Bob Williams; retired United
Airlines CEO Jack Creighton

CIVIC

INVOLVEMENT: Cystic Fibrosis Foundation; Luke Legacy: American Heart
Association; Charles Wright Academy; Lakewood Community Center
Board; Washington State Olympic Committee (recipient of USOC
Certificate of Appreciation); USTA/PNW Sportsmanship Committee
Chairman; WSBA/Federal Bar membership

PROFESSIONAL: King County Law Practice 1989 to present
(2004 selected by Washington State Supreme Court to list
of Capital qualified lawyers). Experience in aggravated murder;
complex fraud; appeals. WSBA/Federal Bar membership

Pierce County/Thurston County Law Practice/
Business Consultant 1984-1989
Clients included Weyerhaeuser Company; Western Forest
Industries Museum; Tacoma Symphony; Rozzini Sports Promotions

PERSONAL: Federal Way resident; wife Colleen and daughter Christine; member St
Vincent's Parish, Twin Lakes C.C., Federal Way Chamber of Commerce