

2008 Candidate Questionnaire

SECTION I

BASIC CANDIDATE INFORMATION

1. Name as it will appear on the ballot

First Name	Middle Initial or Nickname	Last Name
Michael	J.	Bond

2. Office sought (include office, jurisdiction, position/district number):

Washington Supreme Court, Position No. 3

3. Are you the incumbent? Yes No

4. How long have you resided in this district/city?

26 years

5. How long have you resided in King County?

26 years

6. Is the office sought partisan or nonpartisan? Partisan Nonpartisan

7. If partisan, please indicate party: _____

CAMPAIGN CONTACTS

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POLITICAL BACKGROUND

1. Beginning with the most recent position, please list public offices you have held. Include positions on appointive boards or commissions.

Public Office	Elective or Appointive?	Dates Held	Leadership Role (if any)
No prior office			

2. If you ran for public office but were not elected, please list those races below:

Office Title	Year of Run

SECTION II

In this section, we are seeking responses that reflect the four ratings criteria: involvement, effectiveness, character, and knowledge. These are defined as follows:

- **Involvement:** What has the candidate done previously in family, neighborhood, community, volunteer work, employment or public life to suggest readiness to accomplish challenging objectives? How do these activities demonstrate readiness for the challenges unique to the office sought?
 - **Effectiveness:** Has the candidate demonstrated promise of being productive in the office sought? Has the candidate shown the ability to work with other people?
 - **Character:** Do the candidate's personal traits show the ability to take on the responsibilities of campaigning for and holding the public office she or he is seeking? Is the candidate a leader, participant or observer? Is the candidate trustworthy, reliable and candid?
 - **Knowledge:** Has the candidate demonstrated the willingness and ability to learn and adapt? Does the candidate understand the duties and challenges of the office sought? Does the candidate have a firm grasp of the issues important to his or her constituency and their potential effects?
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1. In one page or less, why are you running for this office? (Note: the interview committee will be given a copy of this statement before your interview; at the beginning of your interview you will have the opportunity to expand on this statement in any way you wish.)

I have been practicing law for 28 years, handling cases in 23 of our county courts, 3 federal courts, administrative agencies, all three divisions of our courts of appeal and our Supreme Court and I believe I can now make a positive contribution to our Supreme Court bench.

2. Describe your most important personal characteristics or traits as they relate to the office you seek.

I care about the real problems of real people in the real world, and my experience as a trial lawyer has impressed on me that the decisions we make in court have profound impacts on the parties involved and very often to society in general. If you do not care about people and if you are unable for whatever reason to be aware of the impact of these decisions on the lives of real people, then in my view you ought not undertake to sit in judgment of others.

I remain curious about the world around me and I was reminded when I returned to the university in 2001 that there is much still to learn. I believe this curiosity serves a justice well as they are duty bound to keep an open mind when considering each new case.

I like to write and I appreciate good, clear writing that communicates effectively.

3. Please describe, in sufficient detail, one to three accomplishments or contributions of which you are most proud. These examples should illustrate skills and capabilities you think apply to the office you are seeking. These accomplishments may have occurred at any time in your personal, professional, or public life.

Not necessarily in order of importance:

1. I helped start my own firm and we remain in business going on 12 years. We currently consist of 8 lawyers and 7-8 staff support, including two paralegals. Making a payroll every month is a challenge, working with the health insurance renewal once a year is a challenge, and striving to provide a nice place to work with excellent benefits is very rewarding. Running a small business successfully requires that you work well with others in a collegial atmosphere, possess the ability to set goals and establish priorities, and maintain a degree of a sense of humor.

2. I completed an LLM in Sustainable International Development at UW Law School while maintaining a very busy trial practice and a growing young family.

3. My wife and I have been happily married for over 31 years and we have two terrific teenage children.

4. Please list or describe current and past activities in the community in which you have acquired skills that relate to the office you seek. Include your role in the activity and the year(s) in which you were involved. Involvement consists of many areas such as family, neighborhood, community, employment, or public life.

See my responses to numbers two and three above.

Quite by coincidence, as far as I know, earlier this year I was invited to become a member of the Board of the Seattle Indian Health Foundation, which supports the Seattle Indian Health Board. The Seattle Indian Health Board provides medical and family care to indigent communities in the Seattle area, primarily for Native Americans. In this capacity I will work with others to develop and implement funding strategies.

My wife has been a stay at home mom and we both have been quite involved in raising our two children. In my case, that means helping with school work, Assistant Den Leader in the Cub Scouts, swim team stroke and turn judge, and going and getting the children to recitals, school and sports events.

5. Please describe the duties of the office you seek. Which are the most important duties and why?

A Supreme Court Justice is one of 9 members of the Court. This is the highest court of review in Washington and disposes of about 125 cases per year, half of which are criminal cases. In addition to deciding appeals, panels of the Court deal with various motions and members of the Court serve on various committees charged with the administration of justice. The duties are, in general, to review the briefs and papers that are submitted, become familiar with the record and governing law, listen to the arguments, and then reach a decision in concert, where possible, with the other members of the Court.

In my view, making the decision promptly and impartially in a way that is consistent with the Constitution and state law is the most important duty. This is the most important duty because the judge's responsibility is to apply the Constitution and law as intended by the drafters without imposing his or her personal opinion about what the law should be.

**EDUCATION BACKGROUND SUMMARY
FOR PUBLICATION IN CANDIDATE EVALUATION REPORT**

The Municipal League's Candidate Evaluation Report is distributed to voters in print and on our website. It includes a summary of the candidate's education. Please summarize your education in 120 characters (letters, punctuation, and space all combined). The League will delete material that exceeds the space limit by beginning with the last entry. Suggested order is (degree) (subject) (school) (year, if desired).

Note: *If this question is left blank the League will not include education information in your candidate profile.*

JD, Gonzaga University Law School, 1978; LLM, University of Washington Law School, 2004.

**CIVIC INVOLVEMENT SUMMARY
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The Municipal League's Candidate Evaluation Report includes a summary of each candidate's civic involvement. Please summarize your civic involvement in the space below. We will make every attempt to include the information in the Candidate Evaluation Report as submitted. Due to space restrictions in the Report, your response is limited to 500 characters (letters, punctuation, and spaces all combined). It is important that you list your involvement beginning with the most important and ending with the least important. If you exceed the length of response permitted, or if the League should find it necessary to shorten responses for publication purposes, deletions will be made beginning with the last item listed.

Note: *This information will appear verbatim on the League's Candidate Evaluation Report. If this question is left blank, the Municipal League will not include information on your civic involvement in the Report.*

Check here if you would like the Municipal League to copy the first 500 characters from Question 4 to paste into this section.