



<b>Public Office</b>	<b>Elective or Appointive?</b>	<b>Dates Held</b>	<b>Leadership Role (if any)</b>

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

<b>Office Title</b>	<b>Year of Run</b>

## 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.)

**Over twenty years ago I made the decision to attend law school with the goal of entering public service as a prosecutor. I have now been a King County Prosecutor for seventeen plus years. My entire career has been spent in the criminal division as a trial and appellate attorney. Over these many years, I have practiced in front of scores of judges, from District Court to the Supreme Court. I have seen and learned from some of the best, and it is my desire to bring my experience to the bench. I do not have a desire to play politics or use a position on the bench as a political stepping stone to achieve another office. Rather, I have a strong desire to make the judicial system stronger and I believe I have the character, skill, knowledge and experience to make that happen.**



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

**A judge must possess many characteristics to be successful. A judge must first have an incredible amount of patience to deal with emotionally charged situations and individuals. There must be an ability to be completely fair and unbiased in every and all circumstances and an ability to control the courtroom. And a judge must possess a strong work ethic, ability to learn and already have a great understanding of the courtroom, the law and rules of evidence. I believe I possess all these traits. It is what has allowed me to be a successful prosecutor for so many years—in conducting hundreds of trials, supervising other attorneys, running various trial units in the office, and in an extensive appellate court practice.**

**In my many years of a prosecutor—a clear advocate for one side—one thing I am proud of is the respect I have from the bench, and also from my opponents. I believe many attorneys I have opposed over the years would readily say that despite being an opponent in an adversarial system, I have always shown and received a mutual respect from opposing counsel and have exhibited a complete sense of fairness and strong ethical duty. I believe as a judge, these same positive qualities will come into play in a most important way.**

**Including education and work experience here:**

**Graduate of the University of Washington 1983 with honors and distinction  
Thesis—University of Washington—The Socio, Economic and Environmental Effects of SO2  
Emissions from the Tacoma (Ruston) Smelter  
Graduate of the University of Puget Sound School of Law—Cum Laude  
Member of the Washington State Bar  
Member of the United States Supreme Court Bar**

**Senior Deputy King County Prosecutor since 1993.  
During college I worked for the United States Postal Service  
Prior to college, I worked on a work/park construction crew for underprivileged teens (age  
thirteen to seventeen)**

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.

Although not necessary the type of “act” normally added to this type of questionnaire, there is no question that my greatest contribution and accomplishment has been my children. I have raised them as a single father since they were very young and I am extremely proud of who they are. Although still only 10 and 12, they have done very well in school, sports, extracurricular activities, and most importantly, they are positive friendly caring children.

In 2000, I was one of the founding members of the King County Prosecutors Office Domestic Violence Unit. This was one of the nations first such units. I am proud of the fact that I was able to create and run a unit wherein domestic violence cases could be handled in a specialized manner from the moment a crime was reported all the way through trial and even beyond. Domestic violence cases are some of the hardest type of cases to deal with as a prosecutor; yet, I was able to develop a unit in which other prosecutors sought to join. I spent years teaching prosecutors state wide, various police agencies, domestic violence agencies, first responders, 911 operators, advocates and others about domestic violence, the justice system and how to investigate and prosecute these difficult cases, while at the same time taking into consideration the very difficult emotional, family, financial and physical situations facing victims of domestic violence. Nearly ten years later, I am proud of the fact that I believe King County now handles domestic violence cases better than anywhere else in the country.

I also spent time co-running the King County Prosecutors Office District Court Unit. During that time period, I was proud of the fact that we were able to streamline our procedures and system to continue practicing at a high level despite a ever decreasing budget. I was also took great pleasure in teaching young attorneys out of law school about trial practice and watching them grow as individuals and attorneys. It certainly was not the most glamorous jobs in my office, but one with great personal rewards.

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.

**Seventeen plus years as a King County Prosecutor has provided me with an incredible understanding and knowledge of the law and the criminal justice system. My time has not been spent behind the desk. I have prosecuted over 200 felony jury trials, countless misdemeanor trials, 200 cases in the Court of Appeals, a dozen plus cases in the Washington Supreme Court, and handled multiple cases in the United States Supreme Court.**

**I have worked for—and currently work with—the Supreme Court’s Washington Practice Committee reviewing the latest legislative statutes and case law for the creation and publication of Washington’s Pattern Jury Instructions.**

**I was a founding member and have worked for the last five years for the King County Prosecutor’s Office Details Unit. This small group of attorneys has the duty to review every facet of criminal prosecution, from newly enacted statutes to Supreme Court cases, and make sure that all criminal practice in the King County Court System complies with the most recent laws, statutes and cases.**

**I have worked for—and currently work with—the Attorney Generals Office Domestic Violence Task Force. As part of the Task Force, I helped write and get past through the Legislature, one of the nation’s first strangulation laws—an act that occurs in many domestic violence cases but which no law directly covered. Just this year, I helped write and get enacted a comprehensive domestic violence sentence reform statute that is an attempt to deal more appropriately with recidivist domestic violence offenders.**

**I recently spent nearly a year involved in a study of race and the Seattle Police Department.**

**This involved the hiring of two independent experts and the setting up of a empirical observational study whereby data could be collected and analyzed in an attempt to determine and understand the police department’s interactions with minority criminal suspects.**

**On the none work front, as a single father of two young children, with a demanding job, my time outside work is limited and focused on my children. I am involved in their sports activities—mainly soccer—music, math Olympics and other activities. While my limited time does not allow my to commit to full time participation on committees, etc., I make it a point to engage and help in all individual activities in the community that I can, whether that is refereeing games, talking to groups in the community about safety or domestic violence, or just setting up chairs for school events. The important aspect this provides is the realization that everything helps, and that both on the job and off, we must all work as a team.**

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

**As a District Court Judge, I would be fully responsible for presiding over all criminal cases filed into Shoreline Court from arraignment through resolution. A District Court Judge also hears and decides infractions and small claims cases, as well as petitions for anti-harassment and protection orders.**

**The most important duty of a District Court Judge is presiding over criminal cases—the largest volume practice in the court. The liberty interest of each defendant, the right to obtain justice for every victim of a crime, and the safety of the community are all at stake. When entering the courtroom—or maybe more importantly upon leaving the courtroom, every witness, every victim, every defendant, and every attorney must have a sense that they were treated with the respect and dignity that they deserve, and that win or lose, their case was resolved justly and fairly. It is the judge's duty to make this happen. Being a judge should not be a learning experience. A judge must know the law, the rules of evidence, the rules of procedure and how to run a courtroom. The community at large and each individual should expect no less.**