

## 2010 Candidate Questionnaire

### SECTION I

#### BASIC CANDIDATE INFORMATION

1. Name as it will appear on the ballot

First Name	Middle Initial or Nickname	Last Name
Marcine		Anderson

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

District Court - Shoreline Electoral District, Judge Position No. 2

3. Are you the incumbent?       Yes       No

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

**Four years**

5. How long have you resided in King County?

**Twenty years**

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

7. If partisan, please indicate party: **n/a**

#### 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)
King County District Court – Shoreline Division	Appointive	March 15, 2010 to present	District Court Judge

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

Office Title	Year of Run
None	


## 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?

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 was appointed by unanimous vote of the King County Council on February 22, 2010 to the King County District Court, Shoreline Division. I began serving as a District Court judge on March 15, 2010. In order to retain my position I must run for election.**

**I am running for the King County District Court, Shoreline Division, because I know that I am the person that you want to have as a District Court Judge. The District Courts are "People's Courts" and I am committed to giving all people access to the justice system.**

**I grew up in a rural community in Oregon where people rarely used the services of an attorney and needed to go to court even less than they needed an attorney. The legal system was mysterious, extremely complicated, unfriendly and was generally to be avoided whenever possible. Of course, all of these descriptions of the legal system were made by people who did not regularly experience the legal system.**

**For most people, the local courts will be the only time those individuals have contact with the legal system. It is my goal to make sure that each person who steps into my court is treated with dignity and respect. When I make a decision I explain the basis for the decision in uncomplicated language while following the law. Finally, before I begin a calendar I explain what is going to happen in court before we start. It is my commitment to making the court system more accessible and less mysterious that drives me to run for election to retain my current seat on the King County District Court bench.**

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

**1. EXPERIENCE:** I graduated from law school in 1984 and practiced in New Bedford, Massachusetts and Boston, Massachusetts for six years before I moved to Seattle in 1990. Upon graduation I received a national Reginald Heber Smith Community Lawyer Fellowship from the Legal Services Corporation. I clerked for a federal Magistrate Judge in the U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts. I then worked for the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority where I was responsible for multi-million dollar procurements of all types of transit vehicles. When I moved to Seattle I represented a number of clients while in private practice. I also served as a misdemeanor prosecutor in most of the King County District Courts. In 1995 I joined the Office of the King County Prosecuting Attorney in the Civil Division. While in the Civil Division I developed a technology law practice and was responsible for negotiating most of the large scale technology contracts for King County. My practice has included criminal and civil law. During the last twelve years I was also able to serve as a pro tem judge – first for the Seattle Municipal Court and later for the King County District Court.

**2. LEADERSHIP:** From 2004 through 2007 I served as a member of the Washington State Bar Association (“WSBA) Board of Governors (“BOG”). The BOG sets policy for the 30,000 attorneys in the State of Washington. While on the BOG I served on a number of committees, including Budget and Audit, Legislative and Diversity. I served as a founding member of the Advisory Board for the WSBA Leadership Institute and later became treasurer. Next year I will be the Co-Chair of the Leadership Institute Advisory Board. I also served on the Washington State Bar Foundation Board of Trustees and also served as the Foundation treasurer. I was appointed to a WSBA task force that addressed the question of whether judges should be elected or appointed. I also served on a bench/bar committee that redrafted the Code of Judicial Conduct. Our work on that committee is currently being reviewed by the Supreme Court. I have also held leadership positions in a number of other organizations as described in my resume.

**3. COMMUNICATION:** I have been a frequent continuing legal education speaker on a variety of topics ranging from issues related to diversity to a variety of technology issues. I can present complicated information in an easy to understand format.

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.

**1. I am extremely proud of my son. He is now 19 years old and will be a valuable and contributing member of our society. He just finished his freshman year in college. Raising a child requires patience, understanding, communication and respect. These are all characteristics required in a judge.**

**2. I have had the great privilege to serve as an externship supervisor for students from Seattle University School of Law. Over the past ten years I have been able to serve as a mentor and colleague for a number of talented law students who are now attorneys. Serving as an externship supervisor has given me the opportunity to think creatively when responding to questions posed by extremely bright students. In addition, I have been able to show students that you can be confident without being rude, can negotiate solutions without taking the dignity away from the other side and the value of always being prepared. These are all characteristics required in a judge.**

**3. The Washington State Bar Association Leadership Institute has, for the past five years, been training lawyers from under represented communities to become leaders in their bar associations and communities. I was a founding board member of this award winning program, have served as its treasurer and next year will serve as co-chair of the advisory board. By training young lawyers to be leaders, the Leadership Institute is creating a pipeline of talented and trained people who will benefit the greater community. Addressing diversity and developing leaders is an important responsibility for any person in a leadership position. A judge is a leader.**

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.

**1. JAPANESE AMERICAN CITIZENS LEAGUE (“JACL”).** For the last 10 years I have served on the annual banquet committee for this community based organization. I have served as the chair and co-chair of the banquet committee which is our annual fundraiser. Through this experience I have learned to work with a group of people who are like me (Japanese American) but with different life experiences. I have also learned how to stay with a project until it is completed and how to address complications that come up during the planning process.

**2. NATIONAL ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION (“NAPABA”) NATIONAL CONVENTION IN SEATTLE, WASHINGTON (2000)** I served as co-chair of this national convention of attorneys, law school professors and judges. Our Seattle host committee raised over \$1,000,000 for NAPABA and held one of the most exciting conferences in recent NAPABA history. Through this experience I learned the value of communication. Our committee included members from the national office in Washington DC, the NAPABA President-elect and local attorneys who did everything from hosting an 800 person dinner to an education program over three days that included more than 20 different sessions to events held all over Seattle.

**3. THOMAS TANG MOOT COURT JUDGE.** For the last ten years I have served as a judge for the regional Thomas Tang Moot Court competition. The competition has been held at Seattle University School of Law and includes students from the Pacific Northwest and Hawaii. This has been a great opportunity to serve as an appellate judge.

**4. INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT LEGAL CLINIC.** Beginning in 1995 I was a volunteer attorney at the International District Legal Clinic. There I provided legal advice on a limited engagement basis for people who scheduled appointments through the King County Bar Association Neighborhood Legal Clinic programs. I believe that one must give back to the community and this was one way that I served the community at large. When I was appointed to the District Court I could no longer participate in this activity.

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

**As a King County District Court Judge my most important duty is to make sure that everyone who steps into my courtroom leaves with the understanding that justice occurred. This applies not only to litigants, but also to jurors, court personnel, witnesses and attorneys. My judicial philosophy is to take great care in making sure that the public has confidence in the court system.**

**As a District Court Judge I currently have a number of assignments. I address both civil and criminal matters. My present assignments include: 1) The expedited felony calendar. This involves arraignments and taking plea agreements in the District Court for cases that were originally filed as a felony in the King County Superior Court. 2) The felony investigation calendar. This involves making probable cause findings and setting bail on cases where an individual has been arrested. 3) The infraction calendar. This involves holding contested hearings and mitigation hearings on traffic infractions. 4) Small Claims calendar. This calendar includes trials for people who do not have attorneys where the decision involves an award of money for a claim of up to \$5,000. 5) Anti-Harassment calendar. This involves issuing orders of protection under the anti-harassment statute, RCW 10.14. 6) Misdemeanor Criminal calendars for the City of Shoreline and the City of Kenmore.**