

JUDICIAL CANDIDATE FORM

(Thirteenth Judicial Circuit)

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Office Street Address: _____

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I.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. This form must be fully completed and the original and eight copies returned to the Governor's Advisory Committee on Judicial Nominations, c/o Jonathan S. Deem, Office of the Governor, State Capitol, 1900 Kanawha Boulevard, East, Charleston, West Virginia 25305, for receipt by no later than close of business on September 25, 2009. Untimely filing or an incomplete application may preclude consideration of your candidacy. If you need additional pages to respond, set forth the question in full and the response on a separate page(s).
2. Submit nine copies of your current resume'. Do not attach them to the Judicial Candidate Forms.
3. Execute the three enclosed Authorizations for Release of Information and submit immediately to the Governor's Advisory Committee on Judicial Nominations, c/o Jonathan S. Deem, Office of the Governor, State Capitol, 1900 Kanawha Boulevard, East, Charleston, West Virginia 25305. Delay in submitting releases may preclude consideration of your candidacy. Do not attach the Authorizations to other documents being submitted.
4. Any recommendations for your candidacy should be made in writing and addressed to The Honorable Joe Manchin III, c/o Jonathan S. Deem, Office of the Governor, State Capitol, 1900 Kanawha Boulevard, East, Charleston, West Virginia 25305, for receipt by no later than close of business on October 2, 2009.
5. Any direct contact on your behalf with individual members of the Governor's Advisory Committee on Judicial Nominations is strongly discouraged.

II.
GENERAL INFORMATION

Provide the following information sequentially on plain, letter-size paper. Each request or question and your response should be typed single-spaced in at least 12 point font. It is expected that all of the following requests and questions will be answered fully and honestly. Do not read questions narrowly. If you are uncertain of the information being sought, err on the side of disclosure.

1. State the number of consecutive years prior to this date that you have been admitted to practice in West Virginia.
2. Are you admitted to practice in any other states? If so, please state where and indicate the year of admission.
3. Do you have any unsatisfied judgments against you? If so, submit copies of the relevant documents for each judgment, together with an explanation.
4. Are you now, or have you ever been found to be, delinquent or in arrears on payments for spousal or child support? If so, please identify the court and describe the current status.
5. Have you ever been subject to any domestic relations order, including, but not limited to, a domestic violence petition or any other similar restraining order? If so, please describe the details of each such event.
6. Have you filed all applicable (including individual, corporate, partnership, business, workers' compensation, employment, or other occupational) taxes? If not, please explain.
7. Have you filed appropriate tax returns as required by federal, state, local, and other government agencies? If not, provide an explanation, including the amount at issue, date and resolution.

8. Has a tax lien or other collection procedure ever been instituted against you by federal, state or local authorities? If so, provide the particulars, including the amount at issue, date and status of the claim or other collection procedures.
9. Do you owe any person or company a debt in excess of \$5,000, other than a debt to a family member, a mortgage, student loan, or an automobile loan? If so, describe the debt(s) and identify the party(ies) to whom it is owed.
10. Describe your public service activities and community affairs.
11. Have you ever been appointed to, elected to, or a candidate for, a public office? If so, please identify the year and the office sought/held.
12. Have you previously sought political appointment? If so, please specify the year and the position sought.
13. Do you suffer from any condition, mental or physical, which might impair the performance of the duties of a Circuit Court Judge? If so, briefly describe each such condition.
14. If you are now an officer, director or otherwise engaged in the management of any business enterprise (whether for-profit or non-profit), identify the name of such enterprise, the nature of the business, the title of your position, the nature of your duties, the term of your service and whether you intend to resign such position immediately upon your appointment to judicial office. If you do not intend to resign, please provide the reasons.
15. During the past five years, have you received any fees or compensation of any kind in excess of \$1,000.00, other than for legal services rendered, from any business enterprise, institution, organization or association of any kind? If so, identify the source of such compensation, the nature of the business enterprise, institution, organization or association involved, and the nature of any services rendered by you.
16. Please list the judges or any court before which you have regularly practiced.

17. Please list the full citation of any and all reported decisions in which you represented a client

18. Have you written, edited or published any legal books, articles, letters to the editor or reports? If so, please list them, giving full citations, dates, and a general description of the subject matter. Please attach a copy of any letters to editor or op-ed articles you have authored.

19. Have you ever been sanctioned or fined by any court in any jurisdiction in the last 15 years? If so, please describe the circumstances of each such event.

20. Please succinctly state the reasons that you believe qualify you for the office of Circuit Court Judge.

III.
ETHICS

List any and all ethics complaints filed against you within the last 15 years. Please use this format for each such complaint.

Person filing complaint:

Approximate Date:

Style of Case (including case number):

Please summarize the nature of the complaint and your response to the claims set forth in the complaint.

Is the complaint resolved?

If yes, please summarize the resolution.

If not, please describe present status.

IV.
BACKGROUND

List any and all state or federal criminal charges filed against you in any jurisdiction within the last 15 years, including moving traffic violations, in the following format.

Nature of Complaint:

Jurisdiction:

Disposition:

V.

CLAIMS AND LAWSUITS

1. List any claims or lawsuits filed against you within the last 15 years alleging legal malpractice. Please use a copy of this page for each such claim or lawsuit.
 - (a) Style of Case (including civil action number and venue):
 - (b) Summarize the nature of each such claim or suit, your response to the claim or suit, and the name of the insurance carrier insuring you against the liability involved in the litigation.
 - (c) Is the claim/suit resolved?
 - (d) If yes, please summarize the resolution.
 - (e) If not, please summarize the status of the claim or suit.

2. List any civil claims or lawsuits filed against you within the last 15 years. Please use a copy of this page for each such claim or lawsuit.
 - (a) Style of Case (including civil action number and venue):
 - (b) Summarize the nature of each such civil claim or suit, your response to the claim or suit, and the name of the insurance carrier insuring you against the Liability involved in the litigation.
 - (c) Is the civil claim/suit resolved?
 - (d) If yes, please summarize the resolution.
 - (e) If not, please summarize the status of the claim or suit.

All responses and other information submitted herewith are true and accurate, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Date

Signature

AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF INFORMATION

I hereby authorize the Governor’s Advisory Committee on Judicial Nominations or Jonathan S. Deem, General Counsel to the Governor, to request any and all records in the possession of the West Virginia State Bar relating to ethics complaints filed against me and to copy and disseminate such records to members of the Governor’s Advisory Committee on Judicial Nominations, the Office of the Governor, and others involved in the selection process. I further authorize the West Virginia State Bar to release to the Governor’s Advisory Committee on Judicial Nominations, c/o Jonathan S. Deem, Office of the Governor, State Capitol, 1900 Kanawha Boulevard, East, Charleston, West Virginia 25305, any and all records in its possession relating to ethics complaints filed against me.

Date

Signature

Date of Birth

Social Security Number

Name: _____

Address: _____

Bar ID# _____

AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF INFORMATION

I hereby authorize the Governor's Advisory Committee on Judicial Nominations, or Jonathan S. Deem, General Counsel to the Governor, to request a criminal history on me from appropriate law enforcement agencies and to request that the appropriate law enforcement agencies conduct a general background investigation and to copy and disseminate records or results to the members of the Governor's Advisory Committee on Judicial Nominations, the Office of the Governor, and others involved in the selection process. I further authorize any law enforcement agency to conduct a general background investigation on me and to release any and all information obtained in the investigation to the Governor's Advisory Committee on Judicial Nominations, c/o Jonathan S. Deem, Office of the Governor, State Capitol, 1900 Kanawha Boulevard, East, Charleston, West Virginia 25305, and others involved in the selection process.

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I hereby authorize the Governor's Advisory Committee on Judicial Nominations, or Jonathan S. Deem, General Counsel to the Governor, to request a credit check on me from any and all credit agencies and to request that the appropriate credit agencies copy and disseminate any and all records or results to the members of the Governor's Advisory Committee on Judicial Nominations, the Office of the Governor, and others involved in the selection process.

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