

APPLICATION AND QUESTIONNAIRE FOR NEW HAMPSHIRE JUDICIAL CANDIDATES
(Revised July 2023)

Please answer each of the following questions as instructed unless otherwise directed by the Chairman. Type your answers beneath each question. Save or scan your completed application as a PDF file. Please also save or scan Appendix A, Appendix B, Appendix C, and any requested attachments as a separate PDF file. Email and mail your completed application, including Appendix A, Appendix B, Appendix C, and any requested attachments to Charles G. Douglas, 14 South Street, Concord, NH 03301 by the designated deadline.

IF YOU FILED AN APPLICATION IN 2016 OR EARLIER YOU WILL NEED TO REFILE USING THESE FORMS.

This application and examination will be kept confidential and will be examined only by members of the Judicial Selection Commission and the Governor, unless you are nominated by the Governor, at which time it will be made public, with the exception of Appendices A, B and C.

The Governor's Executive Order creating the Judicial Selection Commission provides that "The names of persons considered by the Commission shall remain confidential except to the extent necessary for the Commission to carry out its responsibility to evaluate candidates." The Judicial Selection Commission will email you a letter acknowledging receipt of your Application and examination, and may also contact you to appear for an interview. The Judicial Selection Commission will not otherwise contact you regarding the status of your application until after the Governor announces his nominee.

INTRODUCTION

1. Please state the judicial appointment(s) in which you are interested.
2. Full name.
3. Present occupation.
4. A. Office address, town of residence, office and home telephone and fax numbers and office email address.

B. Identify the phone number which the Judicial Selection Commission should use to communicate with you about your application.

C. Identify the email address which the Judicial Selection Commission should use to communicate with you about your application.

EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL INFORMATION

5. List each college, graduate school and law school you attended, including dates of attendance, whether you served on your law school's law review, the degrees awarded by each institution, and their dates. If you left any institution without receiving a degree, state the reason for leaving.
6. List any articles, books, or other publications that you have authored. Include copies of any speeches or manuscripts on constitutional issues, court organization or the role of judges which you would like the Commission to consider.

7. With respect to the last 10 years, list all bar associations, judicial associations, and professional societies of which you are, or have been, a member and give titles and dates of any offices which you have held in such groups. List chairpersonships and memberships of any committees in bar or judicial associations or professional societies which you believe to be of particular significance. Please list any honors, prizes or awards you have received.

GENERAL

8. Why are you seeking a judicial appointment?
9. What are the three or four attributes or accomplishments you believe should be given the greatest weight in assessing judicial candidates and how do you assess yourself in that regard.
10. List the names, addresses, telephone and email addresses of two non-lawyers who know you well professionally and who could act as a reference concerning your fitness to serve in a judicial office.
11. Have you previously completed a similar questionnaire for a judicial office? If so, please state when and where the questionnaire was submitted.
12. Please identify any facts or circumstances, which you believe, might preclude one or more Commission members from fairly assessing your application for judicial appointment.

LAW PRACTICE/JUDICIAL EXPERIENCE

13. List all courts in which you have been admitted to practice, with year of admission. Give the same information for any administrative bodies which require special admission to practice.
14. Describe your law practice and legal experience since your graduation from law school, including whether you served as clerk to a judge, and if so, the name of the judge, the court, and the dates of the period you were a clerk; whether you practiced alone, and if so, the addresses and the dates; the dates, names and addresses of law firms or law offices, companies or governmental agencies by whom you have been employed or with which you have been connected, and the nature of your connection with each; and any other relevant particulars, such as law teaching experience, mediation, arbitration and the like. If you are currently or have been a judge or clerk of court, give the position(s) and dates of service and please respond to any questions in this section about "law practice" with reference to your law practice prior to becoming a judge or clerk. For example, for those questions which request information regarding "the last 10 years" of law practice, please respond with reference to the 10 years preceding your becoming a judge or clerk.
15. What is the general nature of your current practice? Describe any practice areas in which you have specialized. If currently serving as a judge or clerk, please describe the nature of your duties.
16. To the extent that your law practice (or if a judge or clerk, your prior law practice) has involved litigation (including administrative proceedings), please describe the type of litigation in which you have been involved. If your practice has involved trial work, state, with respect to the last 10 years, the approximate number of cases tried, including a description of the nature and length of the cases you have tried to conclusion or in substantial part, stating whether you were lead counsel. State what percentage of these trials was jury, non-jury, civil or criminal. If your practice involved administrative litigation, state, with respect to the last 10 years, the approximate

number of adjudicative hearings tried, including a description of the nature and the length of each hearing and whether you were lead counsel.

17. Approximately what percentage of your law practice over the last five years has been devoted to:

Criminal Law	_____	%
Family Law	_____	%
Corporate	_____	%
Civil Trial Work	_____	%
Probate	_____	%
Appellate Work	_____	%
Real Estate	_____	%
Other (please list)	_____	%

18. Approximately what percentage of your law practice in the last five years was conducted in:

Circuit Court	_____	%
Superior Court	_____	%
State Supreme Court	_____	%
Federal Courts	_____	%
Other Courts (please list)	_____	%
Administrative hearings	_____	%
Other (please list)	_____	%

19. Identify two of the most significant cases, transactions, administrative hearings and/or other legal matters specific to your practice area in which you have been involved as counsel during your legal career. List case or matter names, dates, courts or other tribunals, judges or administrative hearing officers and opposing counsel for these matters and state the nature of your involvement, including whether you were lead counsel. Please include the business telephone numbers of opposing counsel in these matters.
20. If currently a judge, list at least three significant cases over which you have presided, the dates of the cases and, if they resulted in a written opinion by you, attach copies of those opinions. Please list the counsel of record in those cases and provide their current business telephone numbers.
21. If your practice involved trial work, list the case names, judges, opposing counsel and dates of the three most recent cases you have either tried to conclusion or in substantial part before a court and state whether you were lead counsel. Please include the business telephone numbers of all opposing counsel in those cases. If currently a judge, list the three most recent cases over which you presided (which are now concluded) and if they resulted in a written opinion by you, attach copies of those opinions. Please list the counsel of record in these cases and provide their current business telephone numbers. If your practice involved administrative litigation, list case names, administrative hearing officers, opposing counsel and dates of the most recent adjudicative hearings you have either litigated to conclusion or in substantial part before a federal or state administrative agency, and state whether you were lead counsel. Please include the business telephone numbers of all opposing counsel in those cases. If your practice involved corporate or probate work, identify, if possible, the most recent matters, including business transactions or matters specific to your practice area, that you have concluded or substantially concluded, opposing counsel, dates of any such matters and whether you were lead counsel. Please include the business telephone numbers of all opposing counsel in those matters.

22. What are the names of the two judges you have appeared before most frequently in the last three years:

1. _____

2. _____

23. Attach any legal memoranda, trial court opinions or Supreme Court briefs that you personally wrote (three if you are applying to be a judge on the Supreme Court; two if you are applying to be a judge in any other court). If you did not author any of these materials in the last year, be sure to include copies of your most recent memorandum or brief. If you are a judge, attach copies of three opinions that you wrote on challenging tort or constitutional questions.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

24. Since graduation from law school, have you ever been engaged in any occupation, business, or professional pursuits other than the practice of law? If so, give details, including dates, and state whether you were a principal, director, officer, or had a controlling interest in any business during this time.

25. Since becoming a member of a bar, have you ever been discharged from employment for any reason or have you ever resigned after being informed that your employer intended to discharge you?

CIVIC AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

26. List all organizations other than bar, judicial, and professional associations to which you have devoted substantial time as a member or volunteer, including civic, charitable, educational, social and fraternal organizations. State whether you were an officer or director of these organizations.

27. Have you ever held appointive or elective public office other than judicial office? If so, give details, including the office involved, whether elected or appointed, and the length of your service, giving dates. If you have ever been a successful candidate for elective public office, please identify the office(s) and the date(s).

28. Have you served in the military? If so, give dates, branch of service, rank, present status and type of discharge.

PERSONAL

29. Date and place of birth.

30. Please provide the name(s) and occupation(s) of your spouse or former spouse(s). Please note that if the Commission interviews you, you will be asked to address and family, medical, or other personal issues which could adversely affect your fitness to serve on the court. You may also be asked about other matters which could adversely affect, or could appear to others to adversely affect, your fitness for judicial appointment and be asked to provide information regarding the same.

Sworn under the pains and penalties of perjury.

Date

Signature of Applicant

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

COUNTY OF _____

Personally appeared the above-named _____, and made oath that the within statements subscribed to by him/her are true to the best of his/her knowledge and belief.

Notary Public/Justice of the Peace

APPENDIX A
(CONFIDENTIAL)

GOVERNOR'S JUDICIAL SELECTION COMMISSION APPLICATION
AND QUESTIONNAIRE FOR JUDICIAL CANDIDATES

Please note that the rules of the Judicial Conduct Committee and Professional Conduct Committee prohibit public disclosure by the Judicial Selection Commission of information pertaining to complaints and proceedings before those Committees. To assure compliance with the applicable confidentiality rules of those Committees, the Judicial Selection Commission requests that you answer the following inquiries on separate letter-sized paper with the heading, "Appendix A".

Your Application and Questionnaire will be kept confidential and will be examined only by members of the Judicial Selection Commission and the Governor unless you are nominated by the Governor, at which time this questionnaire may be made public. Your response to the following inquiries, however, will remain confidential.

- A. Have you ever been disciplined or cited for a breach of ethics or unprofessional conduct by, or been the subject of complaint to any court, administrative agency, Attorney General, disciplinary committee or other professional group? If so, give the particulars.
- B. Have you ever been arrested or convicted of a crime which has not been annulled? If so, give dates and details. Do not include violation level traffic offenses except driving while intoxicated, operating after suspension or revocation, and reckless driving. Be sure to include any motor vehicle offenses that can be charged as a misdemeanor.
- C. To your knowledge, have you ever been under federal, state or local investigation for possible violation of a criminal statute or for domestic violence or child abuse. If so, give particulars.
- D. Have you ever been sued by or involved in an adverse adjudicative proceeding with a client? If so, give particulars.
- E. Have you ever been a party to any legal proceedings? If so, give particulars. Do not list proceedings in which you were a guardian ad litem, executor or administrator.

Sworn under the pains and penalties of perjury.

Date

Signature of Applicant

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
COUNTY OF _____

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FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The Judicial Selection Commission requests that you answer the following inquiries on separate letter-sized paper with the heading, "Appendix B".

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1. List sources and amounts of all income received during the calendar year preceding your application and for the current calendar year for all adult members of your household with the exception of your children. Please include all salaries, fees, dividends, interest, gifts, rents, royalties, patents, honoraria, and other items exceeding \$1,000 (sources of income may be listed by category rather than by specific name, e.g. law practice, stocks, bonds, mutual funds, individuals).
2. List any debts or obligations owed (including child support). Please set forth the amount of the debt or obligation and any additional information necessary to explain each transaction. You need not include loans to your dependents, or siblings for non-business purposes. Please exclude all debts under \$1,000.
3. Have you filed all past tax returns as required by federal, state, local and other government authorities? If not, explain.
4. Have you paid a tax penalty in the last 3 years? If so, list the amount of penalty paid in each year and explain the circumstances under which it was incurred.
5. Do you have any unsatisfied judgments outstanding against you? If yes, please explain.
6. Have you ever been a debtor in a bankruptcy proceeding or similar insolvency proceeding under federal or state law? If yes, please give details.
7. Is there any information in your personal financial history, which might adversely affect your fitness for a judicial appointment?

APPENDIX C

**GOVERNOR’S JUDICIAL SELECTION COMMISSION CONSENT,
RELEASE AND AFFIRMATION**

The undersigned agrees with the Judicial Selection Commission and its members (“Commission”) as follows:

1. **Consent.** I consent to the Commission’s review of my application, including all materials submitted with it or referred to in it. I also consent to the Commission contacting all persons named as references in support of, or otherwise identified in, my application. By executing this Consent, Release and Affirmation, I specifically consent to the release to the Commission of information and records relating to my application by such persons, who may rely on a copy of this Consent, Release and Affirmation as evidence of my consent. I also consent to the Commission contacting any third persons or parties who are not identified in my application but who the Commission believes will assist it in evaluating my application, and I consent to their release of information and records to the Commission on the same basis. I do not consent to the release of the information set forth in Appendices A and B and the Commission agrees to honor this lack of consent.

2. **Release.** By filing my application and executing this Consent, Release and Affirmation. I hereby release the Commission, members of the Commission, the Commission staff, any third persons working on conjunction with the Commission, other authorized representatives of the Commission and persons contacted by the Commission regarding my application from any and all liability of any nature whatsoever, and agree not to sue, or commence any other form of action against, the Commission or such other persons with respect to any actions, reports, recommendations, statements, communications, records of disclosures involving me which are made, taken or received by the Commission and such other persons in the course of reviewing and acting upon my application.

3. **Affirmation.** I represent that the information provided, or referred to, in my application is accurate in all respects. Furthermore, I represent that I have not omitted to provide any information of a material nature from application which would be necessary to make the information provided complete and accurate. I understand that any misrepresentation or misstatement in, or omission from, my application, whether intentional or not, is cause for immediate rejection of my application. Finally, I agree that, while my application is pending, I will forthwith provide the Commission with: (a) any further information which it requests; and (b) any new or further information of which I become aware during the pendency of my application which relates in any way to information previously furnished to the Commission.

My signature below constitutes my acceptance of the terms set forth in this Consent, Release and Affirmation.

Witness my hand this ____ day of _____, 20__.

WITNESS:

APPLICANT:

Print name:

Print name: