

Oregon State Bar Judicial Voters Guide 2010

1) Full name:

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3) Web site (if applicable):

4) List high school, college and law school attended, including dates of attendance, degrees awarded and your reasons for leaving each school if no degree from that institution was awarded.

Roosevelt High School, Seattle, WA, diploma, 1984

University of Washington, Seattle, WA, B.A., 1988

Willamette University College of Law, Salem, OR, J.D., 1991

5) List employment since graduation from law school, including dates employed, your position and the nature of the practice or activity.

1992, Law Office of Mark DeLapp. Associate attorney.

1993-1996, Baumann & Hull, Agana, Guam. Trial attorney.

1997, Assistant Federal Public Defender, Mongmong, Guam. Trial attorney.

1998-2010, Attorney and Chief Attorney, Metropolitan Public Defender, Hillsboro, OR. Trial attorney.

March 2010-present, Washington County Circuit Court Judge, Hillsboro, OR.

6a) List state and federal bars, courts and administrative bodies to which you are presently admitted and the date of admission.

Oregon State Bar, 1992

6b) List any previous admissions, including dates, and the reason why you are no longer admitted.

n/a

7) List publications and/or articles you have authored.

n/a

8) List community, teaching or civic activities.

n/a

9) What is the general character of your practice? Indicate the nature of your typical clients and mention any legal areas in which you concentrate.

I have prosecuted and defended both criminal and civil cases and now serve as a judge.

10) What percentage of your practice is litigation?

100%

11) Do you regularly appear in court?

Yes.

12) What percentage of your litigation practice in the last five years was in:

Federal Trial Courts: 0

Federal Appellate Courts: 0

State Trial Courts: 100%

State Appellate Courts: 0

Administrative Bodies: 0

13) Describe your litigation practice in the last five (5) years and address both the courts and types of cases.

n/a

14) Describe any appellate court experience not included above.

n/a

15) Describe any experience serving as an arbitrator or mediator.

n/a

16) State the approximate number of cases you have tried to conclusion in courts of record during each of the past five years (or longer period, if you desire), indicating whether you were sole, associate or lead counsel.

Many.

17) State the approximate number of cases you have handled in state and federal appellate courts in the last five years, indicating whether you were lead or co-counsel. Include citations of reported cases.

None.

18) List any experience you have as a pro tem or municipal judge, and the names of the courts you have served.

Washington County Circuit Court pro tem judge.

19) List all bar association memberships, offices held and committee assignments.

Oregon State Bar.

20) Have you ever been convicted of or pleaded guilty to a violation of any federal, state, county or municipal law, regulation or ordinance? If so, please give details. *Do not include or parking offenses or traffic violations for which a fine of less than \$500 was imposed.*

No.

21) Have you ever been the subject of a formal disciplinary proceeding as an attorney? If so, please give the particulars and the result.

No.

22) Why do you want to be a judge?

I love what I do.

23) Briefly describe your philosophy of the judicial role, the qualities that are most important for the role, and the greatest challenges to the role.

A judge is the neutral party that ensures a fair hearing for all parties. He/she must be a good listener, work hard, and be able to treat everyone in court with respect. Dealing dispassionately with sometimes overwhelming human tragedy can be a real challenge.

24) Briefly describe a case, or a legal issue on which you worked, of which you are particularly proud, or which is reflective of your legal ability, work ethic, judicial philosophy, or temperament.

n/a

25) Briefly describe an issue, related to Oregon's justice system, that concerns you, or that you have interest in working toward improving.

Washington County's ballooning population has put tremendous stress on our judicial resources. We are working hard to find new efficiencies, but are at the point where it is difficult to give each matter the time and attention it deserves. Our system, like many others, is overburdened.

26) Briefly describe a legal figure, personal, fictional or historical, whom you admire and why.

n/a

27) State any other information that you regard as pertinent to your candidacy.

n/a