

## **Oregon State Bar Judicial Voters Guide 2010**

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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.

**Willamette College of Law 1991-1994 Doctor of Jurisprudence**

**Oregon State University 1987-1991 Bachelor of Science in Political Science**

**Klamath Union High School graduated 1980**

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

**Con Lynch 1994-1995**

**Chris Lillegard PC 1996-Present**

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

**Oregon State Bar 1994**

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

**None**

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

**None**

8) List community, teaching or civic activities.

**Current West Salem Rotary Vice President; 2005-Present Member Polk County Local Public Safety Coordinating Council; 2009-Present West Hills Community Church Security Commission; 2009-Present West Hills Community Facility Committee; 2007-2010 JC and Country Relay Coach; Upward Basket Ball Coach, Volunteer Referee; Little League Coach, Volunteer Umpire; 1996-2002 Member SBA; 1995-1997 President Polk County Bar; 1997-2000 Member Benton/Lincoln/Polk County Local Professional Responsibility Committee; 2000-2001 Chair Benton/Lincoln/Polk County Local Professional Responsibility Committee; Involved in school and Head Start cleanup projects. Participant American Cancer Society Laps for Life. Involved in fundraising for Family Building Blocks.**

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 work in a small general practice law firm. We have the Indigent Defense Contract for Polk County. The majority of my practice involves working as a Defense Attorney. I make appearances in the courtroom almost every day and average 25-35 trials a year. I handle all levels of misdemeanors and felonies. I have always had a civil practice which includes Estate Planning, Business Law, Contract Law, Property Law, and Domestic Relations.**

10) What percentage of your practice is litigation?

**50%**

11) Do you regularly appear in court?

**I appear in court on a daily basis. I have spent over 3000 days in Polk County Courtrooms.**

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: 99**

**State Appellate Courts: 0**

**Administrative Bodies: 1**

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

**State Trial Court jury trials, bench trials, probation violation hearings, juvenile delinquency trials, juvenile dependency trials, termination of parental rights, motions to suppress, motions to controvert, DMV hearings.**

14) Describe any appellate court experience not included above.

**None**

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

**None**

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.

**Over the last 15 years I have tried over 400 trials. I was sole counsel on all cases.**

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.

**None**

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

**Oregon State Bar; Past Polk County Bar President; Past Chair Lincoln/Benton/Polk Professional Responsibility Committee.**

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. *\*\*Include only proceedings that were authorized for prosecution by the SPRB.*

**No**

22) Why do you want to be a judge?

**I want to be a judge so that I can use my skills, experience and temperament to serve the people of Polk County. A circuit court judge is a trial judge. I have more experience as a trial lawyer than any other candidate. I have tried over 400 cases to verdict and I have spent more than 3000 days in the Polk County Courthouse. I am confident that I have the professional skills and experience to handle any legal issues that come before the bench.**

**My diverse pre-law experience will be a great benefit to the Polk County judiciary. I did not start my work life as a lawyer. I started out as a farmer. My understanding of agricultural issues and the challenges facing farm families will help me relate to rural Polk County residents. I also spent time as a wild land fire fighter supervising fire crews for the BLM. That work taught me how to make life and death decisions under difficult circumstances. My work as a heavy equipment operator gave me a perspective on life for working families that I could never get as a lawyer or law student. All of those experiences give me a well rounded perspective on the people and issues that must be resolved in court.**

**Finally, I believe I have the proper temperament to serve as a trial judge. I am running because I want to help people resolve their disputes and help keep our community safe.**

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.

**Good trial judges share similar characteristics. Good judges are disciplined. They recognize a judge's role in the system is a limited role. They only decide the case in front of them based on the evidence in the record. It is not appropriate for a trial judge to try and set policy or seek social change from the bench.**

**Good judges are humble. They know putting on a black robe does not imbue them with Solomon like power. They must be willing to listen and learn from the lawyers, witnesses and other participants in the legal system including the courthouse staff. Good judges know the Courthouse exists to serve the public. Being polite and treating people with respect is not a sign of weakness. It is strength.**

**Finally, good judges are flexible. They know each case is different, some need mediation, and some need litigation. Some cases need quick resolution and others need time for discovery and negotiation. The judge's job is to make sure cases stay on track and are resolved in the most efficient, fair and just manner possible.**

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.

**Several years ago I went on a ride along with a Polk County Sheriff Deputy. I was the lawyer in several cases where he was on the other side. I asked him what law enforcement thought of me. His answer was, "We know when you are in court we had better be prepared because you will be." He also explained even though I always treated officers with respect they would rather face a different attorney. Later, after our conversation, he hired me to represent his family in a civil matter. It is the highest compliment to be hired by people who were once on the other side.**

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

**We have thousands of veterans returning from spending extended time on the front lines. They have spent more time on the front line than our WWII veterans. Because of their increased time on the front, and the increased protection from body armor, we have returning soldiers suffering with PTSD and TBI. These soldiers need to be treated differently than the run of the mill**

**criminal. Klamath County is starting a pilot program to help veterans who find themselves in the system. I would like to see Polk County respond to these needs as well.**

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

**Fictionally it has to be Perry Mason. He always had the right answer.**

**In the real world I look up to Senior Judge Luukinen. I began my career in Polk County as his clerk. I watched the diligent way he approached his job. He was conscientious in his effort to treat everyone fairly and with respect. He knew the law and worked hard to apply it in a way which was consistent with our community expectations.**

**Judge Luukinen also remained connected to our community. He was involved in Head Start, Chair of the local safety committee, involved with our youth and schools. Everywhere you look you could find him pitching in. It seems that too often our judges get elected and then retire to the courtroom and chambers never to be seen again. I believe judges are community leaders and should be seen helping the community off of the bench.**

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

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