

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

1) Full name:

**Kelly Skye**

2) Office Address and Phone Number:

**Multnomah County Courthouse**

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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.

**Sunset High School, Portland, Oregon – graduated 1984**

**University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado – 1984-86, transferred**

**University of Oregon, Eugene, Oregon – 1986-88, B.S., Journalism**

**Northeastern University School of Law, Boston, Massachusetts – 1993, JD**

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

**Circuit Court Judge, Multnomah County – 2009-2010**

General Trial Rotation, handling civil and criminal matters

**Office of Governor Ted Kulongoski, General Counsel, Deputy General Counsel – 2006-2009**

Provided general legal advice to the Governor and his staff on a variety of issues including constitutional, government and ethics law. Worked with the Department of

Justice to monitor and direct major litigation involving the State. Reviewed and advised the Governor on all bills passed by the Oregon State Legislature and presented to the Governor for signature. Advised the Governor on judicial and district attorney appointments, executive clemency, and on policy related to the civil and criminal justice systems, Lottery, the OLCC, and numerous state agencies. Served as the Governor's liaison to the nine federally recognized Indian tribes in Oregon.

**Metropolitan Public Defender Services, Portland - Chief Attorney, Senior Attorney, Staff Attorney – 1993-2005**

Represented indigent clients in criminal and related matters, including felonies, juvenile delinquency and dependency and civil commitments. Supervised trained and evaluated attorneys and certified law students in the misdemeanor section. Served as a member of office management team, formulating office policy and acted as a liaison to the court and prosecutor's office.

**Oregon Criminal Defense Lawyers Association, Legislative Representative, 2003-2005**

Lobbied substantive criminal law and related issues at Oregon Legislative Assembly. Worked with OCDLA legislative committee to develop policy and priorities. Frequent legal education speaker. Authored 2003 and 2005 legislative analysis publication.

**Adjunct Faculty, Lewis and Clark Law School, Criminal Clinical Internship Seminar, Fall 2000**

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

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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.

8) List community, teaching or civic activities.

**I frequently serve as mentor for law students and a judge for mock trials for the local law schools.**

**I have presented at numerous CLEs on topics ranging from criminal law to state executive branch authority.**

**Campaign for Equal Justice Advisory Committee**

**Governor's Homeland Security Council, 2007-2009**

**Office of Administrative Hearings Oversight Committee, 2008-2009**

**Oregon Women Lawyers, member**

**Domestic Violence Workgroup of the Local Public Safety Coordinating Council, member, 1998-2000**

**Youth Soccer Coach, 2008-present**

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.

**See above**

10) What percentage of your practice is litigation?

**n/a**

11) Do you regularly appear in court?

**Yes, as a trial judge.**

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

**Federal Trial Courts:**

**Federal Appellate Courts:**

**State Trial Courts: all litigation has been in state trial court**

**State Appellate Courts:**

**Administrative Bodies:**

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

**See above**

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.

**Over 100 in career – lead counsel**

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.

**n/a**

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

**Current service as Circuit Court Judge**

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

**See above**

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 have great faith in our system of justice and its ability to achieve just results. I enjoy, and I am honored to play my role in the work of the court, ensuring fairness and making decisions that can have great impact on the lives of individuals and on the community. I have committed my career to public service, and I will continue to work diligently in my capacity as a Circuit Court Judge.**

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.

**In my view, a judge's role is to uphold the rule of law and to promote equal access to justice, professionalism and system efficiency. A judge must approach each case objectively, allow the litigants to try their cases, and show respect for the rights and dignity of every person who enters the courtroom. Judges must be fair, compassionate, patient and even-tempered, while also being decisive and firm.**

**The greatest challenge for the role of a judge is the lack of resources in the civil and criminal justice systems. From infrastructure to social services and community corrections, our system is chronically underfunded and struggles to maintain critical services to the public.**

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.

**In my role as legal counsel to Governor Kulongoski, I staffed the Governor's Task Force on Equality and co-drafted its report and resulting legislation that created domestic partnerships in Oregon and prohibited discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. The Task Force was comprised of a diverse group of individuals with varying levels of knowledge and understanding of the topic**

**of the assignment from the Governor. As staff to the Task Force, I coordinated presentations and public hearings for the Task Force, performed legal research and helped to draft the final report at the direction of the Task Force.**

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

**n/a**

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**