

Oregon State Bar Judicial Voters Guide 2018

1) Full name:

Todd Huegli

2) Web site (if applicable):

www.ToddHuegliforJudge.com

3) List college and law school attended, including dates of attendance, and degrees awarded.

Willamette University College of Law, J.D. (2008)

Willamette University, M.B.A. (2008)

University of Oregon, B.S. Computer Science & Business Administration (2001)

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

Attorney/Managing Partner, Huegli Fraser PC (2012 to present) – Civil litigation representing people who have been harmed in the areas of medical malpractice, personal injury, wrongful death and sex abuse.

Attorney, Metropolitan Public Defender (2009 – 2012) – Represented indigent clients in the areas of criminal defense, spousal & child support, civil commitments and drug court.

Attorney, Smith, Freed & Eberhard (2009) – Civil defense.

Researcher/CLS, Metropolitan Public Defender (2006-2008) – Represented indigent clients against criminal charges as a certified law student.

Research Intern, State Regulatory Streamlining Office (2004-2005) – Researched and drafted reports to be presented to the legislature regarding permits and regulations that caused excessive burden on Oregon businesses.

Graduate Researcher, Willamette University (2004-2005) – Helped research and teach how to use innovative statistical modeling and process management software.

Software Engineer (2000-2003) – Designed and developed software including dinosaur movement modeling and human resources and recruiting applications.

5) List state and federal bars, courts and administrative bodies to which you are currently admitted.

Oregon State Bar; U.S. District Court of Oregon

6) If desired, list any publications and/or articles you have authored.

N/A

7) If desired, list any community, teaching or civic activities.

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8) What is the general character of your practice? If desired, please indicate any legal areas in which you concentrate.

For the past ten years I have been a litigation attorney handling criminal and civil cases. I have tried criminal cases as a defense lawyer and civil cases as an advocate for people who have been harmed. I have also handled domestic relations cases including restraining orders, child support, spousal support, stalking and basic divorces. Previously, I worked as a public defender representing indigent clients charged with criminal offenses.

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

I have handled criminal defense litigation in the following counties: Washington, Baker, Benton, Clackamas, Clatsop, Columbia, Coos, Crook, Curry, Deschutes, Douglas, Grant, Harney, Hood River, Jackson, Jefferson, Josephine, Klamath, Lake, Lane, Lincoln, Linn, Malheur, Marion, Morrow, Multnomah, Polk, Tillamook, Umatilla, Union and Yamhill.

I have handled plaintiff's civil litigation in the areas of personal injury, wrongful death, medical malpractice and sex abuse in the following counties:

Washington, Multnomah, Clackamas, Yamhill, Douglas, Jackson, Linn, Marion, Umatilla, Benton, Lane, Clatsop and Deschutes.

10) Describe any appellate court experience not included above.

N/A

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

N/A

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

N/A

13) List any bar association memberships, and if desired, any offices held or committee/project assignments.

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14) 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.*

None.

15) 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.*

I have not been the subject of a formal disciplinary proceeding.

16) Why do you want to be a judge?

After college, I worked as a software engineer, but I soon discovered that I wanted to work directly with people, so I returned to school in the joint Law/MBA program at Willamette University. During law school, I worked at Metropolitan Public Defender and moved in to working in its Hillsboro office full time upon graduation. Spending so much time in the courtroom, I quickly discovered the impact that judges have, not just because they rule on important legal issues and cases, but because they set the tenor in the courtroom. And I decided that I wanted to serve my community as a trial judge.

A judge has the unique opportunity to not just rule on legal issues, but to help build trust and faith in the system of justice. How a judge interacts with the people in the courtroom and the community at large has a profound effect on the trust and faith the community has in our system of law. I believe that treating everyone who appears in court with respect and dignity is one of the most important aspects of being a judge.

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

The role of a trial judge is to help facilitate a just conclusion when two parties cannot resolve a dispute without court intervention. A trial judge must be open-minded with every case. A trial judge must possess common sense, an even temperament and an abundance of patience. A trial judge must have the confidence and decisiveness to make decisions without fear of making mistakes. Most importantly, a trial judge must hold court in way that leaves all parties feeling the process was fair and they were treated with dignity. One of the greatest challenges to being a trial judge is handling such a large case load with limited resources while maintaining the dignity of the court and ensuring all parties have full, fair and just hearings or trials.

18) 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.

I represented a man who suffered from a severe mental illness. He had fully decompensated and was arrested and charged with a serious crime. While in jail, he would scream at anyone who tried to speak with him. He was unable to aid and assist in his defense so he was transferred to the state hospital for evaluation. He was at the hospital for nearly a year. During this time, I attended every evaluation and was able to build rapport with him as his condition improved. He eventually graduated from mental health court. After the case was over, I would occasionally see him walking around and we would talk. He was very grateful for the support and kindness I showed him and my persistence in helping him get the treatment he needed. He was able to secure housing and a job. He said without me being the only one in his

corner, he would probably not be alive. He is one of the clients I will never forget.

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

One of my biggest concerns is the ability for our justice system to handle people suffering from severe mental illness. A large number of people who are arrested suffer from mental illness. Our jails are simply not equipped to treat these individuals and their condition often deteriorates while in custody. Washington County opened the Hawthorn Walk-In Center last year, which is a step in the right direction and helps to treat people on the brink of mental health crisis and addiction. I would like to help continue with these types of projects for early intervention which will be a benefit to the individual, the jail and the community.

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

My Dad, Jim Huegli, is the legal figure I admire most. He is a tireless advocate for his clients. He taught me that while lawyers have many cases, each client only has one case and it's generally the most important issue in their life. He taught me to always work hard for my clients and treat them with respect and dignity. I admire these qualities he possesses because I can see the trust and respect he has not just from his clients, but from the opposing counsels he's worked with for the last 46 years.

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

Judges in Washington County are trial judges who are expected to handle a wide variety of cases including both criminal and civil cases. My significant litigation experience across many areas of the law, knowledge of the Washington County court system and my temperament make me well qualified to serve as a Circuit Court Judge in Washington County.

Unlike other counties who have judges that specialize in a single area of law, judges in Washington County rotate dockets and must have a broad understanding and be comfortable handling any type of case that may come before them. My broad legal experience and background includes both criminal and civil practice, including domestic relations. During my career, I have learned that the most effective judges are those who not only know and apply the law in a fair manner, but who also show respect to all parties, regardless of race, gender or background. That is the type of judge I will be should I be elected to serve.