

Oregon State Bar Judicial Voters Guide 2018

1) Full name:

Jeffrey S. Jones

2) Web site (if applicable):

None

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

Lewis and Clark College: 1973-1977 (B.A.)

Willamette Law School: 1977-1980 (J.D.)

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

Clackamas County Circuit Court Judge: 8/15/05 to present.

Sole Practitioner in Clackamas County: 1992-2005 handling criminal defense and general civil litigation.

Lehner, Mitchell & Rodrigues: 1989-1991. Associate attorney handling insurance defense, including defense of municipalities and police officers.

Holmes & Folawn: 1988-1989. Associate attorney handling insurance defense.

Cosgrave, Kester, Crowe, Gidley and Lagesen: 1987-1988. Associate attorney handling insurance defense.

Multnomah County District Attorney's Office: 1981-1987. Deputy District Attorney.

Assignments: Sex Offenses, Commercial Fraud. Acting Team Captain of Sex Abuse Unit. Senior Deputy District Attorney in charge of District Court supervising 14 deputies, 3 interns and 5 special

prosecutors from private firms. Co-team captain of drug unit including supervision of forfeiture cases. Homicide prosecutions.

5) List state and federal bars, courts and administrative bodies to which you are presently admitted and the date of admission. If desired, list previous admissions.

Oregon State Bar: 1981

United States District Court: 1988

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

Co-author: Rutter Group Practice Guide, "Federal Civil Trials and Evidence" (1999) with annual updates.

Evidence, 1992 Supplement, Oregon State Bar, Chapter 32, "Impeachment of Witnesses"

Evidence, 1995 Supplement, Oregon State Bar, Chapter 32, "Impeachment of Witnesses" and Chapter 37, "Definition of Hearsay".

7) List community, teaching (Continuing Legal Education or otherwise) or civic activities.

Adjunct Professor, Lewis and Clark Law School:

**Evidence (1994-present)
Advanced Advocacy (1989-1993).**

Adjunct Professor, Willamette Law School:

Advanced Advocacy (1990-1995).

Speaker: Clackamas County Bar Association Fall Conference, Evidence 101 and Beyond – For Criminal, Civil and Family Law Litigators, (November 2017)

Speaker: Evidence from the Judges, Appellate Update, Oregon Law Institute (November 2015)

Speaker: ABA Section of Family Law Fall CLE Conference, Common Evidentiary Errors in Family Law Trials, American Bar Association, (October 2015)

Speaker: Evidence – How to Get It and How to Use It, Appellate Update, Oregon Law Institute (November 2014)

Speaker: OJD Regional CLE Program - Complex Criminal Cases, Witnesses / Experts / GEI / Evidentiary Issues, Oregon Judicial Department (September 2014)

Speaker: Courtroom Evidence, Appellate Update, Oregon Law Institute (November 2013)

Speaker: Evidence From The Judges, Witnesses Commenting on the Credibility of other Witnesses, Oregon Law Institute (November 2012)

Speaker: Courtroom Evidence, Avoiding Common Evidentiary Errors, Oregon Law Institute (November 2011)

Speaker: Oregon Family Law Attorneys CLE, Evidence, (March 2011)

Speaker: Evidence in the Courtroom, Avoiding Common Evidentiary Errors, Oregon Law Institute (November 2010)

Speaker: Clackamas County Bar Association Fall CLE, Infamous Evidentiary Moments and Frequently Overlooked Objections, (November 2010)

Speaker: Clackamas Women Lawyers CLE, Evidentiary Practice Pointers From the Bench, (June 2010)

Speaker: Clackamas County Bar Association Fall CLE, Evidentiary New Stuff and Old Tricks, (November 2009)

Speaker and Program Planner: Evidence from the Judges, Oregon Law Institute, (November 2007)

Speaker: Clackamas County Bar Association Fall CLE, Evidence, (November 2007)

Speaker: 19th Annual Family Law Seminar, Evidence Essentials, Oregon Law Institute (October 2006)

Speaker and Program Coordinator, Evidence from the Judges, Oregon Law Institute (November 2005)

Speaker: Crawford v. Washington, Clackamas Indigent Defense Consortium (February 2005)

Speaker: Federal Evidence Update, Oregon Law Institute (March 2004)

Speaker and Program Coordinator, Oregon Law Institute program on Evidence (November 2003)

Speaker: Federal Evidence, Survival Skills in Federal Court, Rutter Group Seminar (May 2003 in Seattle and Portland).

Speaker: Federal Evidence Update, Oregon Law Institute program (November 2002).

Speaker: Federal Evidence, New Problems-New Solutions, Rutter Group Seminar (April 2002 in Seattle and Portland).

Speaker: Federal Evidence Update, Oregon Law Institute program (November 2001).

Speaker: Federal Evidence and the Internet, Rutter Group Seminar (May 2001 in Seattle, Phoenix and Portland).

Speaker: Federal Evidence and Products Liability, Rutter Group Seminar (1999 in Seattle, Phoenix, Los Angeles, San Francisco and Portland).

Speaker: Federal Evidence and Employment Law, Rutter Group Seminar (1998 in Seattle and Portland).

Speaker: Character Evidence and Senate Bill 936, Oregon Criminal Defense Attorneys Association, (1997).

Speaker and Program Planner: Evidence in Action, Oregon State Bar (June 1997).

Speaker and Program Planner: Evidence Update, Multnomah Bar Association, (March 1997).

Speaker: Oregon Evidence, Oregon Law Institute(1996).

Speaker and Program Planner: Evidence – Objections at Trial, Oregon State Bar, (1995).

Speaker: Trial Practice, Oregon State Bar (1994).

Speaker: Tactical Evidence, Oregon State Bar (1994).

Speaker and Program Coordinator: Trial Evidence, Oregon State Bar (1993).

Speaker: Fundamentals of Trial Advocacy, Oregon State Bar (1993).

Speaker: Evidence: Practical and Tactical Applications, Oregon Law Institute (1992).

Speaker and Program Coordinator: Objections at Trial, Oregon State Bar (1992).

Speaker: Fundamentals of Trial Advocacy, Oregon State Bar (1991).

Speaker and Program Coordinator: Evidence for Insurance Adjusters, 6 week course taught to over 100 casualty adjusters (May 1991).

Speaker: Practical Skills Series – Trial Practice, Oregon State Bar (October 1990).

School Boundary Committee Member (2000)

Junior Baseball Coach (1998-2002)

Board Member, Oregon Law Institute (2003-2008)

8) Prior to your becoming a judge, what was the general character of your legal practice? Where appropriate indicate any legal areas in which you concentrated.

After prosecuting cases ranging from misdemeanors to murder, I worked in the insurance defense field.

After 1991, I handled a wide variety of cases ranging from a class action securities case to plaintiff's personal injury claims.

In the most recent years before being appointed to the bench, I handled mainly criminal defense in state and federal courts.

9) List your judicial experience, including as a pro tem, and/or service on an administrative tribunal, or justice, municipal, tax, circuit, or appellate court.

Clackamas County Circuit Court Judge: August 15, 2005 to present.

Clackamas County Circuit Court Judge Pro Tem: 2003.

10) Describe the general character of your judicial work over the past five years. Indicate the nature of the cases over which you preside, any specialty courts or court programs, and any legal areas in which you concentrate.

Over the past five years, I have presided over countless court and jury trials including aggravated murder with a potential death penalty phase, child abuse prosecutions and property crimes. I have handled a wide range of civil cases including claims under the Employer Liability Law and condemnation cases. In addition, I have presided over family law trials ranging from child custody disputes to child and spousal support determinations.

11) Describe any judicial experience in appellate courts not included above.

None

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

I served as an arbitrator in a personal injury suit in 1996.

13) List any bar association memberships. Where appropriate, list officer positions, committee assignments or other notable work.

Local Professional Responsibility Committee: 1994-1995.

14) Describe any bar association or judicial department committees, task forces, or special projects in which you have been involved.

I was involved in coordinating complex case litigation for the Clackamas County Circuit Court.

I was also involved with a group of judges in making recommendations on the appropriate use of pro-tem judges and referees.

15) 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 parking offenses or traffic violations for which a fine of less than \$500 was imposed.

No

16) Have you ever been the subject of a formal disciplinary proceeding as an attorney or judge? If so, please give the particulars and the result. *Include formal proceedings only.*

No

17) What attracted you to a judicial career?

I wanted to apply my knowledge of evidence law on a regular basis.

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

Philosophy: To preside impartially over every hearing and trial, with an even temperament, ensuring every party a full opportunity to be heard and reaching the correct decision.

Qualities: Competence, diligence, fairness, patience and courteousness.

Challenges: Staying informed of developments in the varied areas of the law.

19) 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.

Presiding over an Aggravated Murder case in 2014 which included a potential penalty phase with the death penalty as an option for the jury. This case required a tremendous amount of work. New and sometimes unexpected issues arose before and during trial relating to the guilty except for insanity defense. I kept a running 'to-do' list (which was several pages long) in order to track every issue which needed to be addressed. The issues ranged from pretrial discovery to important evidentiary objections. I worked on these issues at night and on weekends in order to do my best to ensure procedural and substantive fairness to both sides and also to be respectful of the jury's time and to avoid unnecessary delays.

20) Briefly describe an issue, related to Oregon's justice system, that is of particular interest or concern to you, or that you have interest in working toward improving.

Legal Education: Many lawyers and judges for several years have been concerned with the trial abilities of both young and veteran lawyers. Law Schools have been criticized for not providing adequate training in trial skills. I have taught both trial practice and evidence in order to help lawyers handle themselves in the courtroom and become effective litigators.

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

My father, Judge Robert E. Jones: I admire his work ethic, his knowledge of the law, his legal research skills and his ability to control the courtroom.

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

N/A