

Judicial Election Questionnaire - Non-judge or pro tem version

1) Full name:

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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.

Lake Oswego High School, 1987-91, High School Diploma 1991

University of Oregon, 1991-95, Bachelor of Arts 1991, Major: Political Science, Minors: Biology and Environmental Studies

University of Oregon School of Law, 1995-98, Doctor of Jurisprudence 1998, Criminal Practice Program Statement of Completion

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

Southern Oregon Public Defender, Inc. 1998-present

Position: Senior Attorney

The nature of my practice has included criminal defense, juvenile delinquency, juvenile dependency, and termination of parental rights cases. I have also been the misdemeanor attorney trainer/supervisor in my office.

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

Oregon State Bar, 1998-present

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.

I have authored a number of articles that have been published in *The Oregon Defense Attorney*. They include: "The Importance of Investigation," "The Plea," "The State of Public Defense," "Know Thy Legislator," "Mental Illness, My Clients, and Me," and "The Call for Federal Student Loan Repayment Assistance."

8) List community, teaching or civic activities.

Community Activities: Big Brother/Big Sister Program; Legal Tent Volunteer at Southern Oregon Stand Down; High School Regional Mock Trial Competition Judge, Coach, and Regional Coordinator; Phoenix/Talent Little League Baseball Coach; Legal System Trainer at CASA of Jackson County; Kids Unlimited/Rotary Youth Basketball Program Coach.

Professional Affiliations & Offices Held: Oregon Criminal Defense Lawyers Association: Board of Directors 2001-05, Vice-President 2003-04, President, 2004-05, Juvenile Committee 2002-present, Education Committee 2005-present; Oregon Women Lawyers: Board of Directors 1999-2001; State Criminal Justice Advisory Committee 2004-07; Rogue Women Lawyers: Treasurer 2000-present; Medford Rogue Rotary Club member 2006-present; Juvenile Law Advisory Committee member 2006-present; Center for NonProfit Legal Services Board of Directors 2007-present; Oregon State Bar House of Delegates 2007.

Other Activities: National Criminal Defense College Trial Practice Institute Graduate; Chair, Office of Public Defense Services Quality Assurance Task Force Evaluation of the Portland Defense Consortium, July 2005; "Issues in Measure 11 and New Case Law" presentation at Oregon Criminal Defense Lawyers Association Juvenile Law Seminar, April 6, 2002, Newport, Oregon; "Police and the Use of Deadly Force" panelist at Human Rights Coalition Forum, October 24, 2005, Medford, Oregon; Invited Participant, Jackson County Annual Methamphetamine Summit, February 2, 2006, Medford, Oregon; Moderator, Oregon Criminal Defense Lawyers Association Drugs and Searches Seminar, September 30, 2006, Ashland, Oregon; OnTrack Permanency Program Advisory Committee member 2007-present; numerous

sub-committees with the Jackson County Circuit Court, including technology, termination of parental rights settlement conferences, and caseload management.

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.

My areas of practice are criminal defense and juvenile law. I represent indigent clients in adult criminal cases, juvenile delinquency cases, juvenile dependency, and termination of parental rights cases.

10) What percentage of your practice is litigation?

75%. The rest is spent meeting with clients, reviewing discovery, negotiating and conferencing with the district attorney's office, DHS child welfare workers, other attorneys, CASA workers, and related community partners, attending meetings at DHS Child Welfare, conducting home visits where children I represent are residing, etc.

11) Do you regularly appear in court?

Yes. I have a court appearance almost every day.

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

Federal Trial Courts: **None**

Federal Appellate Courts: **None**

State Trial Courts: **100%**

State Appellate Courts: **None**

Administrative Bodies: **None**

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

I have been lead counsel in numerous judge and jury trials in Jackson County where the charges ranged from DUII to murder. I have appeared for plea/sentencing hearings, pre-trial motions, pre-trial conferences, probation violation and show cause hearings, contempt trials, restitution hearings, arraignments, juvenile delinquency and dependency adjudications and dispositions, and termination of parental rights trials. I also tried a criminal fish and wildlife case in Tillamook County.

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.

75+ as either sole or 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.

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, member since 1998, House of Delegates member 2007

Jackson County Bar Association, member since 1998, Executive Committee 2005-present, Secretary 2005, President Elect 2006, President 2007

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 feel that it is important to be a leader in my community and as a judge, I would have an opportunity to have a positive effect on those who appear before me. I would be able to bring my service commitment to Jackson County to a new level by continuing to partner with the agencies and organizations I have been involved with. I enthusiastically support the non-traditional programs that have been established in our courts, such as Adult Drug Court and Community Family Court, and would like to work towards developing other specialty courts in Jackson County, such as those dealing with mental health and domestic violence issues. Most significantly, I believe that I am the right person for the job.

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.

I respect our local court system to a great degree and would help continue to make it work efficiently and effectively. I am known as a team player and have an excellent relationship with the current judges and court staff. I believe that this would allow me to easily transition as a new circuit court judge.

I have the temperament required to be a judge—I am aware that each person in the courtroom has a purpose in being there and that the judge will set the

tone for whatever matters are before the court. A judge must be impartial and listen openly to all parties that appear before him or her. I know that I have the capacity to set aside any personal or public preferences and apply the law as it is written.

It is important that a judge have good organization skills and be able to handle a number of tasks at one time. A judge should be well-acquainted with the latest case and statutory law, the rules of evidence, and the local and state rules of court. In addition, the judge should be familiar with the Code of Judicial Conduct and the Rules of Professional Conduct. In my opinion, the most challenging part of being a judge would be trying to find adequate time and resources to manage the large number of cases that come before you.

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.

I am very proud to represent children in juvenile dependency and termination of parental rights cases. I advocate for their best interests on a daily basis, whether that be in court proceedings, to their biological or foster care parents, to their DHS Child Welfare caseworkers, to their counselors and treatment providers, or to their CASAs. I know at the end of the day I have helped a child in Jackson County find a safe, permanent home, whether that be with his or her biological parents, with relatives, or in regular community foster care.

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

The number of criminal, juvenile delinquency, and juvenile dependency cases that are filed in Jackson County make it difficult for other types of cases (i.e., small claims, domestic relations, civil matters) to be heard in a timely manner. A great majority of these cases are directly linked to the use and abuse of drugs and alcohol. I enthusiastically support the Adult Drug Court and Community Family Court programs because they are focused on long-term, comprehensive measures to reduce addiction, criminal behavior, and the rate of entry into our foster care system. I have an interest in participating in these types of programs and would also like to explore the idea of developing other specialty courts in Jackson County, such as those dealing with mental health and domestic violence issues. I believe that establishing a restitution court would help recoup the thousands of dollars in unpaid fees and fines that Jackson County is forced to absorb each year. I support arbitration and mediation in civil and domestic relations cases and am excited that in January of this year, Jackson County initiated a settlement conference program. I am a member of the sub-committee that designed the format and parameters of the termination of parental rights cases settlement conferences and feel I am well-acquainted with these programs. I would be happy to serve in a mediator capacity as a judge.

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

Dean Margie Paris of the University of Oregon School of Law. Dean Paris was my professor and faculty advisor in law school. I also was one of her research assistants. I can honestly say that I knew I wanted to practice criminal law during my first semester because I loved Dean Paris and her criminal law class! She was and continues to be one of my "legal heroes."

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

I am respected by both the bench and bar in Jackson County. As a public defender, I have gained the admiration and esteem not only of other criminal defense and juvenile attorneys, but of prosecutors as well. My adversaries in the courtroom support me because I am honest, fair, knowledgeable, and objective.

The respect that I have in the legal community of Jackson County is not limited to practitioners of criminal law. It extends to the civil bar. I am known as a tenacious and vigorous advocate for my clients. I am well prepared and professional in the courtroom. At the same time, I listen to the other side and am able to grasp my opponent's perspective and concerns. I believe these skills would serve me well as a judge.

I am the only candidate to be formally endorsed by five sitting judges. My endorsements include Circuit Court Judge Raymond B. White, Circuit Court Judge Lorenzo A. Mejia, Circuit Court Judge Rebecca G. Orf, Circuit Court Judge Patricia Crain, Circuit Court Judge William G. Purdy, Retired Circuit Court Judge Ross G. Davis, OnTrack Inc. Director Rita Sullivan, and Center for Non-Profit Legal Services Director Debra F.J. Lee. I am also supported by many members of the Jackson County District Attorney's Office, including Chief Deputy DA Beth Heckert and Senior Deputy DA Judi Harper, and I have been endorsed by the local chapter of the Fraternal Order of the Police.

My support extends far beyond the reach of the legal system. Many citizens of Jackson County in a variety of professions are behind my campaign. I have earned this wide range of support because of my dedication and hard work to make our community a better place. I was endorsed by both the *Mail Tribune* and *Upper Rogue Independent* newspapers during the 2008 primary election. I also was the overwhelming winner of the Oregon State Bar Judicial preference poll of Jackson County Attorneys in April 2008.