

Oregon State Bar Judicial Voters Guide 2018

1) Full name:

Jim Fun

2) Web site (if applicable):

N/A

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

University of Wyoming (1979-1984) BS

Willamette University College of Law (1984-1987) JD

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

Attorney in private practice civil litigation as an associate attorney for Bruce Mowrey and Associates (1988-1990).

Washington County Deputy District Attorney (1990-2006).

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 Association, admitted in 1988.

Washington State Bar Association admitted in 1989.

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

During my career I have submitted several articles for publication in local bar association newsletters and juvenile court related newsletters regarding professionalism or juvenile court improvement projects.

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

Member of the Planning Committee for the Oregon State Bar's Oregon Trial Advocacy College 2008-2010.

Member of the Oregon State Bar Associations Juvenile Law Section 2009-2013.

Chair of the Board of Directors for the Washington County Affiliate of the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill 2012-2108.

Appointed judicial member of the Oregon State Bar's Professionalism Commission (2016 – current)

Through those foregoing organizations I have spoken on issues of professionalism, juvenile court improvement and mental health courts.

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.

Before my election to the Circuit Court my practice was primarily criminal litigation as a deputy district attorney for Washington County. My responsibilities focused on child abuse and neglect cases in both juvenile and adult criminal court.

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.

Circuit Court Judge since 2006.

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.

In the past five years my judicial work has involved courtroom litigation in juvenile, civil, criminal and family law cases. Currently, I preside over criminal cases, including Washington County's Mental Health Court, and family law cases.

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

N/A

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

N/A

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

My bar association memberships and work has been previously discussed herein.

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

As a deputy district attorney I was a member of the Attorney General's Sexual Assault Task Force, and organized Washington County's Sexual Assault Response Team. Both are multidisciplinary efforts to promote the engagement of medically trained nurses in the law enforcement response to a report of sexual assault.

As a juvenile court judge I participated in the Juvenile Court Law and Education Institute to develop legally compliant juvenile court orders and judgments to promote efficient and thorough juvenile court hearings.

Currently, I am an appointed judicial member of the Oregon State Bar's Professionalism Commission.

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?

My attraction to a judicial career developed from my professional aspiration to continue my legal career in public service while pursuing my

interests in family and civil law. My personal desire to pursue a judicial career was motivated by my hope to inspire attorneys of diverse socio economic backgrounds, ethnicities and values to pursue a career as a judge.

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.

I believe a judge must aspire to serve with integrity and intellectual honesty while pursuing just and fair outcomes. The challenge to meeting that lofty goal is be aware of the effect in implicit biases in judicial decision making. In a broader context, a judge should promote equal access to the judicial system and commit to guaranteeing every party the full and fair opportunity to be heard, which is challenged without sufficient judicial resources.

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.

Every case regardless of the size or nature of claim, or degree of criminal punishment, deserves my full attention and skill as a judge. If in the last trial or hearing I presided over, I followed the letter and spirit of the law; objectively evaluated the evidence; treated the attorneys, parties, and witnesses with dignity and respect; and allowed the parties to be meaningfully heard, then that is the case I am most proud of – regardless of the type or amount of claim.

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.

The criminal justice system should pursue expanded use of treatment courts. The success of multidisciplinary professional teams to achieve more effective outcomes for defendants with an addiction or mental illness is both practical and well established.

The justice system should promote alternative dispute resolution alternatives that are both judicial and non-judicial for family and civil law cases. There are instances when litigation of claims or disputes is not cost effective or productive.

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

The legal figures I admire most are too numerous to name. They are the Oregon attorneys and judges that inspire and motivate me to be a better

judge. They include the attorneys who represent children and parents in family law cases pro bono. They include the past winners of the Oregon State Bar's Professionalism Award who have tirelessly worked to make the justice system more diverse, accessible and just. They are the trial attorneys who exhibit the highest level of preparation, skill and professionalism in advocating for their clients. They are my colleagues whose legal skill and knowledge I aspire to emulate.

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

N/A