

**Oregon State Bar Judicial Voters Guide 2024**

**Judicial Candidate Questionnaire (J)**

1) Full name:

**Michael J. Riedel**

2) Campaign web site (if applicable):

**N/A**

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

**Northern Illinois University School of Law, J.D., Cum Laude, 2003**

**Western Illinois University, B.S., Summa Cum Laude, 2000**

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

**(2022 to Present) Circuit Judge Pro Tem/Hearings Referee - Full Time, Multnomah County Circuit Court**

**(2013-2022) Family Law Attorney**

**(2006-2013) Deputy District Attorney - Multnomah County District Attorney's Office**

**(2003-2005) Prosecutor - Winnebago County State's Attorney's Office (Illinois)**

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 Bar Member, admitted 2006**

**Illinois Bar Member, admitted 2003**

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

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

- **Prior Volunteer Attorney – Multnomah County Children’s Representation Project**
- **Multnomah County Bar Association Member**
- **Oregon Judges Association Member**
- **Prior Member Gus Solomon Inn of Court**
- **Prior service on various local government and school committees**
- **Prior Youth Girls Club Softball Coach**
- **High School baseball umpire**

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.

**Criminal Law and Family Law**

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.

**Currently serving Full-Time as a Circuit Judge Pro Tem/Hearings Referee for Multnomah County Circuit Court since 2022**

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.

**Presided over several high-volume courtrooms including Criminal Arraignments, Domestic Violence related criminal matters, DUII Diversion, Landlord/Tenant Court, Civil Commitments, Small Claims, Traffic, Stalking, and assisted Family Law Department with Restraining Order matters**

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.

**Multnomah County Bar Association Member**

**Oregon Judges Association Member**

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

**N/A**

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?

**The importance of service to others was ingrained in me from a young age. It's the type of work I am deeply passionate about. I was honored to serve the community as a Deputy District Attorney for years and humbled to return to public service as a Circuit Judge Pro Tem in 2022. With my professional experience and personal background, a career in judicial service is a way I can use my skill set to give back to the community.**

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.

**The role of a judge is to serve the community by ensuring access to justice and conducting fair and impartial proceedings consistent with the law and unique facts of each matter. Important qualities include impartiality, being a good listener, humility, respectfulness, patience, and empathy.**

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.

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.

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

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