

BALDWIN COUNTY JUDICIAL COMMISSION
QUESTIONNAIRE FOR PROSPECTIVE NOMINEES

In answering these questions, please use letter size paper. Do not repeat the questions. Simply be sure that the numbers and sub-paragraph letters on your submission are in the proper order. You should not draw any inference from questions asked or presume that a particular response or lack of response will affect the consideration of you either positively or negatively. You are to supply a copy of your answers and **a signed copy of waiver on page 6** to any one of members of the Baldwin County Judicial Commission by July 24, 2006, 4:00 p.m.. **Late submissions will not be accepted.**

1. Full name.
2. Office and home address, zip codes, telephone numbers and fax numbers.
(Names of law firm, if associated.)
3. Date and place of birth.
4. State whether you are single, married widowed, or divorced. If married, state the date of marriage and your spouse's full name.
5. If discharged from the military service, state character of discharge.
6. List each college and law school you attended, including dates of attendance, the degrees awarded and if you left any institution without receiving a degree, the reason for leaving.
 - (a) College – major academic achievements and other significant activities;
 - (b) Law School – major academic and other activities (e.g., Coif, Law Review, Moot Court, etc.).
7. List all courts in which you have been admitted to practice, with dates of admission. Give the same information for administrative bodies which require special admission to practice.
8. Describe your legal and other experience since your graduation from law school.
9. (a) If you have practiced law, what was or has been the general character of your practice, dividing it into periods with dates if its character has changed over the years?
 - (b) Describe your typical clients, or former clients, and mention the areas, if any, in which you have specialized.

10. With respect to the last five years (or the last five years in which you have practiced law):
- (a) Did you appear in court regularly, occasionally or not at all? If the frequency of your appearances in court has varied during this period, describe each such variance, giving the dates thereof.
 - (b) What percentage of your litigation was:
 - (1) Civil.
 - (2) Criminal.

11. Experience with litigation.

(a) Describe one or more of the most significant litigated matters which you personally handled, in either trial or appellate court, and give the citations if the cases were reported. Give a capsule summary of the substance of each case, and a succinct statement of what you believe to be the particular significance of the case. Describe in detail the nature of your participation in the litigation and the final disposition of the case. Also, state as to each case, the dates of the litigation, the name of the court(s) and the judge(s) by whom the case was heard and decided.

(b) In addition to the appellate litigation that may be described in your response to the preceding inquiry, list other appeals (not to exceed ten) which you personally have handled, giving the name of the case, the court, the date of decision, and the citation if reported. As to each, indicate whether you wrote the brief or presented oral argument. If you desire, a copy of the brief can be submitted.

12. Experience in judicial office.

Have you ever held judicial office? (If not, omit remainder of question 12) If so, give dates and details including the courts involved, whether elected or appointed, periods of service and a description of the jurisdiction of each of such courts with any limitations upon the jurisdiction of each court.

- (a) As a judge have you participated in any proceeding in which you had a stock or other financial interest in one of the parties or in the matter in controversy? If so, give particulars.
- (b) Was there a rule or custom in your court as to judges sitting on such cases? If so, state the rule or custom and whether or not you have complied with it?

- (c) Have you, as a judge, to the best of your knowledge and belief complied with applicable statutes and Canons of the American Bar Association relative to such matters as were in force and applicable at the time? If not, give particulars.
 - (d) While a judge, have you ever received compensation from outside sources for services rendered (other than fees or expenses for lectures or teaching)? If so, give particulars.
 - (e) Describe one or more of the most significant opinions you have written, or attach copies of them to your answers. Give the citations if the opinions were reported, as well as citations to any appellate review of such opinions.
13. Have you ever held public office other than judicial office? If so, give details, including the office involved, whether elected or appointed, and the length of your service, giving dates.
14. Have you ever been engaged in any occupation, business or profession other than the practice of law, law teaching, or holding judicial or other public office? If so give details, including dates.
15. (a) Are you now an officer or director or otherwise involved in the management of any business enterprise?
- (b) If so, give details, including the name of the enterprise, the nature of the business, the title or other description of your position, the nature of your duties, and the term of your service.
16. Have you ever been arrested, charged, or held by federal, state, or other law enforcement authorities for violation of any federal law or regulation, state law or regulation, county or municipal law, regulation or ordinance? If so, give details. Do not include traffic violations for which a fine or costs of \$100.00 or less was imposed.
17. Have you, to your knowledge, ever been under federal, state, or local investigation for possible violation of a criminal statute? If so, give particulars.
18. Has a tax lien or other collection procedure ever been instituted against you by Federal, state, or local authorities? If so, give particulars.
19. Have you or anyone acting for you ever paid a sum of money to one of your clients in response to a claim by the client for negligence or other malpractice (other than refund a fee)? If so, give particulars.

20. Have you ever been a party to any other legal proceedings in which injunctive relief, damages, or any other judicial action was taken against you?
21. (a) Have you ever filed an action in bankruptcy?
(b) If so, give date, court, and details.
22. (a) List all liabilities which exceed \$500.00 that are past due.
(b) Give the name of each creditor and the amount of each such past-due account.
(c) State the amounts of all demand notes upon which you are obligated.
- In lieu of this information, a financial statement may be submitted.
23. Have you ever been disciplined or found guilty for a breach of ethics or unprofessional conduct by any court, administrative agency, bar association, disciplinary committee, or other professional group? If so, give the particulars.
24. (a) What is the present state of your health?
(b) Do you suffer from any impairment of eyesight or hearing or any other physical handicap? If so, give details.
(d) Are you currently under treatment for an illness or physical condition? If so, give details.
(e) Have you ever been treated for or had any problem with alcoholism or any related condition associated with consumption of alcoholic beverages or any other form of drug addiction or dependency? If so, give details.
(f) Have you ever been treated for or suffered from any form of mental illness? If so, give details.
25. If you have writings such as law reviews, legal periodicals, or other documents which you desire to have the Commission consider, attach them to your application.
26. List all bar associations and professional organizations of which you are a member and give the titles and dates of any offices which you have held in such groups. List also chairmanships of any committees in bar associations and professional societies, and memberships on any committees which you believe to be of particular significance in relation to legal ability and interests and qualifications for judicial office.

27. List any honors, prizes, awards or other forms of recognition which you have received (including any indication of academic distinction in college or law school) other than those mentioned in answers to the foregoing questions.

State any other information which may reflect positively or adversely on you, or which you believe should be disclosed in connection with consideration of you for nomination for a judgeship.

PLEASE EXECUTE CERTIFICATE ON NEXT PAGE

EXECUTE THE FOLLOWING CERTIFICATE AND
ATTACH IT TO YOUR SUBMISSION:

I hereby waive any privilege of confidentiality, right of privacy, or right of non-disclosure which I may have concerning any information which the Commission may desire to obtain from any source, including any federal, state or local government entity or agency concerning my qualifications for judicial office. I specifically authorize any federal, state, or local government entity or agency to make available any records requested by the Commission. I understand that this waiver operates as a waiver of any rights or remedies I may have pursuant to the Privacy Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552a et seq. I also authorize all institutions, organizations, banks, savings and loan associations, credit unions, schools, physicians, hospitals, credit reporting agencies, and individuals, to make available to the Commission any information concerning me which the Commission may request.

Signature

Typed Name

Date