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**APPLICATION FOR JUDGESHIP**

**Instructions**

Thank you for expressing an interest in serving Wisconsin. To apply for a judgeship, please submit the following: 1) a completed application, 2) a resume not exceeding two pages in length, 3) a cover letter, 4) a list of three to four references with contact information, and 5) two writing samples.

**When filling out this application please use additional pages as necessary to provide full and complete answers to every question.**

Letters of recommendation are encouraged, and may be sent via email to [judicialappointments@wisconsin.gov](mailto:judicialappointments@wisconsin.gov), or via mail to Office of Governor Scott Walker, Attn: Chief Legal Counsel, 115 East State Capitol, Madison, WI 53702. Recommendation letters will be accepted and considered after the application deadline has passed. Please note SCR 66.06(5), which provides that an applicant "shall not knowingly personally solicit or accept endorsements from parties who have a case pending before the court to which election or appointment is sought." You may wish to also review the provisions of SCR Chapter 60 that apply to someone seeking a judgeship appointment.

To apply, please email your materials with the county or circuit you are applying for in the subject line to [judicialappointments@wisconsin.gov](mailto:judicialappointments@wisconsin.gov). Please note that the last page must be printed, signed, scanned, and attached to the application. If you are unable to scan, you may fax the last page to the number below. All application materials (the application, cover letter, resume, reference list, and writing samples) must be attached to the email, preferably as PDFs. All components of the application must be received by 5:00 P.M. CST on the date applications are due.

Following submission of your application, you will receive an email confirming receipt of your application and explaining the next steps in the process. If you have any questions, you may email [judicialappointments@wisconsin.gov](mailto:judicialappointments@wisconsin.gov). If you need to speak with someone immediately, please call (608) 266-1212 and ask to speak with Brian Hagedorn.

Upon request, this document can be made available in alternate formats to individuals with disabilities.

**APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE COURT**

(Please attach additional pages as needed to fully respond to questions)

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**WISCONSIN BAR NO.:** \_\_\_\_\_

**I. GENERAL:**

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Date admitted to practice law in Wisconsin: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Date admitted to practice law in other states: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Current employer and title: \_\_\_\_\_
5. Work address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_
6. Residential Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_  
Length of time at this residence: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_
7. List all previous residences for the past ten years
8. Place of birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

9. Are you a registered voter at your current address? Yes No

10. Wisconsin driver's license number: \_\_\_\_\_

11. Marital status:

If married: Spouse's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of marriage: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

If ever divorced, please provide all former spouses' names and current addresses, the dates and places of divorce, and the court and case numbers for the divorces.

12. List any children (including stepchildren).

<i>Name</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Occupation</i>	<i>Residential address</i>

13. Answer yes or no to the following questions. Attach a separate page explaining any affirmative answers.

a) Yes No Do you currently have a physical or mental impairment that in any way limits your ability or fitness to properly exercise your duties as a member of the Judiciary in a competent and professional manner?

b) Yes No In the past ten years, have you unlawfully used controlled substances as defined by federal or state laws? Unlawful use includes the use of one or more drugs and/or the unlawful possession or distribution of drugs. It does not include the use of drugs that were prescribed to you and

taken under lawful supervision of a licensed health care professional.

- c) Yes No Since leaving high school, have you, for other than academic reasons, ever been denied enrollment, disciplined, denied course credit, suspended, expelled, or requested to terminate your enrollment by any college, university, law school, or other educational institution?
- d) Yes No Have you failed to meet any deadline imposed by court order or received notice that you have not complied with substantive requirements of any contractual arrangement?
- e) Yes No Have you ever been held in contempt or otherwise formally reprimanded or sanctioned by a tribunal before which you have appeared?
- f) Yes No Are you delinquent in your mandatory continuing legal education?
- g) Yes No Have you ever been a party to a lawsuit either as a plaintiff or as a defendant? If yes, please supply the jurisdiction and/or county, case number, nature of lawsuit, whether you were the plaintiff or defendant, and disposition of each lawsuit.
- h) Yes No Has there ever been a formal complaint filed against you, a finding of probable cause, citation, or conviction issued against you, or are you presently under investigation by the Wisconsin Judicial Commission, the Supreme Court of Wisconsin, the Office of Lawyer Regulation, or any other state or federal equivalent, or any court, administrative agency, bar association, or other professional group, in any jurisdiction?
- i) Yes No If you are a quasi-judicial officer, have you ever been disciplined or reprimanded by a sitting judge?
- j) Yes No In the past five years, have you ever been cited for a municipal or traffic violation, excluding parking tickets?
- k) Yes No Have you ever failed to timely file your federal or state income tax returns?
- l) Yes No Have you ever paid a tax penalty?
- m) Yes No Has a tax lien ever been filed against you?
- n) Yes No Have you ever filed a personal petition in bankruptcy or has a petition in bankruptcy been filed against you?

- o) Yes No Have you ever owned more than ten percent of the issued and outstanding shares, or acted as an officer or director, of any corporation by which or against which a petition in bankruptcy has been filed?

## II. EDUCATION:

14. List secondary schools, colleges, law schools, and any other professional schools attended.

<i>School</i>	<i>Dates Attended</i>	<i>Degree(s) Earned and GPA</i>

List and describe academic scholarships, awards, honor societies, and extracurricular involvement. Note any leadership positions.

## III. MILITARY EXPERIENCE:

15. List all military service (including Reserves and National Guard).

<i>Service</i>	<i>Branch</i>	<i>Highest Rank</i>	<i>Dates</i>

Rank at time of discharge:

Type of discharge:

List any awards or honors earned during your service. Also list any citations or charges pursued against you under the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

**IV. PROFESSIONAL ADMISSIONS:**

16. List all courts (including state bar admissions) and administrative bodies having special admission requirements to which you have ever been admitted to practice, giving the dates of admission, and, if applicable, state whether you have ever been suspended or have resigned.

<i>Court or Administrative Body</i>	<i>Date of Admission</i>

**V. NON-LEGAL EMPLOYMENT:**

17. List all previous full-time non-legal jobs or positions held in the past eight years.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Employer</i>	<i>Address</i>

**VI. LEGAL EMPLOYMENT:**

(If you are a sitting judge, answer questions 18–23 with reference to before you became a judge.)

18. State the names, dates, and addresses of all legal employment, including law school and volunteer work.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Employer</i>	<i>Address</i>

19. Describe your legal experience as an advocate in criminal litigation, civil litigation, and administrative proceedings.

20. What percentage of your legal career has been in:

Court		Area of Practice	
Federal appellate:	_____ %	Civil:	_____ %
Federal trial:	_____ %	Criminal:	_____ %
Federal other:	_____ %	Family:	_____ %
State appellate:	_____ %	Probate:	_____ %
State trial:	_____ %	Other:	_____ %
State administrative:	_____ %		
State other:	_____ %		
TOTAL	<u>100</u> %		<u>100</u> %

21. In your career, how many cases have you tried that resulted in a verdict or judgment?

Jury: \_\_\_\_\_ Non-jury: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Arbitration: \_\_\_\_\_ Administrative bodies: \_\_\_\_\_

22. How many cases have you litigated on appeal? Please provide case names and case numbers. If you have litigated less than twenty cases, please describe the nature of each case, your involvement, and each case's disposition.

23. List and describe the two most significant cases in which you were involved; give the case number and citation to reported decisions, if any. Describe the nature of your participation in the case and the reason you believe it to be significant.

**VII. PRIOR JUDICIAL EXPERIENCE:**

24. Have you ever held judicial or quasi-judicial office? If so, state the court(s) involved and the dates of service.

<i>Dates</i>	<i>Name of Agency/Court</i>	<i>Position Held</i>

- A. List the names, phone numbers, and addresses of two attorneys who appeared before you on matters of substance.
- B. Describe the approximate number and nature of cases you have heard during your judicial or quasi-judicial tenure.



- C. Describe the two most significant cases you have heard as a judicial officer. Identify the parties, describe the cases, and explain why you believe them to be significant. Provide the trial dates and names of attorneys involved, if possible.

**VIII. PREVIOUS PARTISAN OR NON-PARTISAN POLITICAL INVOLVEMENT:**

- 25. Please list all instances in which you ran for elective office. For each instance, list the date of the election (include both primary and general election), the office that you sought, and the outcome of the election. Include your percentage of the vote.
- 26. Have you ever held a position or played a role in a judicial, non-partisan, or partisan political campaign, committee, or organization? If so, please describe your involvement.
- 27. Please list all judicial or non-partisan candidates that you have publically endorsed in the last six years.

**IX. HONORS, PUBLICATIONS, AND PROFESSIONAL AND OTHER ACTIVITIES:**

- 28. List any published books or articles, giving citations and dates.
- 29. List any honors, prizes, or awards you have received, giving dates.

30. List all bar associations and professional societies of which you are a member; give the titles and dates of any office that you may have held in such groups and committees to which you belong or have belonged.
31. Describe any additional involvement in professional or civic organizations, volunteer activities, service in a church or synagogue, or any other activities or hobbies that could be relevant or helpful to consideration of your application.
32. Describe any significant pro bono legal work you have performed in the last five years.
33. Describe any courses on law that you have taught or lectures you have given at bar association conferences, law school forums, or continuing legal education programs.
34. Describe any other speeches or lectures you have given.

**X. FINANCIAL INVOLVEMENT:**

35. If you or your spouse are now an officer, director, or otherwise engaged in the management of any business enterprise, state the name of such enterprise, the nature of the business, the nature of your duties, and you or your spouse's intended involvement upon your appointment or election to judicial office.

36. Describe any business or profession other than the practice of law that you have been engaged in since being admitted to the Bar.

37. Describe any fees or compensation of any kind, other than for legal services rendered, from any business enterprise, institution, organization, or association of any kind that you have received during the past five years.

**XI. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

38. Explain in one page or less why you want to become a judge/justice.

39. In one page or less, name one of the best United States or Wisconsin Supreme Court opinions in the last thirty years and explain why you feel that way.

40. In one page or less, name one of the worst United States or Wisconsin Supreme Court opinions in the last thirty years and explain why you feel that way.

41. In one page or less, describe your judicial philosophy.

42. If you have previously submitted a questionnaire or application to this or any other judicial nominating commission, please give the name of the commission and the approximate date of submission.

43. Describe any other information you feel would be helpful to your application.

**WAIVER AND AUTHORIZATION:**

I hereby authorize any person acting on behalf of the Governor or his staff to seek information related to my interest in appointment as judge. I further authorize any recipient of a request for information from the Governor or his staff to provide such information for consideration of my application.

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(Date)

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(Signature of Applicant)

**NOTICE OF DISCLOSURE:**

I acknowledge and understand that this application and supporting materials, when submitted to the Governor of Wisconsin, generally becomes public record. I therefore understand that this means my name, the fact that I have applied to be appointed as a judge, and my application materials could be released to the public.

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_____ (Date)	_____ (Signature of Applicant)
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Please note that under certain, limited circumstances, applications for appointed positions may be exempt from disclosure under the public records law. If you wish your application to remain confidential to the extent allowed by law, please send a request to that effect in writing along with your application.

Such a request does not ensure that your application will remain confidential. In general, you should expect that all materials submitted will be disclosed. But the Governor's Office will honor such a confidentiality request to the extent the law allows. A request for confidentiality will not adversely affect your application for appointment.