



JUDICIAL CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

The Jefferson County Judicial Commission makes nominations to the Governor to fill vacancies for the unexpired terms for District and Circuit Judges in Jefferson County for the Birmingham Division. The Governor has requested that the Judicial Commission use a questionnaire with the questions below to screen candidates. This questionnaire also includes questions from the Jefferson County Judicial Commission. Your response to this questionnaire is one element of the application process. Other required materials are noted at end of this document. Please type your responses using letter-sized paper. Please be sure that the numbers and sub-paragraph letters on your responses are in proper order. The applicant should not draw any inferences from the questions asked or presume that a particular response or lack of response will affect the consideration of the applicant either positively or negatively. *You may use additional sheets of paper where necessary to complete the application below.*

1. Full name
2. Office and home address, zip codes, telephone numbers including office, home and cellphones. (Name of law firm, if associated)
3. Date and place of birth
4. State whether you are single, married, widowed, or divorced. If married, please 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 that 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 area, 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
- c) What percentage of your appearance in the last five years was in:
- 1) Federal courts (list each court)
 - 2) State Court (list all courts)
- d) What percentage of your trials in the last five years was:
- 1) Jury?
 - 2) Non-jury?
- e) State the approximate number of cases you have tried to conclusion in courts of record during each of the last five years, indicating whether you were solo, associate or chief counsel.
11. Experience with litigation:
- a) Describe five of the most significant litigated matters that 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 judge(s) by whom the case was heard and decided, provide the name, and telephone number of co-counsel and opposing counsel in each case.
- 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) that 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 briefs may be submitted.
12. a) 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 court with any limitations upon the jurisdiction of each court.

- b) 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.
- c) 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?
- d) 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.
- e) 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.
- f) 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, instruction of law, 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. Have you ever filed an action in bankruptcy? If so, give date, court, and details.
22. Have you ever been disciplined or found guilty for a breach of ethics of unprofessional conduct by any court, administrative agency, bar association, disciplinary committee, or other professional group? If so, give the particulars.
23. 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.
24. 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.
25. 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.
26. 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.
27. The Governor's Ethics Order prohibits the appointment by the Governor of any person to fill a judicial vacancy:
 - (a) who has made a contribution to, or expenditure on behalf of, the Governor or the Governor's campaign committee at any time after the vacancy occurs; or
 - (b) who has made a contribution to, or expenditure on behalf of, the Governor or the Governor's campaign committee within the 30 days preceding the vacancy, unless such person requests and is granted a refund of such contributions or reimbursement of such expenditure.
 - (c) Have you made a contribution or expenditure as described in 27(a) above?
 - (d) Have you made a contribution or expenditure as described in 27(b) above?
28. If you answered yes to 27(a), have you been granted a refund or reimbursement?

THIS PAGE MUST BE SIGNED, DATED AND RETURNED WITH QUESTIONNAIRE.

I hereby waive any privilege of confidentiality I have concerning information which the Governor's Office may desire to obtain from any source concerning my qualifications for judicial office. I specifically authorize all institutions, organizations, schools, credit reporting agencies, and individuals to make available to the Jefferson County Judicial Commission any information concerning me which may be requested.

Signature

Typed Name

Date

Application Process and Deadline Date:

The following materials must be completed and scanned in a single "PDF" document: the responses to the questionnaire, the above waiver, the separate Jefferson County Judicial Commission Waiver, your resume, and your cover letter. The accompanying most significant writing samples must be scanned in a separate "PDF" document. The complete application with attachments must be delivered using electronic mail to:

jeffcojudicialcommission@gmail.com

The subject line of the must be: **ATTN: Judicial Commission.**

Deadline for receipt of all materials at the e-mail address above is **Tuesday, March 20, 2018, at 4:00 PM Central Time.**

*****No telephone calls please*****