**INSTRUCTIONS FOR JUDICIAL APPOINTMENTS**

**(Updated April 2023)**

Thank you for submitting your judicial interest form to the Office of the Governor. The Governor encourages applications from lawyers with a wide variety of backgrounds and experiences.

The purpose of this form is to assist the Governor and her staff in evaluating the qualifications of applicants for judicial appointments. Submission of an incomplete or inaccurate form may result in your disqualification for consideration of appointment.

If you have a recently prepared resume or biography, you may attach it to this form along with other material you believe would be helpful. The Governor’s office will only accept three support/recommendation letters for each candidate – whether submitted by the applicant or directly from the supporter.

A completed and signed interest form and any supplemental materials should be **emailed** (no mail or hand delivery) to Shevaun Gutridge @ [shevaun.gutridge@oregon.gov](mailto:shevaun.gutridge@oregon.gov)

The completed form and any supporting material must be received by 5:00 p.m. on the closing date to be considered received by the deadline.

Inquiries about the application process should be directed to Shevaun Gutridge at (503) 378-6246.

**INTEREST FORM FOR**

**JUDICIAL APPOINTMENTS**

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| Position for which you are applying: |  |

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| NAME |  | | | | | | | |
|  | (Type or print last name, first name, and middle initial) | | | | | | | |
| Oregon Bar #: |  | |  | | |  | | |
| Home Address: |  | | | | | | | |
|  | Street City State Zip County | | | | | | | |
|  | How long have you lived at your current address?        Years       Months | | |  | | | |  |
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| Name of Employer or Business: |  | | | | | | | |
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| Work Address: |  | | | | | | | |
|  | Street City State Zip County | | | | | | | |
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| Home Phone: |  | Work Phone: | | |  | | | |
| Email Address: |  | Other Phone: | | |  | | | |
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| Cell Phone: |  | Spouse’s/Partner’s Name (optional) and cell phone number: | | | | |  | |

To assist in meeting affirmative action objectives, you are asked to provide information about your gender and background. This information is optional. Under state and federal law, this information may not be used to discriminate against you.

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| Gender: |  | Racial/Ethnic Background |  |
| Name of your State Representative: | |  | |
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| Name of your State Senator: | |  | |

**EDUCATION/MILITARY SERVICE**

1. List all educational institutions you have attended, including high school:

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| Dates | School/Contact Info | Location | Major/Degree |
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2. Describe any current or prior military service and the type of discharge:

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**EMPLOYMENT**

1. List all employment since your graduation from law school. If relevant, include professional employment before or during law school:

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| Dates | Employer | Address & Contact | Position/Supervisor/Phone |
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| c) |  |  |  |
| d) |  |  |  |
| e) |  |  |  |
| f) |  |  |  |

2. List the bars to which you are admitted and the dates of your admission:

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| Date of Admission | Bar |
| 1) |  |
| 2) |  |
| 3) |  |

3. List any position in which you are currently serving as an elected or appointed position, at local, state, and federal levels:

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**LITIGATION AND APPELLATE PRACTICE**

1. Describe the general character of your practice:

2. Do you regularly appear in trial level courts?

3. Which court(s) do you most regularly appear in?

4. What percentage of your litigation practice in the past five years was:

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| Civil | % |
| Criminal | % |
| Domestic Relations | % |
| Administrative | % |

5. What percentage of your litigation practice in the past five years was:

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| Federal Court | % |
| State Court | % |
| Administrative Bodies | % |

6. State the approximate number of cases tried to conclusion in courts of record in the following categories:

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| In the past five years: | | | In your legal career: | | |
|  |  | Civil |  |  | Civil |
|  |  | Criminal  \_\_ Adult  \_\_ Juvenile |  |  | Criminal  \_\_ Adult  \_\_ Juvenile |
|  |  | Domestic Relations |  |  | Domestic Relations |
|  |  | Jury Trial |  |  | Jury Trial |
|  |  | Trial to the Court |  |  | Trial to the Court |

7. State the approximate number of matters arbitrated or argued before an administrative body:

In the past five years: In your legal career:

      Arbitration       Arbitration

      Administrative Hearings       Administrative Hearings

8a. If you have tried cases in the past five years, list the names of the attorneys against whom the case(s) were tried along with current contact information for each attorney. Include the nature of the case and approximate date of trial. Indicate whether you were sole counsel, associate counsel or chief counsel. Provide the names of judges of whom you tried your cases before. Provide the citation for any reported cases:

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| 2) |
| 3) |
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| 6) |

8b. If you have not tried any cases in the past five years, please describe any prior experience handing trials and describe how your past five years of experience is relevant to the position of a circuit court judge:

9. Do you regularly appear in appellate level courts?

*If you have a substantial appellate practice, please answer questions 10-14. Otherwise skip to question 15.*

10. What percentage of your appellate practice in the past five years was:

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| Civil | % |
| Criminal | % |
| Domestic Relations | % |
| Administrative | % |

11. What percentage of your appellate practice in the past five years was:

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| Oregon Court of Appeals | % |
| Oregon Supreme Court | % |
| Federal Appellate Courts | % |

12. State the approximate number of appeals handled in the following categories:

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| In the past five years: | | | In your legal career: | | |
|  |  | Civil |  |  | Civil |
|  |  | Criminal |  |  | Criminal |
|  |  | Domestic Relations |  |  | Domestic Relations |

13. State the approximate number of appeals resolved through dispute resolution:

In the past five years: In your legal career:

14. Please list the names of the attorneys against whom you have handled appeals for the past 5 years along with current contact information for each attorney:

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15. List arbitrators, mediators, or administrative law judges whom you have appeared before in the past five years. Include the dates and nature of the matters and current contact information for each arbitrator, mediator or officer:

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16. List five attorneys with whom you have resolved a lawsuit through dispute resolution (mediation, arbitration, informal settlement discussions) in the past two years. Include the nature of the case and approximate date of conclusion and current contact information for each attorney:

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| 5) |

17. List any prior judicial experience in any courts and the approximate dates (i.e., judge, pro-tem judge, arbitrator, or administrative law judges, court appointed mediator). Include the names and current contact information of your supervisors for each of these positions:

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18. If applicable, state the percentage of your judicial or quasi-judicial experience in the following fields:

Civil      % Criminal      %

Domestic Relations      % Administrative      %

**PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES**

1. List any publications you have authored and honors or awards you have received including academic honors if you believe they are relevant. Please provide dates:

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2. Describe your civic and community activities, including work on bar committees, major pro bono activities, volunteer positions, and other public service, along with dates:

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3. List all memberships in clubs, associations, or organizations:

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| Name | Nature of Business/Contact Information | Your Position |
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4. List all organizations or enterprises of which you are presently an officer, director, partner, owner, shareholder, or manager. Indicate the nature of the business, your position or relationship with the organization or enterprise, and whether you intend to resign (or dispose of your interest, if you are an owner or shareholder) if appointed to the bench:

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| Name | Nature of Business/Contact Information | Your position | Will you resign |
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5. List the names, addresses and telephone numbers of five people who may be contacted as references:

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| Name/Nature of Relationship | Address | Telephone |
| 1) |  |  |
| 2) |  |  |
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**I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the State of Oregon. I have reviewed the statutory requirements for the judicial position for which I am applying, and certify that I meet the residency and all other qualifications for this judicial position. If selected by the Governor for this position, I will accept appointment. If appointed, I pledge my best efforts to resolve, before assumption of office, any conflicts of interest that would be inconsistent with my responsibilities in this position. The information provided in this application is accurate and complete.**

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| Signature: |  | Date: |  |

**The following information is not required by law and will be deemed to have been submitted to** **the Governor in confidence. Accordingly, this information will not be made available to public inspection pursuant to ORS 192.355(4) and will not be released to local or specialty bars who request copies of candidates’ interest forms.**

If your answer to any of the following questions is “yes,” give full details on a separate sheet of paper.

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|  | (a) | Have you ever been a defendant in a civil action? Do not include cases in which you were included as a nominal defendant with no potential liability, such as mandamus actions………………………...……………………………. | Yes No |
|  | (b) | Have you ever filed for bankruptcy? ……………………… | Yes No |
|  | (c) | Have you ever been convicted of or have you pleaded guilty or no contest to any crime or violation? (Do not include minor traffic offenses resulting in fines of less than $500)……….....…… | Yes No |
|  | (d) | Have you ever been subject to a civil compromise, deferred prosecution, diversion, or deferred adjudication agreement? | Yes No |
|  | (e) | Have you ever been the subject of a law enforcement investigation regardless of the outcome? ……..…………… | Yes No |
|  | (f) | Have you ever been the subject of any professional disciplinary complaint or had any professional license or permit revoked or restricted regardless of the outcome?.. | Yes No |
|  | (g) | Have you ever been terminated from a job, resigned while an investigation was pending, or resigned in lieu of termination?…………………………….……..…………… | Yes No |
|  | (h) | Have you ever been discharged, sanctioned or investigated by an educational institution or employer for conduct involving dishonest, deceit, or misrepresentation? .……… | Yes No |
|  | (i) | Within the past five years, have you been hospitalized or incapacitated for a period of more than ten days for any reason?………………………………….……..…………… | Yes No |
|  | (j) | Are you subject to any condition or handicap that might substantially impair your ability to hold judicial office?….. | Yes No |

**Personal Inquiry Waiver And Release Form**

**The Governor’s Office and the Department of Oregon State Police may decide to conduct an in-depth background investigation about judicial candidates. This waiver and release form authorizes the release to the Governor’s Office and to the Department of Oregon State Police all information regarding my past employment, educational information, credit information, and character information, whether same is of record or not, and release your organization and all persons whomsoever, from any charge because of furnishing said information. Provide the following information and sign below to permit the investigation to be conducted.**

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| Name: |  |
| Home Address: |  |
| Oregon Bar No.: |  |
| Driver License No.: |  |
| Social Security No.: |  |
| Date of Birth: |  |
| Place of Birth: |  |
| Other Names Used (maiden, former, etc.) |  |
| Any other State of Residence: |  |
| Have you ever lived outside of the United States for a period of 3 months or more? If so, indicate each country and dates of residency. |  |

I hereby authorize the Department of State Police and the Governor’s Office to conduct an in-depth background investigation and to obtain any and all records pertaining to me including but not limited to records on file Department of Revenue, the Motor Vehicles Division, law enforcement agencies, the Oregon State Bar, credit references or bureaus, and past and present employers, employees, business associates, and acquaintances.

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| Signature: |  | Date: |  |