

**UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE EIGHTH CIRCUIT**

**APPLICATION FOR
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGESHIP
WITH DUTY STATION AT DETROIT, MICHIGAN**

Instructional Note: Please answer all questions. Use single-space typing. A total of 16 copies of the application must be submitted. Please do not bind applications; use paper clips or binder clips. Applicants may attach an optional résumé. If you need additional space, use a separate sheet of paper and list the item number.

GENERAL

- 1. Full name and social security number; all other names by which you have been known.**

- 2. Present occupation and title.**

- 3. Office address, telephone and fax numbers with area code. (If more than one office is maintained, list all addresses and state the circumstances.)**

- 4. Home address, telephone, cell, and fax numbers with area codes. (If more than one home is maintained, list all addresses and state the circumstances.)**

10. Military Service.

- (a) If you served in the military, give dates, branch of service, rank, serial number, and present status. If discharged, state character of discharge.**

- (b) If still a reserve or national guard member, please give service, branch unit and present rank.**

11. Are you related by blood or marriage to a judge of the Eighth or Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals, to a member of the Eighth or Sixth Circuit Judicial Council, or to a judge of the district courts to be served? If yes, give their names and the relationship.

Health Note: The applicant agrees that the Intercircuit Selection Committee or the Merit Selection Panel may request medical information, and the applicant agrees to submit such information upon request. See also the confidentiality statement at the end of this form.

12. What is the present state of your health?

13. Do you have any impairment of eyesight or hearing not corrected by corrective lenses or hearing aid, or other physical handicap or disease? If yes, please specify.

14. Have you had any hospital confinement or incapacitation in excess of ten days due to mental illness or serious physical illness or injury during the past ten years? If yes, explain and identify your attending physician, the names of any hospital or other institution to which you were admitted and the date(s) of your hospitalization or incapacitation.

15. Are you presently receiving treatment for a physical or mental illness or condition or for problems related to the consumption of alcohol or drug dependency? If yes, please give details.

16. What was the date of your most recent general physical examination?

EDUCATION

17. List each college, university and law school you attended, including dates of attendance, the degree awarded, and if you left any institution without receiving a degree, the reason for leaving. Include the following:

(a) College - major academic achievements and other significant activities.

(b) Law School - major academic achievements and other significant activities.

(c) If you published any legal books or articles, please list them, giving citation and dates.

(d) List any honors, prizes or awards you have received.

- (e) List the continuing legal education (CLE) courses or seminars which you have completed or taught within the last 10 years or provide your CLE transcript with this item number.**

HONORS

18. List any honors, prizes, or awards you have received for service to the legal profession or civic organizations.

PROFESSIONAL ADMISSIONS

19. List all courts (including state bar admissions) and administrative bodies having special admission requirements in which you are presently admitted to practice, giving the dates of admission in each case.

LAW PRACTICE

- 20. List chronologically, since graduation from law school, the names, dates and addresses of all law firms with which you have been associated in practice, and of all governmental agencies or private business organizations in which you have been employed, periods you have practiced as a sole practitioner, and other prior practice.**

21. Describe the general nature of your current practice including any legal specialties which you possess and the character of your typical clients. Additionally, if your practice is substantially different now than previously, please give details of prior practice.

22. (a) During the last five years, what percentage of your practice has been trial practice?

(b) How frequently have you appeared in Court?

(c) How frequently have you appeared in administrative hearings?

(d) What percentage of your practice has been:

Civil	_____ %	Administrative	_____ %
Criminal	_____ %	Other	_____ %
Bankruptcy	_____ %		

23. What percentage of your court appearances in the last five years were in:

Federal Courts other than Bankruptcy Court	_____ %
Bankruptcy Court	_____ %
State or Local Courts of Record	_____ %
Administrative Bodies	_____ %
Other	_____ %

- 24. State the number of cases you have tried to conclusion in courts of record during each of the past five years, indicating whether you were sole, associate, or chief counsel. Give citations of any reported cases in which you participated.**

- 25. Have you served as a trustee or other court appointed officer in bankruptcy matters? If yes, provide the approximate number of such cases and list the more important matters in which you served.**

26. Summarize your courtroom experience prior to the last five years.

- 27. List five cases handled by you which you consider to be major matters. State the names, addresses and telephone numbers of co-counsel and adversary counsel in such cases.**

27. Continued (five cases representing major matters).

PUBLIC OFFICE

28. Have you ever run for, or held, public office? If yes, give details.

PRIOR JUDICIAL EXPERIENCE

29. (a) Have you ever held judicial office or been a candidate for judicial office? If yes, please state the courts involved and the dates of service, or dates of candidacy.

(b) List prior administrative decision making service, including the name of the agency; position held; hearings on what issues; number of cases adjudicated and dates of service.

BUSINESS INVOLVEMENT

30. (a) If you 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 whether you intend to resign such position immediately upon your appointment to judicial office.

- (b) Since being admitted to the Bar, have you ever engaged in any occupation, business, or profession other than the practice of law? If yes, please give the details, including dates.
- (c) State whether during the past five years you have received any fees or compensation of any kind, other than for legal services rendered, from any business enterprise, institution, organization or association of any kind. If so, identify the source of such compensation, the nature of the business enterprise, institution, organization or association involved, and the dates such compensation was paid.
- (d) Do you have a financial interest in any business organization which could come before the bankruptcy court? If yes, provide pertinent details.

OTHER

31. Have you ever been arrested, charged, or convicted for violation of any federal law, state law, county or municipal law, regulation or ordinance? If yes, please give details. Do not include traffic violations for which a fine of \$50 or less was imposed unless it also included a jail sentence.
32. (a) Have you ever been sued by a client? If yes, please give particulars.

- (b) **Have you or your professional liability insurance carrier ever settled a claim against you for professional malpractice? If yes, please give particulars, including the amounts involved.**
- 33. Have you ever been charged in any civil or criminal proceedings with conduct alleged to involve moral turpitude, dishonesty and/or unethical conduct? If yes, please give particulars, including the full style of the cause.**
- 34. Have you ever been disciplined or cited for a breach of ethics or unprofessional conduct by any court, administrative agency, bar association, or other professional group? If yes, please give the particulars.**
- 35. To the best of your knowledge, are you in compliance with the tax laws of the federal government and of the state, county, and community of which you are a resident?**
- 36. Have you filed all appropriate tax returns as required by Federal, State, Local, and other Government authorities? If no, please explain.**
- 37. Do you have any liens or claims outstanding against you by the Internal Revenue Service or any State or Local tax authority? If yes, please explain.**

PROFESSIONAL AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

- 38. (a) List all bar associations and legal professional societies of which you are a member and give the titles and dates of any office you have held in such groups, and committees to which you belonged.**
- (b) List all organizations and clubs, other than bar associations and professional societies identified in response to Question No. 37(a), of which you have been a member during the past ten years, including the titles and dates of any offices you have held in each such organization.**
- 39. Do you hold membership in any professional, social, fraternal or civic organization or association which bars membership to persons by reason of race, religion, sex or national origin? If yes, provide pertinent details.**

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

- 40. State any achievements or actions you have accomplished, demonstrating your commitment to equal justice under law.**

41. State any additional education or other experiences you believe would assist you in holding judicial office.

42. State any other pertinent information reflecting positively or adversely on you which you believe should be disclosed to the circuit court and the Intercircuit Selection Committee in connection with your possible nomination as United States Bankruptcy Judge.

43. List five individuals as references who are familiar with your abilities and personal character. You must provide addresses and telephone numbers for each reference.

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44. List the names of at least five, but no more than ten, persons (of whom not fewer than four must be lawyers not associated with you in the practice of law or in business) to whom we may refer as to your character and ability, and state how long each has known you. Your references must have had adequate opportunities for observing your professional and general conduct and ability. Describe the status of non-law references. You must provide addresses and telephone numbers for each reference.

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45. List the names of at least three persons who have worked for you and with you in a subordinate position. You must provide addresses and telephone numbers for each reference.

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46. List the names of not more than five judges (of whom at least three must be active) with whom you are not and have not been associated in the practice of law or in business, before whom you have appeared recently in matters which would afford them an opportunity to observe your professional conduct and ability. Provide the date and nature of the most recent matter. If yours is a non-litigation practice, list such judges, if any, who have had an opportunity to observe you in bar association or other activities. Indicate those before whom you have appeared in court or other judicial bodies by inserting (C) before the name of the judge. You must provide addresses and telephone numbers for each reference.

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47. **Have you previously applied for a bankruptcy judge position? If yes, please list all the positions applied for and dates below.**

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Date Signature of Candidate

How did you first learn about this vacancy?

Publication/Ad (name) _____

Website (name) _____

Bar Association (name) _____

Announcement (location posted) _____

Other (please specify) _____

CONFIDENTIALITY STATEMENT

This form will be kept confidential. The individuals whom you have listed as references above may be contacted, and the district and bankruptcy judges of the district may be asked to provide confidential comments regarding your qualifications, but no other employers, colleagues, or other individuals will be contacted without your prior approval. In the event you are selected for final consideration, you will be asked to provide a waiver of confidentiality authorizing the release of information from current or former employers, professional colleagues, physicians and other information, including medical records.

16 copies of the Completed Application Form must be submitted to:

**Office of the Circuit Executive
503 Potter Stewart United States Courthouse
100 East Fifth Street
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202-3988**

Applications must be received at the Circuit Executive's Office no later than close of business August 20, 2015. Please answer all questions. Use single-space typing. A total of 16 copies of the application must be submitted. Please do not bind applications; use paper clips or binder clips. Applicants may attach an optional résumé. If you need additional space, use a separate sheet of paper and list the item number. Email and fax copies of applications will not be accepted.