



STATE OF MICHIGAN  
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GOVERNOR

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LT. GOVERNOR

Dear Potential Candidate:

Thank you for your interest in a judicial appointment. Please find included a Judicial Appointments Questionnaire for your completion. With the Governor's Legal Counsel, we have outlined a process to follow as the Governor works toward filling this vacancy.

Some candidates for appointment will be selected for interviews pursuant to guidelines set by the Michigan Constitution and the State Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee. Please note that an applicant must live in the vacant judicial district (defined in PA 236 of 1961) to be appointed. Also, the State Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee will be conducting reference checks which include contacting judges and opposing counsel from an applicant's last five cases. The Qualifications Committee would like to advise candidates to be prepared for questions related to personal financial issues, disciplinary actions, potential conflicts of interest or any other issues that the Committee believes to be relevant to qualifications to sit as a judge.

Please return two copies of this questionnaire to the Appointments Division within the deadline displayed in the News & Events section of the State Bar's website ([www.michbar.org](http://www.michbar.org)). Please mail the information to the Office of the Governor, Attention Appointments Division, P.O. Box 30013, Lansing, MI 48909, or fax to (517)335-7899. If you are sending the questionnaire by mail, please do not staple any of the materials.

Any application submitted to our office that is incomplete or handwritten will not be accepted and will be returned to the applicant for completion. The Governor's Office must be in receipt of a complete application prior to the submission deadline.

If you have any questions, please contact Erik Wilford at (517) 373-6228.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James R. Stokes".

James R. Stokes, Director  
Appointments Division  
Office of the Governor



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**JUDICIAL APPOINTMENT QUESTIONNAIRE**

*We request cooperation and frank disclosure in answering this questionnaire. If the space provided for answering the questions is not adequate, please use a Supplemental Answer Sheet and state "See Supplemental Answer Sheet" if there is space provided. If a question does not apply, write "Not Applicable" or "None" as the response.*

**Application for Judicial Appointment to:**

**Date of your Admission to Practice in Michigan:**

**P #**

**PART I — IDENTIFICATION**

1. NAME: LAST FIRST MIDDLE
2. CURRENT ADDRESS: STREET & NUMBER OF RESIDENCE IN WHICH YOU ARE REGISTERED TO VOTE  
  
CITY, COUNTY, STATE & ZIP CODE
3. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_ 5. \_\_\_\_\_  
HOME TELEPHONE NUMBER BUSINESS TELEPHONE NUMBER CELL PHONE NUMBER
6. \_\_\_\_\_ 7. a. \_\_\_\_\_ b. \_\_\_\_\_  
PAGER NUMBER FAX NUMBER EMAIL ADDRESS

8. Have you ever used, or have you ever been known by, any name other than that given in your answer to question 1? If yes, provide name(s) and explain.

9. Sex \_\_\_\_\_ 10. Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ 11. Marital Status/Name of Spouse or Partner \_\_\_\_\_

12. Michigan Driver's License Number \_\_\_\_\_ 13. Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_

**PART II — RESIDENCE HISTORY**

14. Indicate in reverse chronological order the city of each residence where you have lived since admission to practice law in Michigan. Begin with your current residence. Include all addresses used for schooling, business or any other temporary purposes and the time period that those addresses were used.

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**PART III — EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND**

15. High Schools	MO/YR TO MO/YR	SCHOOL NAME	CITY & STATE	
16. Colleges	MO/YR TO MO/YR	SCHOOL NAME	CITY & STATE	DEGREE
	MO/YR TO MO/YR	SCHOOL NAME	CITY & STATE	DEGREE
17. Law Schools	MO/YR TO MO/YR	SCHOOL NAME	CITY & STATE	DEGREE
18. Other Educational Institutions	MO/YR TO MO/YR	SCHOOL NAME	CITY & STATE	DEGREE
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19. 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? If so, provide the name and address of each institution, the dates, and explain the circumstances, using a supplemental answer sheet.			Yes	No

**PART IV — LAW AND EMPLOYMENT BACKGROUND**

20. Indicate in reverse chronological order all part-time and full-time employment as well as periods of unemployment (begin with your most recent status) since admission to practice law in Michigan. If you list more than three positions, please answer on a supplemental sheet in this format. Include any "of counsel" arrangements, sole proprietorships, affiliations, professional associations, judgeships, etc.

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Provide the telephone number for your current position:			
		_____	NUMBER
		AREA CODE	
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—		STREET ADDRESS	CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE
—	MO/YR TO MO/YR	EMPLOYER, COMPANY, FIRM	JOB TITLE OR POSITION
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21. Have you ever been discharged, or asked to resign, or resigned from any position for any involuntary reasons? If so, explain the underlying circumstances and identify the involved employer or entity. ( Use Supplemental Answer Sheet.) Yes No

22. State the nature of your law practice including professional specialties or areas of particular competence, since your admission to practice law in the State of Michigan. If the nature of your practice has been substantially different at any time in the past, provide the details, including the character of such practice and the periods involved.

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23. If you are appointed to the court, how do you propose to wind up your law practice or sever your relationships with your present clients, firm, employer and/or company?

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24. Have you ever been a candidate for election to any public office, including judicial office? If so, provide the details, including whether successful or unsuccessful: Yes No

DATES PUBLIC OFFICE CITY, STATE, ZIP Successful Unsuccessful # of Candidates

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25. Have you ever sought appointment to judicial office? If so, provide details, including dates, whether you interviewed and your name at the time if it is different from your answer to Question #1: Yes No

DATES COURT Yes No

DATES COURT Yes No

26. List trial experience and appellate work, if any, and identify the particular courts. If you have had no trial experience, indicate the experience which you believe is equivalent to trial experience.

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27. State your experience in adversary proceedings before administrative boards or commissions during the last five years.

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28. List the five most recently litigated matters that you participated in as judge or counsel (even if settled). If currently a judge, **attach copies of your last three opinions**; if currently practicing law, **attach copies of your last three briefs or other legal writing**.

CASE NAME & YEAR	COURT	NAMES OF PRESIDING JUDGE & OPPOSING COUNSEL
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**PART V — MILITARY BACKGROUND**

29. Are you now or have you ever been a member of any military service, any reserve component, or any national guard? If so, provide the following information: Yes No

MO/YR TO MO/YR	BRANCH OF SERVICE	ACTIVE OR RESERVE	ARMED SERVICES IDENTIFICATION NOS.
30. Have you ever been convicted in any court martial proceeding, including a proceeding under Art 15 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice? If so, state the date, underlying circumstances, nature of the charge and identify the military tribunal. <span style="float: right;">Yes No</span>			
31. Have you ever been discharged other than honorably from military service, or have you ever been medically or administratively discharged? If so, explain the nature of the discharge and the underlying circumstances. <span style="float: right;">Yes No</span>			
32. Have you ever been rejected for military service? If so, state the date of rejection and provide the branch of service and the underlying circumstances. <span style="float: right;">Yes No</span>			

**PART VI — ATTORNEY LICENSURE**

33. Have you ever applied to practice law or to take a bar examination in any other state or federal jurisdiction or in another state? If so, state when and where and state the disposition of the application. Provide the same information for administrative bodies having special admission requirements. Yes No

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34. Have you ever been admitted to practice law in any federal jurisdiction or in another state? If so, provide your admission date and identify the jurisdiction. Yes No

DATE OF ADMISSION JURISDICTION

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35. Are you currently in good standing, active or inactive, to practice law in every jurisdiction in which you have ever been admitted? If not, explain why. *(Use a Supplemental Answer Sheet.)* Yes No

**PART VII — OTHER LICENSURE**

36. Have you ever applied for or held a license, other than as an attorney, which required that you possess good character and fitness? If so, provide the type of license, the date of application, the licensing agency and its full address, the disposition of the application, and the current status of the license. Yes No

**PART VIII — LICENSING DISCIPLINE**

37. Have you ever been suspended, disbarred or otherwise disciplined from practicing law, or from membership in any professional organization, or as the holder of any office or license? If so, explain the underlying circumstances, including relevant dates and the disposition and provide the name and address of the authority possessing the record. *(Use a Supplemental Answer Sheet.)* Yes No

38. Have you ever been reprimanded, admonished, censured or otherwise publicly or privately disciplined as an attorney, or as a member of any professional organization, or as the holder of any office or license? If so, explain the underlying circumstances, including relevant dates and the disposition and provide the name and address of the authority possessing the record. *(Use a Supplemental Answer Sheet.)* Yes No

39. Have formal charges by a grievance, investigative or similar body ever been made against you as an attorney, or as a member of any professional organization, or as the holder of any office or license, or is there presently pending any complaint against you which could result in such charges being made by an attorney discipline board? If so, explain the underlying circumstances, including relevant dates and the disposition and provide the name and address of the authority possessing the record. Yes No

40. Have you been the subject of formal complaint filed by the Judicial Tenure Commission? If so, applicant must obtain and enclose a copy of the entire Judicial Tenure Commission file with this questionnaire. Yes No

**PART IX — BUSINESS INVOLVEMENT**

41. Have you ever held 10% or more of the ownership interest in any corporation, partnership, limited partnership, law practice, nonprofit corporation or association, or any other business entity? If so, provide the following information: Yes No

BUSINESS NAME AND FULL ADDRESS	FORM OF BUSINESS	JURISDICTION WHERE ARTICLES OR OTHER BUSINESS CREATION DOCUMENTS ARE FILED
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42. Have you ever been a general partner, operating member, officer or director of any partnership, limited liability company, corporation, or of any other business entity? If so, indicate for each position: Yes No

BUSINESS NAME AND FULL ADDRESS	POSITION HELD	MO/YR TO MO/YR
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43. For each business identified in your answers to Questions 41 and 42 above, during the periods indicated: Has the business been a defendant in any civil litigation, commercial arbitration or administrative proceedings, or has the business been convicted of committing a crime? If so, briefly describe the underlying circumstances. Yes No

**PART X— FINANCIAL DATA**

- 44. Do you have any debts which are more than 90 days past due? If so, provide names and addresses of the creditor(s), the account number(s), the reason for the arrearage and the status of the obligation. Yes No
- 45. Have you in any fiduciary capacity had a check returned for insufficient funds? If so, provide the name and address of the bank returning the check, the account number and describe the underlying circumstances. Yes No
- 46. Have you ever failed to timely pay any federal or state income taxes in such a manner that you were assessed penalty interest by a taxing authority? Yes No
- 47. Has any federal or state taxing authority ever notified you of an intent to file a lien against you for delinquent taxes? If yes, describe the circumstances and ultimate disposition of the matter or matters. Yes No
- 48. Have you ever been delinquent in payment of any taxes, other than those described above, including without limitation, real property taxes, sales or use taxes, and employee withholding taxes for wages or other employee benefits? If yes, describe the circumstances and ultimate disposition of the matter or matters. Yes No
- 49. Have you ever made an application for or obtained employment that required bonding? If so, provide the following information: Yes No

EMPLOYER'S NAME AND FULL ADDRESS	NATURE OF WORK	MO/YR APPLIED OR MO/YR TO MO/YR EMPLOYED
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- 50. Have you ever been refused bonding? If so, provide the date of the application for the bond, the purposes for bonding, the name of the company refusing coverage and the reasons for refusal. Yes No
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- 51. Has anyone ever sought to cancel or collect upon a bond issued for you? If so, identify the situation involved and explain the underlying circumstances. Yes No
- 52. Have you ever been delinquent in the payment of any child support obligation? If yes, provide the case caption, docket number and forum, amount of obligation, date established, current status of accounts, and date of each arrearage, and describe the circumstances and resolution of each arrearage. Yes No

**PART XI — CIVIL LITIGATION**

- 53. Have you ever been a party to any civil litigation, including administrative proceedings or arbitration? If so, provide the particulars. Yes No
- 54. Have you ever been cited or held in contempt of court? If so, explain. Yes No
- 55. Have judicial enforcement proceedings ever been instituted against you alleging your nonperformance of any judgment, order, decision or award against you? If so, provide the particulars. Yes No

**PART XII— CRIMINAL HISTORY**

**With regard to the disclosure of criminal matters discussed in the section, you must further disclose for each affirmative answer the date of arrest, underlying factual circumstances, name and address of arresting agency, nature of charges, name and address of the court and sentencing information, including the terms of probation and probation officer's identity if applicable.**

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| 56. Have you ever been arrested, charged, or held by federal, state or other law enforcement authorities for violation of any federal law, state law, county or municipal law, regulation or ordinance? If so, please provide details. Do not include traffic violations for which a fine of \$100 or less was imposed or which involved less than four points. | Yes | No |
| 57. Have you ever agreed to testify or provide information or assistance to prosecuting officials in order to obtain immunity from criminal prosecution? If so, set forth the details and the name and address of the involved prosecuting officials.   | Yes | No |
| 58. Have you ever been asked to testify in a grand jury proceeding in which you were informed that you were a subject? If so, set forth the details.  | Yes | No |

**PART XIII- POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

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| 59. To your knowledge, does any organization to which you belong or have belonged exclude persons on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, marital status, sexual preference, height, weight, arrests or veteran status? If so, please describe.   | Yes | No |
| 60. Have you ever been publicly identified, in person or by organizational membership, with a particularly controversial national or local issue? If yes, please describe.   | Yes | No |
| 61. Do you know of any person or group who might take overt or covert steps to attack, even unfairly, your appointment? If so, please identify and explain the basis for the potential attack.   | Yes | No |
| 62. Are you, your spouse or partner, any member of your household or other close family members related to any state government official or employee? If so, please provide details.   | Yes | No |
| 63. During the past five years have you, your spouse or partner, any member of your household or other close family members, or any legal entity to which any of the aforementioned parties are a beneficiary of, received any compensation or been involved in any financial transaction with the State of Michigan? If so, please explain.   | Yes | No |
| 64. During the past five years, have you, your spouse or partner, any member of your household or other close family members received any compensation or been involved in any financial transaction with any state government official? If so, please explain.  | Yes | No |
| 65. Is the nature of employment for your spouse or partner, any member of your household or other close family members related in any way to the position to which you want to be appointed? If so, please indicate the employer, the position and the length of time it has been held.  | Yes | No |
| 66. Describe briefly any lobbying activity during the past ten years in which you have engaged for the purpose of influencing the passage, defeat or modification of any legislative or administrative action. Describe briefly any lobbying activity during the last ten years in which your spouse or partner has engaged for the purpose of influencing the passage, defeat or modification of any legislative or administrative action that is related in any way to the position to which you have been appointed. ("Lobbying activity" includes any activity performed as an individual or agent of another individual or of any organization that involves direct communication with an official in the executive branch of state government, or an official in the legislative branch of government.) If none, please state. |     |    |
| 67. Describe any interest which you, your spouse or partner, any member of your household or other close family members may have (whether as an officer, owner, director, trustee or partner) in any corporation, firm, partnership, or other business enterprise and any non-profit organization or other institution that is regulated by or receives direct financial benefits from any department or agency of the State of Michigan. If none, please state.   |     |    |
| 68. Have you ever been sanctioned by any government body, with or without penalty, for activities deemed unethical, illegal, immoral, etc. If so, please provide details.  |     |    |

**PART XIV— OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY**

69. Have you ever had any of your writings published in professional journals or any other publications? If so, list titles and citations. Yes No

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70. In addition to the writing samples required in Question 28, please provide copies of three articles or publications.

71. Have you ever taught a law course? If so, provide the type of course, institution and dates. Yes No

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72. List all bar associations and professional societies which you are or have been a member and provide the titles and dates of any offices which you may have held in such groups. List also chairmanships of any committees in bar association and professional societies, and memberships in any committees which you believe to be of particular significance.

73. List other organizational memberships since graduation from law school. Include civic and charitable organizations dates of service, and indicate whether you served as an officer.

74. Have you ever been treated for abuse (ie. drug, alcohol, gambling). If so, when?

75. Briefly state your particular qualifications for judicial office. What do you feel in your past experience, in or out of the law, has been helpful to you in your effort to be selected for judicial office.

76. List three judges who know you and your work who can be interviewed relative to your qualifications as a judge. List full names, positions, addresses and office phone numbers.

1.	FULL NAME	OCCUPATION	OFFICE PHONE NUMBER
	STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE & ZIP		

2.	FULL NAME	OCCUPATION	OFFICE PHONE NUMBER
	STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE & ZIP		

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**AGREEMENT**

I have carefully read the Michigan Rules of Professional Conduct and Michigan Code of Judicial Conduct promulgated by the Supreme Court of Michigan, and I understand that if I serve as judge in Michigan I will be bound thereby. I understand that completion and filing of this questionnaire and supplemental information, and appearance for requested interviews with members of the Governor’s Staff are prerequisites to an evaluation of my judicial potential. I agree to furnish additional information under oath, orally or in writing as may be required, to the Office of the Governor throughout any period of time during which my candidacy is pending.

I understand that members of the public and persons and entities acting in any capacity are encouraged to submit information about me for the evaluation, and that, in addition to the information and documents submitted in this application, my application materials for admission to practice law in Michigan will be reviewed. I request and authorize any person or institution with any records or knowledge of my person and character, including information that might otherwise be considered privileged or confidential, to furnish such information as may be requested by the Office of the Governor or its agents. I understand this authorization will terminate with the rendering of an evaluation to the governor or upon my written withdrawal of this authorization, which withdrawal shall result in the immediate discontinuance of the processing of this questionnaire.

I release and discharge from all liabilities whatsoever the Governor and her staff, the members of the Standing Committee on Judicial Qualifications, staff members of the State Bar of Michigan and the Attorney Grievance Commission, individually and in their representative capacities, and any person or institution that furnishes information to them for my evaluation as a judicial candidate.

I understand that the information in this questionnaire, or any other information in the possession of the Office of the Governor, will be held in confidence, subject to release to the Governor. The answers are to be considered true from the date of the questionnaire until the date of my appointment to judicial office and if any answer or portion of an answer ceases to be true, I acknowledge that I have a continuing obligation to inform and I will immediately inform the Office of the Governor.

**ATTENTION**

**Questionnaire MUST Be Executed Properly Before A Notary.**

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SIGNATURE OF CANDIDATE

Signed and sworn by \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Notary: \_\_\_\_\_

Before me on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_

Notary Public, State of Michigan, County of \_\_\_\_\_

My Commission Expires \_\_\_\_\_

Acting in the County of \_\_\_\_\_

Notary's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**TO BE COMPLETED BY CANDIDATE, MARKED "CONFIDENTIAL," AND RETURNED TO:**

**Office of Governor Jennifer Granholm, Appointments Division  
George W. Romney Building, 111 South Capitol Avenue  
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