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Dear Judicial Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in the appointment to fill a judicial vacancy. A judicial appointment questionnaire is attached for your completion.

Please email one complete packet, including your resume, with all writing samples and attachments, to judicialappointments@michigan.gov by the deadline listed on the homepage of the State Bar of Michigan's website (www.michbar.org). Any application submitted that is incomplete or handwritten will not be accepted. You will be notified by telephone if it must be resubmitted.

If selected for an interview with the State Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee, please be prepared to answer questions related to personal financial issues, disciplinary actions, potential conflicts of interest, and any other issues the Committee believes relevant to your qualifications as a judge. Please be aware that to be appointed you must reside in the judicial district.

If you have any questions about the judicial appointment process, please send your questions to judicialappointments@michigan.gov.

PART II — RESIDENCE HISTORY

14. List 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.

Mo/Yr to Mo/Yr	City	State	Zip Code
Mo/Yr to Mo/Yr	City	State	Zip Code
Mo/Yr to Mo/Yr	City	State	Zip Code
Mo/Yr to Mo/Yr	City	State	Zip Code

Supplemental Answer Sheet(s) for Question 14 YES NO

PART III — EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

15. High Schools

Mo/Yr to Mo/Yr	School Name	City & State
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
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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Supplemental Answer Sheet(s) for Questions 15, 16, 17, or 18: YES NO

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 yes, provide the name and address of each institution, the dates, and explain the circumstances. (100 words)

YES
 NO

PART IV — LAW AND EMPLOYMENT BACKGROUND

20. List in reverse chronological order all part-time and full-time places of employment as well as periods of unemployment (beginning with your most recent employer) since receiving your undergraduate degree. Include any “of counsel” arrangements, sole proprietorships, affiliations, professional associations, judgeships, etc. **If there are more than 5 previous employers, please answer on a Supplemental Answer Sheet.**

CURRENT EMPLOYER:

Mo/Yr to Mo/Yr	Employer, Company, Firm	Job Title	Telephone Number
Street Address			
City	State	Zip Code	

PREVIOUS EMPLOYER(S):

Mo/Yr to Mo/Yr	Employer, Company, Firm	Job Title	Telephone Number
Street Address			
City	State	Zip Code	

Mo/Yr to Mo/Yr	Employer, Company, Firm	Job Title	Telephone Number
Street Address			
City	State	Zip Code	

Mo/Yr to Mo/Yr	Employer, Company, Firm	Job Title	Telephone Number
Street Address			
City	State	Zip Code	

PREVIOUS EMPLOYER(S) – Continued

Mo/Yr to Mo/Yr Employer, Company, Firm Job Title Telephone Number

Street Address

City State Zip Code

Mo/Yr to Mo/Yr Employer, Company, Firm Job Title Telephone Number

Street Address

City State Zip Code

21. Have you ever been discharged, asked to resign, or resigned from any position for involuntary reasons?
If yes, explain the underlying circumstances and identify the employer or entity. (250 words)

- YES
- NO

22. Describe the nature of your law practice including professional specialties and/or any areas of particular competence, since your admission to practice law in Michigan. If the nature of your practice was substantially different at any time in the past than it currently is, provide the details, including the character of such practice and the periods involved. (250 words)

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? (100 words)

24. Have you ever been a candidate for election to any public office, including judicial office? If yes, provide the details, including whether you were successful or unsuccessful:

- YES
- NO

			<input type="radio"/> SUCCESSFUL
			<input type="radio"/> UNSUCCESSFUL
			<input type="radio"/> SUCCESSFUL
			<input type="radio"/> UNSUCCESSFUL
			<input type="radio"/> SUCCESSFUL
			<input type="radio"/> UNSUCCESSFUL

25. Have you previously applied for a judicial appointment? If yes, provide details, including dates, whether you were interviewed and your name at the time if it is different from your answer to Question #1:

YES NO

Date Court Name, if different than Question 1

Interviewed? YES NO

Date Court Name, if different than Question 1

Interviewed? YES NO

Date Court Name, if different than Question 1

Interviewed? YES NO

Date Court Name, if different than Question 1

Interviewed? YES NO

26. List your trial experience and appellate work, if any, and identify the particular courts. If you do not have trial experience, please indicate the experience you believe is equivalent to trial experience. (250 words)

27. State your experience in adversary proceedings before administrative boards or commissions during the last 5 years. (250 words)

28. List the 5 most recently litigated matters in which you appeared as counsel or presided over as a judge (even if the matter was ultimately settled). If currently a judge, enclose copies of your last 3 opinions or, if currently practicing law, enclose copies of your last 3 legal briefs. **You are required to submit 3 opinions and/or legal briefs as writing samples.**

Case Name Year Court

Names and P Numbers of Presiding Judge and 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 yes, provide the following information:

- YES
- NO

_____	_____	_____	<u>No longer required for privacy concerns</u>
Mo/Yr to Mo/Yr	Branch of Service	Active or Reserve	Armed Services Identification Numbers
_____	_____	_____	<u>No longer required for privacy concerns</u>
Mo/Yr to Mo/Yr	Branch of Service	Active or Reserve	Armed Services Identification Numbers

30. Have you ever been convicted in any court martial proceeding, including a proceeding under Article 15 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice? If yes, state the date, underlying circumstances, nature of the charge and identify the military tribunal. (250 words)

- YES
- NO

31. Have you ever been discharged (other than honorably) from military service, or have you ever been medically or administratively discharged? If yes, explain the nature of the discharge and the underlying circumstances. (250 words)

- YES
- NO

YES

NO

32. Have you ever been rejected from military service? If yes, state the date of rejection and provide the branch of service and the underlying circumstances. (250 words)

PART VI — ATTORNEY LICENSURE

YES

NO

33. Have you ever applied to practice law or to take a bar examination in any other state or federal jurisdiction? If yes, state when and where and include the disposition of the application. Please provide the same information for administrative bodies having special admission requirements.

Filing Date Jurisdiction Disposition

YES

NO

34. Have you ever been admitted to practice law in any federal jurisdiction or in another state? If yes, please provide your admission date and identify the jurisdiction.

Date of Admission Jurisdiction

35. Are you currently active, in good standing, and eligible to practice law in every jurisdiction in which you have ever been admitted? If not, explain why. (200 words)

- YES
- NO

PART VII — OTHER LICENSURE

36 a. Have you ever applied for or held a license, other than as an attorney, which required that you possess good character and fitness? If yes, please 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. (200 words)

- YES
- NO

36 b. With regard to any and all State Occupational Licenses, Registrations, and Certificates, please list the name(s) of the license(s) and the license number(s) you have obtained. (200 words)

PART VIII — LICENSING DISCIPLINE

37. Has a grievance, or request for investigation 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? If yes, explain the underlying circumstances, including relevant dates and the disposition and provide the name and address of the authority possessing the record. (750 words)

- 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 yes, explain the underlying circumstances, including relevant dates and the disposition and provide the name and address of the authority possessing the record. (400 words)

- 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 yes, explain the underlying circumstances, including relevant dates and the disposition and provide the name and address of the authority possessing the record. (350 words)

- YES
- NO

40. Has a grievance ever been made against you as a judge, magistrate, or referee? If yes, you must enclose a copy of the letter notifying you of the outcome. If you do not have the aforementioned documents, you must request copies from the State of Michigan Judicial Tenure Commission (JTC). (350 words)

- YES
- NO

44. 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 yes, provide the following information:

- YES
- NO

Mo/Yr to Mo/Yr	Business Name	Position Held
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Street Address	City	State	Zip Code
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Mo/Yr to Mo/Yr	Business Name	Position Held
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Street Address	City	State	Zip Code
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Mo/Yr to Mo/Yr	Business Name	Position Held
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Street Address	City	State	Zip Code
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45. For each business identified in your answers to Questions 43 and 44 above, during the periods indicated, has the business been a defendant in any civil litigation, commercial arbitration, administrative proceeding, or criminal proceeding? If yes, briefly describe the underlying circumstances. (350 words)

- YES
- NO

PART X— FINANCIAL DATA

46. Do you have any debts which are more than 90 days past due? If yes, please provide names and addresses of the creditor(s), the account number(s), the reason for the arrearage and the status of the obligations. (150 words)

- YES
- NO

47. Have you, in any fiduciary capacity, had a check returned for insufficient funds? If yes, please provide the name and address of the bank returning the check, the account number and describe the underlying circumstances. (150 words)

- YES
- NO

48. Have you ever failed to timely pay any federal or state income taxes such that you were assessed penalty interest by a taxing authority? If yes, please describe the circumstances. (150 words)

- YES
- NO

49. 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. (150 words)

- YES
- NO

50. Has any federal or state taxing authority ever filed a lien against you for delinquent taxes? If yes, describe the circumstances and ultimate disposition of the matter or matters. (150 words)

- YES
- NO

51. Have you ever been delinquent in the 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. (150 words)

- YES
- NO

52. Have you ever made an application for or obtained employment that required bonding? If yes, please provide the following information:

- YES
- NO

Employer Name and Full Address

Mo/Yr Applied or Dates Employed Nature of Work

Employer Name and Full Address

Mo/Yr Applied or Dates Employed Nature of Work

Employer Name and Full Address

Mo/Yr Applied or Dates Employed Nature of Work

53. Have you ever been refused bonding? If yes, please 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. (150 words)

- YES
- NO

54. Has anyone ever sought to cancel or collect upon a bond issued for you? If yes, identify the situation involved and explain the underlying circumstances. (150 words)

- YES
- NO

55. Have you ever been delinquent in the payment of any child support obligation? If yes, please 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. (250 words)

- YES
- NO

PART XI — CIVIL LITIGATION

56. Have you ever been a party to any civil litigation, administrative proceeding, arbitration, probate matter, divorce proceeding and/or child custody matter? If yes, please provide the details. (300 words)

- YES
- NO

57. Have you ever been cited or held in contempt of court? If yes, explain the details. (300 words)

YES

NO

58. Have judicial enforcement proceedings ever been instituted against you alleging your nonperformance of any judgment, order, decision or award against you? If yes, please provide the details. (300 words)

YES

NO

PART XII – CRIMINAL HISTORY

With regard to the disclosure of criminal matters referenced in this section of the questionnaire, for each affirmative answer you must further disclose 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 the probation officer’s identity, if applicable.

59. 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 yes, please provide details. You do not need to include traffic violations for which a fine of \$150 or less was imposed or which involved less than four points. (300 words)

- YES
- NO

60. Have you ever agreed to testify or provide information or assistance to prosecuting officials in order to obtain immunity from criminal prosecution? If yes, please provide the details, including the names and addresses of the prosecuting officials. (350 words)

- YES
- NO

61. Have you ever been asked to testify in a grand jury proceeding in which you were informed that you were a subject? If yes, please provide the details. (350 words)

- YES
- NO

PART XIII- POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

62. 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 yes, please identify the organization and describe the circumstances. (150 words) YES NO

63. Have you ever been publicly identified, in person or by organizational membership, with a particularly controversial national or local issue? If yes, please identify the organization and describe the circumstances. (150 words) YES NO

64. Do you know of any person or group of individuals who might take overt or covert steps to attack, even unfairly, your appointment? If yes, please identify the person or group and explain the basis for the potential attack. (150 words) YES NO

65. 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 yes, please provide details. (150 words) YES NO

66. During the past 5 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 yes, please explain. (200 words) YES NO

67. During the past 5 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 yes, please explain. (200 words) YES NO

68. 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 yes, please indicate the employer, the position and the length of time the position has been held. (200 words) YES NO

69. Briefly describe any lobbying activity during the past 10 years which you have engaged in for the purpose of influencing the passage, defeat or modification of any legislative or administrative action. Briefly describe any lobbying activity during the past 10 years which your spouse or partner has engaged in 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 want to be 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.) (200 words)

70. Briefly 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. (200 words)

71. Please list any state or local government boards or commissions that you are currently appointed to and when your appointment expires?

72. Have you ever been sanctioned by any government body, with or without penalty, for activities deemed unethical, illegal, immoral, etc.? If yes, provide the details. (200 words)

- YES
- NO

PART XIV—OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY

73. Have any of your writings been published in professional journals or in any other publications? If yes, list the titles and citations. (100 words)

- YES
- NO

74. In addition to the 3 required writing samples referenced in Question 28, you may also enclose copies of articles and/or publications you have authored, if applicable.

75. Have you ever taught a law course? If yes, please provide the name of the course, the name of the institution and state when you taught the course. (100 words)

- YES
- NO

76. List all bar associations and professional societies that you are or have been a member of and provide the titles and dates of any offices you have held in such groups, including chairmanships of any committees and memberships in any committees which you believe to be of particular significance. (350 words)

77. List any other organizational memberships since graduation from law school. Please include civic and charitable organizations, dates of service, and indicate whether you served as an officer. (450 words)

78. Have you ever been treated for substance abuse (e.g., drug, alcohol, gambling)? If yes, please provide the details.(450 words)

- YES
- NO

79. Please state your particular qualifications for judicial office. What do you feel in your past experience, prior to and/or after your admission to the bar, has been helpful to you in your effort to be selected for appointment to this judicial position?
(800 words)

80. List 4 judges who can be interviewed relative to your qualifications as a judge. Please provide their first and last names, addresses and business telephone numbers.

Full Name		Business Telephone Number	
Street Address	City	State	Zip Code
Full Name		Business Telephone Number	
Street Address	City	State	Zip Code
Full Name		Business Telephone Number	
Street Address	City	State	Zip Code
Full Name		Business Telephone Number	
Street Address	City	State	Zip Code

81. List 4 lawyers who can be interviewed relative to your qualifications as a judge. Please provide their first and last names, addresses and business telephone numbers.

Full Name		Business Telephone Number	
Street Address	City	State	Zip Code
Full Name		Business Telephone Number	
Street Address	City	State	Zip Code
Full Name		Business Telephone Number	
Street Address	City	State	Zip Code
Full Name		Business Telephone Number	
Street Address	City	State	Zip Code

81. I have enclosed my resume, _____ writing samples, and _____ articles and/or publications (if applicable), which are incorporated into this questionnaire by reference. I have also enclosed _____ supplemental answer sheets and/or additional materials (other than my resume, writing samples, articles and/or publications), which are each labeled, signed, and dated.

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, is confidential, 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 an obligation to immediately inform the Office of the Governor.

The Questionnaire MUST be executed properly before a Notary.

Candidate's Signature

Candidate's Printed Name

Signed and sworn to before me on the _____ day of _____, 20 ____

Notary's Signature _____

Name of Notary _____

Notary Public, State of Michigan, County of _____

My commission Expires _____

Acting in the County of _____

Questionnaire must be completed by the Judicial Applicant and returned to:
Office of Governor Gretchen Whitmer
Governor's Legal Division
judicialappointments@michigan.gov