

BALIF JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

2009 BALIF JUDICIARY COMMITTEE ENDORSEMENT QUESTIONNAIRE FOR CALIFORNIA JUDICIARY

NAME:

ADDRESS:

CITY: STATE: ZIP CODE:

TELEPHONE: FAX:

EMAIL:

INSTRUCTIONS: Please complete the questionnaire by providing a written response to each question. Attach additional pages as required by the length of your response. Be sure to complete the certification at the end of the questionnaire.

DEADLINE TO RETURN QUESTIONNAIRE: Please return the completed questionnaire and list of references to Susan G. Bluer, Esq., Bluer & Bluer, LLP, 300 Montgomery Street, Suite 500, San Francisco, CA 94104. Please direct any questions to Susan Bluer at (415) 989-1281.

IF YOU DECLINE TO SEEK THE BALIF ENDORSEMENT, PLEASE CHECK THIS BOX , SIGN AND DATE IN THE SPACE PROVIDED BELOW AND RETURN ONLY THIS PAGE.

DATE: _____ SIGNATURE: _____

IF YOU SEEK THE BALIF ENDORSEMENT, PLEASE CHECK THIS BOX , AND COMPLETE THE QUESTIONNAIRE.

THE PROCESS: The BALIF Judiciary Committee (BJC) will contact references, review questionnaire responses and interview you the after receipt of all information. Following the interview, the BJC will submit the endorsement question to those qualified to vote. The BJC tallies the votes and announces the results. On behalf of the 400 plus members of BALIF, we thank you for taking the time to participate in BALIF's endorsement process. GOOD LUCK!

BACKGROUND

Law school: _____ Year: _____

California admission date:

Other admissions:

Practice areas:

Bar/professional memberships:

GENERAL QUESTIONS

1. Do you meet all of the legal requirements to become a Superior Court Judge? If not, please explain.

2. Describe the professional experience that qualifies you for this position. Please specifically address your experience in managing a large organization handling both criminal and civil matters and appeals, supervising trial and appellate attorneys and other staff, and discharging the duty to represent the public's interest in matters such as consumer, environmental, and antitrust.

3. Describe the personal experience and community service that qualifies you for this position.

4. Describe the nature and extent of your involvement in community affairs other than those associated with the legal profession.

5. What changes would you make to the office and how would those changes improve the office and make it more responsive to the public's needs.

6. Have you personally been disciplined, publicly or privately, by a state bar, or sanctioned by a court or by any other agency or tribunal before which you have appeared? If so, please identify the type and amount of

the sanction or discipline (including dollar amounts for monetary sanctions), the date imposed, the relevant circumstances, and any explanation you wish to offer for the action taken against you.

7. Have you ever been summoned, cited, arrested, taken into custody, indicted, convicted or tried for, or charged with, or pleaded guilty of no contest to, the violation of any felony or misdemeanor (excluding minor traffic infractions), or have you ever been requested to appear before any prosecuting attorney or investigative agency in any matter? If so, provide the details of each such event, including the date, description of the alleged offense, locality and disposition.
8. Are you now, and have you ever been, since your graduation from law school, a member of any private club or organization that discriminates on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity (i.e., trans-gendered persons), or any other basis? If so, please identify the group by name, address and telephone number.
9. Have you ever attended a BALIF sponsored event such as the Annual Dinner? If so, state when and identify the event. If not, state why, and indicate whether you will attend BALIF events in the future.
10. Have you ever been involved in a significant case where a primary issue was sexual orientation, gender identity or HIV/AIDS discrimination? If so, for each case, please state the name of the case, venue, case number, case citation (if a published decision) and describe your involvement.
11. Discuss your experience or exposure, if any, to discrimination against lesbians, gay men, bisexuals, transgender individuals or people with HIV/AIDS, in the courtroom, administrative proceedings, judiciary, criminal system, or the legal profession. Describe how you dealt with it. If you have no such experience, then describe how you would address the situation.

12. Will you recruit, hire and retain LGBT attorneys to work at the Superior Court, if it all possible?

13. Please state why BALIF should endorse your candidacy.

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CANDIDATE'S LIST OF REFERENCES

List at least five (5) attorneys or judges familiar with your legal work, or non-lawyers familiar with your work on civic or community matters, who are able to comment on your legal skills, demeanor, temperament, and professionalism. (Provide name, address and telephone numbers). If possible, your list of 5 should include at least 2 persons who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender.

CANDIDATE'S LIST OF REFERENCES (Con't)

1.

This is the end of the questionnaire. **PLEASE ATTACH A COPY OF YOUR RESUME.** Please complete the certification below and return the questionnaire with any attachments to the BALIF Judiciary Committee c/o Cheryl Sena. Thank you for taking the time to provide thoughtful answers to challenging questions.

CERTIFICATION

I have read and reviewed my responses, including any attachments, to the foregoing document, **2009 BALIF JUDICIARY COMMITTEE ENDORSEMENT QUESTIONNAIRE FOR Judge/Justice FOR THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**, and know the contents thereof, and certify that the same are true of my own knowledge.

DATED: _____, 2009

SIGNATURE

PRINT NAME

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