

Questionnaire for Applicants for 21st Judicial Circuit

1. Describe your familiarity with the St. Louis County Court system and relate your perceptions as to the strengths or weaknesses of the County Courts.
2. How much of your practice is devoted to litigation? Describe the significant practice areas of litigation in which you have been involved.
3. List the various courts in which you have devoted a significant portion of your litigation practice.
4. What is the most important case in which you have been involved and explain the significance of this case to you as an attorney?
5. What do you see as your strongest attribute and your most potential weakness in serving as a Circuit Judge?
6. What distinguishes you from the other applicants for this vacancy?
7. How do you view the role of a Circuit Judge?
8. Legal commentators suggest that judges follow various philosophies of legal jurisprudence ranging from legal positivism, which strictly adheres to the written words of a statute, to other theories in which judges are guided as much or more by the purpose or intent of the law than the written words of the statute. Where do you see yourself falling in this range of legal jurisprudence?
9. How will you address a judicial precedent with which you strongly disagree?
10. What is your position regarding a Circuit Judge's role in settling cases?
11. What has been your experience with court-ordered mediation in your practice?
12. Describe the characteristic you possess that you feel best qualifies you to be nominated for the current vacancy in the Circuit Court.
13. How important would you view control of your docket by your chambers? In that regard, what factors do you believe a Judge should consider when ruling on a motion for continuance?
14. As a Circuit Judge, would you hear motions on the bench or in chambers? Explain why.
15. Describe your level of involvement in activities and programs sponsored by any Bar Association or professional organization of which you are member.
16. Describe any significant interest or involvement you have in activities other than bar related or professional activities.