JUDICIAL EVALUATION QUESTIONNAIRE

You are requested to provide the following information to the Office of the Governor for the Governor's use in selecting a candidate to fill a judicial vacancy. Your responses to these questions are solely for the use of the Governor and those staff members he has designated to advise him during the selection process. In accordance with Virginia's Freedom of Information Act, your responses to these questions are considered as part of the working papers of the Governor as he deliberates during the selection process.

1. State your full name and your Virginia State Bar license number.

2. State both your office and home addresses (Please indicate your home county/city).

3. State your office telephone number (in chambers phone, if applicable).

4. List each college/university and law school you attended, the degrees awarded and date each such degree was awarded and reason for leaving if no degree was awarded from that institution.

<u>PLEASE RESPOND TO QUESTIONS 5 THROUGH 14 IF YOU ARE AN ACTIVE, RETIRED, OR SUBSTITUTE JUDGE.</u>

5. Give a brief statement of your legal experience prior to becoming a judge.

6. Give a brief statement of your judicial experience? How long have you been a judge in Virginia? Which courts?

7. If your circuit/district contains more than one jurisdiction, please list the counties/cities in which you regularly hold court.

8. **State the dates and places of any judicial conferences or seminars you have attended during the last three years.**

9. **Please list all memberships and positions you hold on committees of the Virginia Supreme Court, in bar associations, and in national or state judicial organizations, including adjunct teaching positions.**

10. **While a judge, have you ever appeared on behalf of, permitted your name to be used for, or contributed to any candidate for public office?**

11. **To what extent may a judge act as an officer, director, or advisor of a business enterprise?**

12. **Are there any actions or suits now threatened against you, including any administrative actions? If so, please give the details.**

13. **Are you now, or have you ever been, a party to a civil proceeding?**

14. **Under what circumstances should a judge make a public comment about a pending or impending proceeding in his or her court?**

FOR ALL CANDIDATES

15. **When were you admitted to practice law in Virginia?**

16. **Are you admitted to practice law in other states and, if so, give the names of such states and dates of admission.**

17. **List all courts in which you are presently admitted to practice, including the dates of admission in each case. Give the same information for administrative bodies which have special admission requirements.**

18. **Are you actively engaged in the practice of law at the present time? If you are connected with a law firm, a corporate law department, or a governmental agency, please state its name and indicate the nature and duration of your relationship.**

19. **If in the past you have practiced in other localities or have been connected with other law firms, corporate law departments or governmental agencies, please give the particulars, including the locations, the names of the firms, corporate law departments, or agencies and your relationships thereto, and the relevant dates. Indicate also any period in the past during which you practiced alone.**

20. **What is/was the general character of your practice? If the nature of your practice has been substantially different at any time in the past, give the details, including the character of such and the periods involved.**

21. **(a)** **What percentage of your legal practice is/was:**

1. Criminal?	%
2. Tort?	%
3. Real estate?	%
4. Corporate?	%
5. Trusts & estates?	%
6. Domestic relations?	%
7. Labor relations?	%
8. Other (specify)	%

(b) **Do/Did you regularly appear in court (while a practicing attorney)?**

(c) **What percentage of your appearances in the last five years of your practice was in:**

1. Federal courts?	%
2. State courts of record?	%
3. Other courts? (specify)	%

4. State or federal administrative agency proceedings? (specify)	%

(d) What percentage of your litigation in the last five years of your practice was:

1. Civil?	%
2. Criminal?	%
3. Administrative?	%

(e) What percentage of your trials in the last five years of your practice was:

1. Jury?	%
2. Non-jury?	%

(f) Have/Had you in the last five years of your practice tried (☐ less than 5) (☐ 5 to 10) (☐ 10 to 20) (☐ 20 or more) cases to conclusion in courts of record?

(g) State in detail your experience in adversary proceedings before administrative boards or commissions during the last five years of your practice.

22. Have you ever been engaged in any occupation, business, or profession other than the practice of law? If so, please give the details, including dates.

23. If you are now an officer or director of any business organization or otherwise engaged in the management of any business enterprise, please give details, including the name of the enterprise, the nature of the business, the title of your position, the nature of your duties, and the term of your service. If it is not your intention to resign such positions and give up any other participation in the management of any of the foregoing enterprises, please so state, giving reasons.

24. Have you ever been sued by a client? If so, please give the particulars.

25. Has a complaint of discrimination on the basis of sex, race, religion, national origin, age or handicap ever been filed against you, or against any firm or organization during your affiliation with it? If so, please describe the complaint and its resolution.

26. **Have you ever been a party or otherwise involved in any legal proceedings? If so, give the particulars. Do not list proceedings in which you were merely a nominal party where no allegations of wrongdoing were alleged against you. Include all legal proceedings in which you were a party in interest, a material witness, the subject of a complaint, were named as a co-conspirator or co-respondent, and any grand jury investigation in which you figured as a subject, or in which you appeared as a witness.**

27. **Have you ever held judicial office? If so, give the details, including the courts involved, whether elected or appointed, and the periods of service.**

28. **(a) List all civic, social, or fraternal organizations, clubs, and groups of which you are a member, officer, director or trustee. Do any of these organizations, clubs, or groups practice invidious discrimination on the basis of race, sex, religion, or national origin?**

(b) If not provided in response to Question 28(a), please provide information regarding your volunteer activities, including if possible specific descriptions and duration of same.

29. **Have you ever held public office other than judicial office? If so, give the details, including the offices involved, whether elected or appointed, and the length of your service.**

30. **Have you ever been disciplined or cited for a breach of ethics or unprofessional conduct by, or are you now the subject of a complaint to, any court, administrative agency, bar association, disciplinary committee, or other professional group? If so, please give the particulars.**

31. **Have you published any legal books or articles? If so, please list them, giving the citations and dates.**

32. List any honors, prizes, awards, or other forms of recognition which you have received.

33. List all bar associations and professional societies of which you are a member and give the titles and dates of any offices which you have held in such groups. List also chairmanships of any committees in bar associations and professional societies, and memberships on any committees which you believe to be of particular significance (e.g., judicial selection committee, grievance committee).

34. Were criminal charges ever instituted against an organization during your affiliation with it as an officer or director? If so, please give the details.

35. 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 give the details. Do not include traffic violations for which a fine of $50.00 or less was imposed.

36. State any other information which you regard as pertinent or appropriate to disclose. Please also include any statewide or local bar endorsements.

37. Please attach a brief writing sample to this questionnaire.

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SIGNATURE **DATE**

City/County of _____
Commonwealth of Virginia

The foregoing instrument was subscribed and sworn before me this _____ day of _____, 2015, by _____.

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Notary Public

My Commission Expires: _____.

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