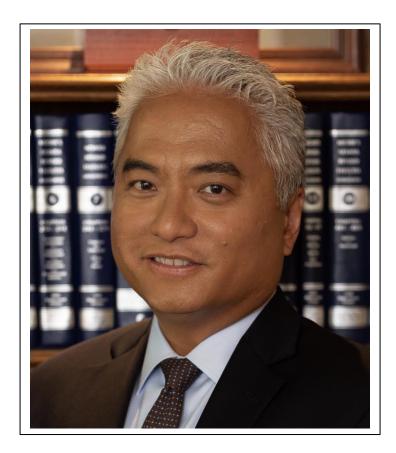
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL SELECTION APPLICATION EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT DEPARTMENT 11

By

Caesar Almase (Insert applicant name)



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SECTION I: PUBLIC INFORMATION (QUESTIONS 1 THROUGH 47)

Personal Information

1. Full Name:

Caesar Vicente Almase

2. Have you ever used or been known by any other legal name (including a maiden name)? If so, state name and reason for the name change and years used.

No.

3. Work Address:

526 S. 7th St., Las Vegas, NV 89101

4. How long have you been a continuous resident of Nevada?

19 years.

5. Age:

51

(NRS 3.060 states that a district judge must be at least 25 years old.)

Employment History

6. Using the format provided in Attachment "A" please start with your current employment or most recent employment, self-employment, and periods of unemployment for the 20 years immediately preceding the filing of this Application.

Educational Background

7. List names and addresses of high schools, colleges and graduate schools (other than law school) attended; dates of attendance; certificates or degrees awarded; reason for leaving.

Western Washington University, 516 High St., Bellingham, WA 98225 January 1995 to December 1995 I left school upon being awarded a Bachelor of Arts degree in English.

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Marshall University, 1 John Marshall Dr., Huntington, WV 25755 January 1993 to May 1994 I left school in 1994 to pursue job opportunities in Alaska and Washington state.

Laval University, 2325 Rue de l'Universite, Quebec, QC G1V0A6, Canada June 1992 to August 1992, Summer Program I returned to attend school at West Virginia University

West Virginia University, 62 Morrill Way, Morgantown WV 26505 September 1991 to December 1992 September 1988 to May 1990 Bachelor of Arts in English conferred December 1995 I left school in December 1992 to transfer to Marshall University.

Charleston Catholic High School, 1033 Virginia St., East Charleston, WV 25301 September 1987 to May 1988 I left upon graduation.

Lewis County High School, 205 Minuteman Dr., Weston, WV 26452 May 1984 to May 1987 I left to transfer to Charleston Catholic High School.

8. Describe significant high school and college activities including extracurricular activities, positions of leadership, special projects that contributed to the learning experience.

I played on the tennis team and was a member of the chess club in high school. I did not participate in any significant activities during college.

9. List names and addresses of law schools attended; degree and date awarded; your rank in your graduating class; if more than one law school attended, explain reason for change.

West Virginia College Of Law, 101 Law School Dr., Morgantown, WV 26506 Juris Doctorate, May 2002

The college of law ranked the top 10 percent of the class, and I was not in the top 10 percent.

10. Indicate whether you were employed during law school, whether the employment was full-time or part-time, the nature of your employment, the name(s) of your employer(s), and dates of employment.

I held full-time summer positions during the first two years of law school. I was an outside services employee for the Rhodes Ranch Golf Course in that first summer, and an externship at the Law Office of James M. O'Reilly during my second summer.

11. Describe significant law school activities including offices held, other leadership positions, clinics participated in, and extracurricular activities.

I participated in the Moot Court program, and was granted a federal externship with District Judge Charles H. Haden III, of the Southern District of West Virginia.

Law Practice

12. State the year you were admitted to the Nevada Bar.

2002

13. Name states (other than Nevada) where you are or were admitted to practice law and your year of admission.

None.

14. Have you ever been suspended, disbarred, or voluntarily resigned from the practice of law in Nevada or any other state? If so, describe the circumstance, dates, and locations.

No.

15. Estimate what percentage of your work over the last 5 years has involved litigation matters, distinguishing between trial and appellate courts. For judges, answer questions 16-20 for the 5 years directly preceding your appointment or election to the bench.

99% criminal matters, and approximately 1% personal injury matters. Of the criminal matters, I have had had two cases at the appellate level.

16. Estimate percentage of time spent on:

- (1) domestic/family and juvenile law matters: less than 1%
- (2) civil litigation: 1%
- (3) criminal matters: 99%
- (4) administrative litigation: 0%
- **17.** In the past 5 years, what percentage of your litigation matters involved cases set for jury trials vs. non-jury trials?

50/50

18. Give the approximate number of jury cases tried to a conclusion during the past five years with you as lead counsel. Give the approximate number of non-jury cases tried to a decision in the same period.

Two jury trials, and no bench trials.

19. List courts and counties in any state where you have practiced in the past 5 years.

Eighth Judicial District Court Las Vegas Justice Court North Las Vegas Justice Court Henderson Justice Court Goodsprings Justice Court Boulder City Justice Court Mesquite Justice Court Moapa Valley Justice Court Las Vegas Municipal Court North Las Vegas Municipal Court Henderson Municipal Court Fifth Judicial District Court Pahrump Justice Court

- **20.** List by case name and date the five cases of most significance to you (not including cases pending in which you have been involved), and list or describe:
 - a. case name and date,
 - b. court and presiding judge and all counsel
 - c. the importance of each case to you and the impact of each case on you,
 - d. your role in the case.

<u>State v. Gene Nave,</u> 02C184099X, 2002 EJDC, Dept. 15, Sally Loehrer Christy Craig, Chief Deputy Public Defender, second chair at trial Timothy Fattig, Chief Deputy District Attorney, first chair at trial Kam Brian, Deputy District Attorney, second chair at trial I was the assigned Deputy Public Defender, lead counsel at trial

This was my first jury trial as lead counsel. I was the fourth Deputy Public Defender assigned this case, and my team chief Ms. Craig helped me immensely. Foremost, I learned how to work through a client's trust issues, impulsivity, and emotional difficulties. I also learned how to remain focused in the face of a chaotic trial setting.

Eighth Judicial District, Dept. 11 <u>State v. Paul Morales</u>, 04C201209X, 2004 EJDC, Dept. 7, Stewart Bell Gary Guymon, Chief Deputy Public Defender, second chair at trial Brian Rutledge, Chief Deputy District Attorney I was the assigned Deputy Public Defender, lead counsel at trial

Mr. Morales was one of the first clients with an extensive criminal history that I represented at trial. He was very knowledgeable about the law, legal issues, and courtroom strategy, all of which contributed to him being a challenging client. I was fortunate to have Mr. Guymon as second chair at trial, as he brought a wealth of experience and knowledge. The trial, presided over by Judge Stewart Bell, was a kind of marathon sprint. As a public defender with only a few years of experience, I learned a great deal, in a short time, about trial work.

<u>State v. Sang Thi Saunders</u>, 05F07010X, 2005 Las Vegas Justice Court, Dept. 2, Douglas Smith Heidi Almase, FKA Nagel-Bock, assigned Deputy Attorney General I was the assigned Deputy Public Defender

Upon meeting my client and seeing the photographs of her child who was removed from her as a result of this case, I was convinced of her actual innocence. It was evident the allegations brought by the complaining witness, the putative father, were untrue and he had no standing to bring such charges. The case was dismissed, as the truth came to light. This case was also significant, as it was the means by which I met my future wife.

<u>State v. Frank Blackburn</u>, 09C251460X, 2009 EJDC, Dept. 23, Stefany Miley Danielle Pieper, Deputy District Attorney I was the appointed public attorney

In this case, I filed two appeals to the Nevada Supreme Court. The first resulted in a remand to District Court for further proceedings. Once the District Court record was made, the case was appealed again and oral argument was held regarding a novel area of law. This case and one other were the two instances in which I argued before the Nevada Supreme Court. Although it resulted in an order of affirmance against my client, I learned a great deal about the subject matter, the appellate process, and managing a client with personality issues.

<u>State v. Majunique Brown</u>, C-13-288842-1, 2013 EJDC, Dept. 3, Judge Douglas Herndon Martin Hart, second chair at trial Jacqueline Bluth, Chief Deputy District Attorney, lead chair at trial Dena Rinetti, Chief Deputy District Attorney, second chair at trial I was the appointed public attorney and lead counsel at trial

This was the only murder case I have taken to trial. It took six years from the homicide to bring this matter to trial, involved novel areas of law, and pre-trial litigation was extensive. The trial took three weeks to complete, the defense called three expert witnesses, and my client

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testified. This case was very challenging and tested me in ways that no other case has before or since in my professional life.

21. Do you now serve or have you previously served as a mediator, an arbitrator, a part-time or full-time judicial officer, or a quasi-judicial officer? To the extent possible, explain each experience.

No, I do not and have not.

22. Describe any pro bono or public interest work as an attorney.

I am currently serving as legal counsel to Fil-Am POWER, which is a non-partisan political organization, and to the US Filipino Veterans Group. I was a member of the Spring Valley Lions club, and have been involved in different capacities with other local Filipino community organizations, such as the Cavite Association, Ilocano Association, and the local chapter of NaFFAA. Additionally, I served as president of Hope For Prisoners.

23. List all bar associations and professional societies of which you are or have been a member. Give titles and dates of offices held. List chairs or committees in such groups you believe to be of significance. Exclude information regarding your political affiliation.

Nevada Attorneys for Criminal Justice and the Clark County Bar Association

24. List all courses, seminars, or institutes you have attended relating to continuing legal education during the past 5 years. Are you in compliance with the continuing legal education requirements applicable to you as a lawyer or judge?

Please see the attached List Of CLE Courses.

25. Do you have Professional Liability Insurance or do you work for a governmental agency?

Yes, as a contract attorney for Clark County I am required to maintain a \$1,000,000 policy.

Business and Occupational Experience

26. Have you ever been engaged in any occupation, business, or profession other than a judicial officer or the practice of law? If yes, please list, including the dates of your involvement with the occupation, business, or profession.

From 1995 to 1999, I was the manager of a collection agency in Bellingham WA, Advanced Financial Solutions.

From 1992 to 1994, I held various bartending and waitstaff positions.

From 1991 to 1992, I was an agent at Credit Collections USA.

From 1987 to 1990, I held various positions in restaurants and as a telemarketer.

27. Do you currently serve or have you in the past served as a manager, officer, or director of any business enterprise, including a law practice? If so, please provide details as to:

a. the nature of the business:

I currently own and operate a solo law practice. Before I attended law school, I managed a collection agency, Advanced Financial Solutions.

b. the nature of your duties:

As the owner and operator of Almase Law, I perform all the necessary business functions and practice law. I handle each case from beginning to end. Previously, I managed the daily operations of the collection agency, resolved disputes, and referred matters for litigation.

c. the extent of your involvement in the administration or management of the business:

I am wholly involved in the management of the business responsibilities of my law practice. At the collection agency, I was the manager directly below the owner of the company, and made daily managerial decisions on his behalf.

d. the terms of your service:

As a solo practitioner, I handle the terms of service for each client which are modified on a per case basis, depending on the subject matter, and are memorialized by written contract. As the manager of a collection agency, I oversaw the daily operations of each agent and communicated directly with clients.

e. the percentage of your ownership:

I am the sole owner of Almase Law. I did not have an ownership stake in Advanced Financial Solutions.

28. List experience as an executor, trustee, or in any other fiduciary capacity. Give name, address, position title, nature of your duties, terms of service and, if any, the percentage of your ownership.

Not applicable.

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-	Civic, Professional and Commu	inity Involvement

29. Have you ever held an elective or appointive public office in this or any other state? Have you been a candidate for such an office? If so, give details, including the offices involved, whether initially appointed or elected, and the length of service. Exclude political affiliation.

I was a candidate for the EJDC, Dept. 21, in 2020.

30. State significant activities in which you have taken part, giving dates and offices or leadership positions.

From 2011 to the present, I have been Legal Counsel to Fil-Am POWER. We have assisted the local Filipino community become more politically active, through voter registration drives, and hosting political forums and other such events. From 2019 to the present, I have been Legal Counsel to the US Filipino Veterans Group, which brings together veterans and provides financial support to them. I have also been involved with the local NaFFAA chapter, the Ilocano Association, and Cavite Association, which are Filipino civic and social organizations that support and celebrate the culture of the Philippines. From 2012 to 2014, I was the President of Hope For Prisoners, which helps people reintegrate into society, post-incarceration.

31. Describe any courses taught at law schools or continuing education programs. Describe any lectures delivered at bar association conferences.

Not applicable.

32. List educational, military service, service to your country, charitable, fraternal and church activities you deem significant. Indicate leadership positions.

From 2002 to the present, I have made charitable donations to Goodwill and the Salvation Army. During the pandemic, I donated money to the unions that endorsed my candidacy through the United Labor Agency of Nevada, worked at food banks, and participated in food drops for front line workers.

33. List honors, prizes, awards, or other forms of recognition.

Fil-Am POWER Recognition Award to Trachtman & Almase Law, 2014 Martindale-Hubbell Client Distinction Award, 2013

34. Have you at any time in the last 12 months belonged to, or do you currently belong to, any club or organization that in practice or policy restricts (or restricted during the time of your membership) its membership on the basis of race, religion, creed, national origin or sex? If so, detail the name and nature of the club(s) or organization(s), relevant policies and practices, and whether you intend to continue as a member if you are selected for this vacancy.

No.

35. List books, articles, speeches and public statements published, or examples of opinions rendered, with citations and dates.

Not applicable.

36. During the past 10 years, have you been registered to vote? Have you voted in the general elections held in those years?

Yes.

37. List avocational interests and hobbies.

Meditating Yoga Reading Sports, including pickleball and golf

Conduct

38. Have you read the Nevada Code of Judicial Conduct and are you able to comply if appointed?

Yes.

39. Have you ever been convicted of or formally found to be in violation of federal, state or local law, ordinance or regulation? Provide details of circumstances, charges, and dispositions.

No.

40. Have you ever been sanctioned, disciplined, reprimanded, found to have breached an ethics rule or to have acted unprofessionally by any judicial or bar association discipline commission, other professional organization or administrative body or military tribunal? If yes, explain. If the disciplinary action is confidential, please respond to question 73.

No.

41. Have you ever been dropped, suspended, disqualified, expelled, dismissed from, or placed on probation at any college, university, professional school or law school for any reason including scholastic, criminal, or moral? If yes, explain.

No.

42. Have you ever been refused admission to or been released from any of the armed services for reasons other than honorable discharge? If yes, explain.

No.

43. Has a lien ever been asserted against you or any property of yours that was not discharged within 30 days? If yes, explain.

Yes. A personal tax lien was placed on me and my ex-wife, as a result of under payment of taxes on law firm distributions in 2013 and 2014. It was promptly addressed, and the tax lien was satisfied.

44. Has any Bankruptcy Court in a case where you are or were the debtor, entered an order providing a creditor automatic relief from the bankruptcy stay (providing in rem relief) in any present or future bankruptcy case, related to property in which you have an interest?

No.

45. Are you aware of anything that may require you to recuse or disqualify yourself from hearing a case if you are appointed to serve as a member of the judiciary? If so, please describe the circumstances where you may be required to recuse or disqualify yourself.

No.

Other

46. If you have previously submitted a questionnaire or Application to this or any other judicial nominating commission, please provide the name of the commission, the approximate date(s) of submission, and the result.

Not applicable.

47. In no more than three pages (double spaced) attached to this Application, provide a statement describing what you believe sets you apart from your peers, and explains what particular education, experience, personality or character traits you possess or have acquired that you feel qualify you as a good district court judge. In so doing, address both the civil (including family law matters) and criminal processes (including criminal sentencing.)

Please see the attached Answer To Question 47.

48. Detail any further information relative to your judicial candidacy that you desire to call to the attention of the members of the Commission on Judicial Selection.

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49. Attach a sample of no more than 10 pages of your original writing in the form of a decision, "points and authorities," or appellate brief generated within the past 5 years, which demonstrates your ability to write in a logical, cohesive, concise, organized, and persuasive fashion.

Please see the attached Writing Sample.

Attachment A Employment History

Please start with your current employment or most recent employment, self-employment, and periods of unemployment for the last 20 years preceding the filing of this Application.

Current or Last Employer: Almase Law (self-employed)

Phone Number: 702-463-5590

Address: 526 S. 7th St., Las Vegas NV 89101

From: July 2014 To: Present

Supervisor's Name: N/A

Supervisor's Job Title: N/A

Your Title: Owner/Manager

Specific Duties: I have been practicing primarily criminal law and a few personal injury matters, while managing the business of a solo practice.

Reason for Leaving: N/A

Previous Employer: Trachtman & Almase Law

Phone Number: 702-474-0404

Address: 520 S. 9th St., Las Vegas NV 89101

From: August 2011 To: July 2014

Supervisor's Name: N/A

Supervisor's Job Title: N/A

Your Title: Law Partner

Specific Duties: I was the law partner of George Trachtman, and handled mostly criminal law cases, and a few civil matters.

Reason for Leaving: To pursue opportunities as a solo practitioner.

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Attachment A Employment History (continuation sheet)

Previous Employer: Almase Law Group

Phone Number: 702-474-0404

Address: 520 S. 9th St., Las Vegas NV 89101

From: July 2008 **To:** July 2011

Supervisor's Name: N/A

Supervisor's Job Title: N/A

Your Title: Owner/Manager

Specific Duties: I practiced primarily criminal law and a few personal injury matters, while managing the business of a solo practice.

Reason for Leaving: To create the law firm of Trachtman & Almase.

Previous Employer: Clark County Public Defender Office

Phone Number: 702-455-4685

Address: 309 S. 3rd St., Las Vegas NV 89101

From: October 2003 To: June 2008

Supervisor's Name: Philip Kohn

Supervisor's Job Title: Clark County Public Defender

Your Title: Deputy Public Defender

Specific Duties: I practiced criminal law for indigent people.

Reason for Leaving: To pursue opportunities in private practice.

Attachment A Employment History (continuation sheet)

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Previous Employer: Bremer, Whyte, Brown & O'Meara

Phone Number: 702-258-6665

Address: 1160 N. Town Center Dr., #250, Las Vegas NV 89144

From: September 2003 To: October 2003

Supervisor's Name: Peter Brown

Supervisor's Job Title: Managing Partner

Your Title: Associate

Specific Duties: I handled various civil law matters, including construction defect cases.

Reason for Leaving: To pursue a career in criminal defense at the Public Defender's Office.

Previous Employer: Eighth Judicial District Court, Department 2

Phone Number: 702-671-4318

Address: 200 Lewis Ave., Las Vegas NV 89155

From: September 2002 To: September 2003

Supervisor's Name: Valorie J. Vega

Supervisor's Job Title: District Court Judge

Your Title: Law Clerk

Specific Duties: I helped the judge prepare for her daily calendar of cases, and drafted various documents including legal memorandums.

Reason for Leaving: To pursue opportunities in private practice.

Previous Employer: Law Office Of James M. O'Reilly

Phone Number: 702-935-2996

Address: 10000 W. Charleston Blvd., Suite 100, Las Vegas NV 89135

From: May 2001 To: August 2001

Supervisor's Name: James M. O'Reilly

Supervisor's Job Title: Owner

Your Title: summer extern

Specific Duties: I helped the attorney prepare cases, participated in interviews and drafted documents.

Reason for Leaving: To return to law school.

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24. LIST OF CLE COURSES

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/31/2019	Practical Problems In Everyday Practice: DWI Arrests			1.00GD	1.00GD				
1/6/2020	Nevada Law Journal White Paper Symposium Breaking the Cycle: How Nevada Can E	fectuate Meaningf	ul Cr	6.00GD	6.00GD				
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/23/2020	#602 - Cross-Examination Made Simple #607-Borderline Personality Disorder: Presentence Criminal Mitigation Strategies				1.00GD				
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TRANSCRIPT OF COURSES BETWEEN 1-10-2017 THROUGH 12-30-2019

DATE	TITLE	CREDITS
12/30/2019	BORDERLINE PERSONALITY DISORDER: PRE-PLEA & PRE-SENTENCE CRIMINAL	1.0 GENERAL
12/30/2019	CRIMINAL MITIGATION: HUMANIZING THE CLIENT TOWARD A BETTER OUTCOME	1.0 GENERAL
12/30/2019	FEDERAL CRIMINAL PRACTICE 101	1.0 GENERAL
12/27/2019	NO LAWYER LEFT BEHIND: SUBSTANCE ABUSE TECHNIQUES TO SAVE OUR LAW FIRMS & OURSELVES	1.0 SUBSTANCE ABUSE
12/26/2019	PRACTICING LAW WITH CIVILITY	1.0 ETHICS
12/22/2019	99 YEARS & COUNTING: GENOCIDE, HUMAN RIGHTS, CYBER TERRORISM & INTERNATIONAL CRIMES	2.50 GENERAL
12/5/2019	HABEAS IN NEVADA	3.50 GENERAL
12/31/2018	ETHICAL & EFFECTIVE SOCIAL MEDIA FOR LAWYERS	1.50 ETHICS
12/31/12018	DEFENDING THE NORTORIOUS: A VIEW FROM THE TRENCHES	2.0 GENERAL
12/28/2018	CRAFTING A CASE: OPENING & SUMMATIONS	2.0 GENERAL
12/6/2018	APPELLATE & SUPREME COURT REVIEW 2018	2.0 GENERAL
12/3/2018	HOPE FOR SECOND CHANGES PROGRAM	2.0 GENERAL
8/16/2018	COMPULSIVE BEHAVIOR & MENTAL WELL-BEING	1.0 SUBSTANCE ABUSE

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8/16/2018	#475 – ETHICS: PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY WHEN USING SOCIAL MEDIA	1.0 ETHICS
12/31/2017	STEPPING INTO THE RING: REPRESENTING ATHLETES IN INDIVIDUALIZED SPORTS	1.50 GENERAL
12/31/2017	EXAMINATIONS BEFORE TRIAL & GETTING NOTICE: DEPOSING A DEFENDANT IN A PI CASE	1.50 GENERAL
12/29/2017	ENTERTAINMENT LAW: UNDERSTANDING TALENT AGREEMENTS	1.50 GENERAL
12/29/2017	DOCTORS & DETAILS: PERFECTING MEDICAL CONTRACT DRAFTING SKILLS	1.50 GENERAL
12/29/2017	DOCTORS, DISABILITY & DAMAGES: COVERING PERSONAL INJURY AUTOMOTIVE TRIALS	2.0 GENERAL
12/29/2017	REPRESENTING CONTENT PRODUCERS IN THE MULTI AGE (UPDATED 2017)	1.50 GENERAL
12/28/2017	DISSEMBLANCE, ALCOHOL ABUSE & CROSSING THE ETHICAL LINE	1.0 SUBSTANCE ABUSE
12/28/2017	COSTS OF POOR PROFESSIONAL JUDGMENT 2016	1.0 ETHICS
12/28/2017	ETHICAL PARADIGMS IN THE DIGITAL ERA (UPDATED 2017)	1.50 ETHICS
12/27/2017	AN INTRODUCTION TO SPECIAL EDUCATION LAW	1.0 GENERAL
2/14/2017	#537 – ETHICS: ATTORNEYS' DUTIES TOWARD CLIENTS WHEN USING TECHNOLOGY	1.0 ETHICS
2/8/2017	#500 SUBSTANCE ABUSE: ATTORNEY INEBRIATION, INTERVENTION & INSIGHT	1.0 SUBSTANCE ABUSE

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2/6/2017	#504 – PART 2: PSYCHOLOGICAL EVALUATIONS IN CRIMINAL & CIVIL CASES	1.0 GENERAL
2/2/2017	#503 – PART 1: PSYCHOLOGICAL EVALUATIONS IN CRIMINAL & CIVIL CASES	1.0 GENERAL
1/31/2017	#502 ~ ETHICS: WHY CLIENTS TURN ON THEIR LAWYERS	1.0 ETHICS
1/31/2017	#525 – ETHICS: CONCERNS FOR THE SOLO & SMALL FIRM PRACTITIONERS	1.0 ETHICS
1/10/2017	ADVANCED LEGAL RESEARCH WITH WESTLAWNEXT (TAX ISSUES)	1.0 GENERAL
1/10/2017	ADVANCED LEGAL RESEARCH WITH WESTLAWNEXT (ANTI TRUST)	1.0 GENERAL

Throughout my life, I have searched for truth. I was a very inquisitive child and constantly questioned the nature of things and people. I was raised Catholic, was an agnostic teenager and young adult, dabbled in Buddhism and Hinduism as I grew older, and have recently embraced a unifying spirituality that does not identify with any one religion. I meditate daily at different intervals, practice non-attachment, and try to approach life without ego. There has been a profound shift in my perspective, and I (mostly) no longer feel any stress about the future or regret about the past. As with the practice of law, a spiritual practice is an ongoing work in progress—if it were otherwise, it would be called something other than a "practice." In those instances where I fall back on old patterns of thinking or behaving, I do return to awareness and continue on the journey.

The challenges inherent in a fast-paced legal profession, the demands made by criminal clients, prosecutors and judges, are now met with a patient understanding that goes beyond the surface. I have always had an ability to remain calm, even in the most difficult circumstances, but with a spiritual practice, I now meet each challenge with increased understanding and more compassion. I live more deeply in the present moment, and listen, think, say, and act with more clarity. I understand the past and future only affect a person when brought into the present moment, and I strive to embrace each moment, as it is, whether positive or negative.

As with all people, I have many labels: son, brother, father, husband, and friend. As a legal professional, I have been a law clerk, public defender, and solo practitioner. We each act according to the labels placed on us, live according to our expectations and that of other people, and learn, as we can, to be better versions of ourselves. As an applicant for judicial office, I am certain my life and professional experience is at once unique and familiar, compared to the other people seeking this office.

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With this in mind, I feel a recitation of a person's life or professional experience, the past, has limited utility in determining the kind of judge they will become, the future. Each applicant is qualified in their own way, with more professional experience in one field than another, and with more life experience in some way than another. One can glean from my responses that I am knowledgeable in criminal law, and have trial and appellate experience over a nineteen-year career. I have more experience than some, while not as much experience as other applicants.

I am a good candidate for judicial appointment. I understand the law. I have a deep appreciation for people and the issues they bring to court. I will listen intently, work diligently, judge compassionately, and act fairly without ego.