

SECTION I – Public Information		
<b>Last Name</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>MI</b>
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<b>How many years have you resided in Arizona immediately preceding this application?</b> 46		
<b>Have you had at least five years practice of law? Yes</b> <b>If no, describe what equivalent legal experience you have.</b>		
I have practiced law as an appellate defense attorney, as a prosecuting attorney for eleven years, and for the last seven years as a Hearing Officer for the Phoenix Municipal Court.		
<b>Arizona State Bar Number</b>		<b>Date of Admission</b>
025145		2007
<b>Schools Attended (preparatory, college and law)</b>	<b>Dates: mm/dd/yy</b>	<b>Degree</b>
Brophy College Preparatory	From: 1993    Through: 1997	Diploma
Arizona State University	From: 1997    Through: 2001	B.A.
Arizona State University College of Law	From: 2001    Through: 2004	J.D.
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<p><b>1) Indicate major and minor fields of study.</b></p> <p>Law, Criminal Justice and Communication.</p>
<p><b>2) Indicate college and law school extracurricular activities.</b></p> <p>-Justice Project of Arizona; Student Attorney representing indigent defendants in post-conviction appeals. I spent the entire time working on cases where the defendants claimed innocence throughout their trial and sentencing. I worked primarily on one case in which the defendant had a pretrial offer of seven years and after conviction at trial was sentenced to twenty years.</p> <p>-U.S. Representative Matt Salmon, 1st U.S. Congressional District; Staff Intern handling constituent's requests and district office issues such as VA claims and press requests.</p> <p>-American Karate Studio; Student and Instructor working with people of all ages and backgrounds teaching self-defense and Kenpo karate.</p>
<p><b>3) Indicate all bar admissions, numbers, and dates.</b></p> <p>-Supreme Court, State of Arizona, #025145, 2007</p> <p>-United States District Court, District of Arizona, 2007</p> <p>-United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, 2007</p> <p>-Supreme Court of the United States of America, 2012</p>
<p><b>4) If you have been certified as a specialist by the Arizona State Bar, identify specialty.</b></p> <p>N/A</p>

<b>5) Explain if you have been denied admission to any State Bar.</b>		
N/A		
<b>6) Current Job Title</b>	<b>Employer</b>	<b>Date(s) of Employment</b>
Municipal Court Hearing Officer	City of Phoenix	From: 2018 Through: Present
<b>7) Describe chronologically, providing dates, your law practice and relevant experience following your graduation from law school, specifically indicating the following:</b>		
<b>A. If you have served as a judge, indicate the court(s) and dates of service.</b>		
<p>-I am currently serving as a Municipal Court Hearing Officer in the Phoenix Municipal Court. I was appointed to that position in 2018 and was reappointed in 2019, 2021 and 2023. In that position, I preside over civil cases filed in the Phoenix Municipal Court, including traffic offenses, parking citations and various City Code violations, such as building codes, fire codes and zoning ordinances.</p>		
<b>B. If you have served as a clerk to a judge, indicate the name of the judge, the court, and the dates.</b>		
N/A		
<b>C. If you practiced alone, indicate the addresses and dates.</b>		
N/A		

**D. Provide the names, addresses and dates of law firms or law offices, companies, governmental agencies, or other organizations for which you have been employed, and describe the nature of that employment.**

-Phoenix Municipal Court, 300 W. Washington, Phoenix, AZ 85003 (2018-Present). Hearing Officer. As a Municipal Court Hearing Officer, I was appointed to this position in 2018 and reappointed in 2019, 2021 and 2023. I preside over civil cases filed in the Phoenix Municipal Court, including traffic offenses, parking citations and various City Code violations, such as building codes, fire codes and zoning ordinances.

-City of Phoenix Prosecutor's Office, 300 W. Washington, Phoenix, AZ 85003 (2007-2018). Attorney, Appellate Attorney, Supervising Attorney. During my eleven years at the Prosecutor's office, I worked in every capacity from charging cases, to trial and then onto appeals. I served eight years in the Trial Bureau as a DUI and DV specialist, two years in the Appeals Bureau, and one year as a Team Captain with duties including training and supervision of attorneys, legal clerks and paralegals.

-Arizona Justice Project, 411 N. Central Ave #600, Phoenix, AZ 85004 (2003-2007). Student Attorney. I researched, interviewed, and drafted motions for post-conviction relief on indigent defendants' appeals in felony criminal cases.

**E. Describe the types of major clients you have served and mention areas of law in which you have specialized or focused. Give details of any service you have provided in a fiduciary capacity.**

-As a prosecuting attorney, I served the public interest in specialized areas such as DUI, domestic violence, assault and disorderly conduct, prostitution and solicitation, shoplifting and theft, and animal cruelty. In this role I focused on being highly proficient in the entire criminal trial process for misdemeanors, including reviewing charges, negotiating plea agreements, and conducting bench and jury trials. I gained in-depth knowledge of the City's innovative approaches such as diversion programs and specialty courts. I practiced fairness and kindness and pursued opportunities that would provide me with a wide range of experience such as Behavioral Health Court and Veterans Programs.

-I serve on the Board of the City of Phoenix Employee Retirement System. I was elected by fellow city employees into that role in 2024 for a three-year term. I am currently serving as the Chair of the Board and serve on the Charter Amendments/Policies & Procedures (CAPP), Investment, and Legal Review committees. While I am not serving in a legal capacity, I rely on my legal training and experience when making decisions regarding Board business. In representing employees from all departments of the City of Phoenix, I have a fiduciary role in making investment decisions on behalf of all members of the retirement system.

**8) Indicate your frequency of appearances in court as a lawyer: Frequent****Describe the nature of your appearances, giving dates, court names, and the nature of the proceedings.**

-As an Assistant City Attorney, I appeared in the Phoenix Municipal Court daily representing the City in all aspects of cases from arraignment to trial to appeal. Regular appearances included arraignment court, pretrial conferences, motion hearings, non-jury trials, jury trials and in-custody court proceedings. I have prepared and argued motions in Phoenix Municipal Court and Maricopa County Superior Court. I have tried over two hundred jury trials and over one thousand non-jury trials. I am very proud of my reputation as an ethical, experienced and dedicated attorney. I have a great deal of experience in court and, after eight years as a Trial Bureau attorney, I was promoted to the Appeals Bureau where I handled appellate cases for the City of Phoenix Prosecutor's Office. In 2017, I was promoted to Trial Bureau in a supervisory capacity as a Team Captain. I was responsible for supervising, training, and scheduling as well as training legal clerks and paralegals. During that time, I trained all levels of attorneys from legal interns to senior level attorney executives. I have appeared in all Phoenix Municipal Courtrooms.

**A. Indicate the percentage of these appearances between the listed court types.**

Federal Courts	State Courts	Justice Courts
	5%	
City Courts	Administrative Boards or Commissions	
95%		

**B. Indicate the percentage of your litigation practice.**

Civil	Criminal 80%	Traffic 20%	Administrative
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**C. State the number of cases you tried to verdict or judgment (rather than settled), for each of the following:**

Sole Counsel	Chief Counsel	Associate Counsel
1200		

**D. What percentage of these trials was:**

Jury 20%	Non-Jury 80%
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E. Describe not more than five significant litigated matters in which you participated and give the citations, if reported. Give a capsule summary of the substance of each matter and a succinct statement of the particular significance. Please identify the party or parties whom you represented; describe the nature of your participation in the matter; and the final disposition. Please state, as to each matter: 1) the date of the matter; 2) the name of the court and the judge before whom the matter was presented; and 3) the names and addresses of counsel for the other parties.

1)

In 2012, I was the sole prosecutor in a DUI jury trial in front of Judge Carol Scott Berry in Phoenix Municipal Court. The issue argued by defense counsel was that the manner in which the defendant's blood test was conducted was not in compliance with the Arizona Department of Public Safety's requirements for standardized blood testing. Through the use of expert testimony, I was able to demonstrate to the jury that the defense's argument was not supported by science. After a short deliberation, the jury returned a unanimous verdict of guilty on all counts. This case shows my experience with the use of highly technical and scientific evidence, exactly what trial court judges deal with regularly. Defense counsel was Greg Parzych, 2340 W Ray Rd # 1, Chandler, AZ 85224.

2)

In 2010, I was the sole prosecutor in a domestic violence assault case in front of Judge Alice Wright in the Phoenix Municipal Court. The evidence presented at the non-jury trial during the state's case was that the defendant had head-butted the alleged victim and then fled the scene. Evidence showed that the alleged victim had a bloody nose and bruising around both of her eyes. The defense argued that their client was responding in self-defense and that the alleged victim was actually the aggressor. Using my legal experience and litigation skills, I was able to successfully cross-examine the defendant and he admitted on the stand that he had in fact head butted the victim and that he was the aggressor. This case shows the importance of litigation skills being implemented in trial. Defense counsel was Candace Kent (deceased).

3)

In 2009, I represented the City of Phoenix in front of Judge Louis Frank Dominguez in a pre-trial motion to suppress evidence collected after a traffic stop in a DUI case. The defense motion asserted that the police officer did not have reasonable grounds to conduct a traffic stop. After a pre-trial motion hearing, the testimony and evidence showed that the officer articulated facts that proved to the court that reasonable suspicion existed and therefore the officer had reasonable grounds to conduct a traffic stop. This case shows my ability to conduct legal research and apply the facts to the law to do justice, allowing the case to proceed to trial. Defense counsel was Monyette Nyquist, 300 W. Washington, Phoenix, AZ 85003.

4)

In 2008, I was the sole prosecutor in a DUI case in front of Judge Richard Smith in Phoenix Municipal Court. The defense maintained that the driver of the vehicle that had crashed into the front gate of an apartment complex had actually fled the scene and the person who was arrested was not the driver at the time of the collision. Using my trial experience, admission of the hospital records, and the testimony of the nurse who treated the defendant, I was able to show the jury that the injuries sustained by the defendant were a direct match to the damage on the interior of the vehicle and that the bruising to the upper left shoulder area on the defendant was consistent with him wearing the seat belt on the driver's side of the vehicle. The jury returned a verdict of guilty on all counts. This case shows the importance of paying attention to all the facts in an effort to get to the truth. Defense counsel was Cliff Girard (deceased).

5)

In the years of 2003-2007, I was a student attorney with authority under Rule 38 to represent a person convicted of aggravated assault after a jury trial. With help from a senior attorney, I filed a motion for Post-conviction relief on the grounds that my client's trial counsel had not effectively represented him during the jury trial in which he was convicted. Unfortunately, the motion was not granted and my client was required to serve the remainder of his prison sentence. This experience impressed upon me the important role that trial judges play in safeguarding the constitutional rights of all people, especially those who are most vulnerable due to a lack of resources and education. The State was represented by the Maricopa County Attorney's Office.

**9) If you are or have been a judge, describe not more than five significant cases you have tried, or opinions you have written. For opinions, give the citations if the opinions were reported as well as citations to any appellate review of such opinions. Finally, please attach copies of the opinions, to include any appellate review of those opinions.**

-*State of Arizona vs. Buenas Properties, LLC*. This case involved a blighted apartment complex that was cited by the Neighborhood Services Department and the Fire Department of the City of Phoenix. The parties had several pretrial conferences and after months of Court guided negotiation the parties were finally able to reach a Settlement Agreement. This case shows the ability to facilitate creative problem-solving solutions that benefit the community, because compliance is the goal of the City.

-*State of Arizona vs. Naturaleza Moore*. This case involved photo radar enforcement in a school zone. The case is significant to me because it was the first time I was appealed in a photo radar case. The issue presented by the Defendant-Appellant was insufficient evidence presented by the State. The Superior Court affirmed my judgment because I applied the facts to the law and determined that the state had proven its case by a preponderance of the evidence. The opinion is attached.

-*State of Arizona vs. Lisa Prehota*. The Defendant/Appellant argued that photographs presented in the State's case violated her right to privacy and were an illegal search of her property. The photos were admitted in the hearing and the Superior Court Judge affirmed my ruling. I have included this case to illustrate the more complex issues that may arise even in a seemingly straight forward code violation case. The opinion is attached.

**10) Have you ever been engaged in any occupation, business, or profession other than the practice of law or holding judicial office? Yes If yes, please provide details, including dates.**

-I spent my summers working on my grandparents' farm in Northeastern Missouri near the Iowa border from the time I was six years old until I was sixteen when the farm was sold. The long hours and hard work showed me the importance of getting an education and the value of hard work. During my high school and college years, I worked as a karate instructor and lifeguard, which further heightened my desire to protect and keep safe those around me.



**11) Are you now, or have you ever been an officer or director or otherwise engaged in the management of any business enterprise? No If yes, give details, including the name of the enterprise, the nature of the business, the title or other description of your position, the nature of your duties, and the terms of your service.**

N/A

**12) Is it your intention to resign such position and withdraw from any participation in the management of any of such enterprises if you are appointed? If no, please explain.**

N/A

**13) Have you ever been sued by a client or a party? No If yes, give details, including dates.**

N/A

**14) Have you published any legal or other books or articles? Yes If yes, please list them, giving the citations and dates.**

-Limited Jurisdiction Reference Manual Chapter 7: Traffic Law and Procedure (2023) Arizona

Supreme Court, Administrative Office of the Courts

-Limited Jurisdiction Reference Manual Chapter 8: Common Civil Traffic Offenses (2023) Arizona

Supreme Court, Administrative Office of the Courts

**15) Are you in compliance with the continuing legal education requirements applicable to you? Yes If yes, list the courses and dates of attendance for the last two (2) years.**

- Synthetic Media Capabilities, 2025
- Enforcing Firearms Orders, 2025
- Evidence for Limited Jurisdiction Courts, 2025
- Geo-tracking and its use in Modern Criminal Investigations, 2025
- Judicial Security, 2025
- U.S. Supreme Court Updates, 2025
- Judge Orientation 2.0, 2025
- Judicial Network Security, 2025
- Judicial Leadership, 2024
- Obstructionist Courtroom Tactics, 2024
- Judicial Appeals, 2024
- Appeals for Limited Jurisdiction Judges, 2024
- Judicial Network Security, 2024
- Judicial Communication Strategies, 2024
- Treatment Courts, 2024
- Effects of Blind Justice on Procedural Fairness, 2024
- Rewiring the Judicial Mind, 2024
- Passing of the Gavel, 2024

**16) Have you taught any courses on law or lectured at bar associations, conferences, law school forums, or continuing legal education seminars? Yes If yes, please describe by providing the name of the course, the subject matter, the date and the place.**

I have taught courses on Trial Advocacy and have lectured at the Maricopa County Bar Association, Public Lawyers Division. I have also provided in-house continuing legal education classes at the Phoenix Law Department on trial and appellate issues. As a subject matter expert for the Arizona Supreme Court Education Services Division Civil Traffic Hearing Officer Training program, I teach mock hearing training for newly-appointed Hearing Officers and Judges.

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

- National Conference on Public Employee Retirement Systems, Trusty Trustee Award (2024)
- City of Phoenix Law Department Barrister Award for Outstanding Trial Advocacy (2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014)
- President, Maricopa County Bar Association, Public Lawyers Division (2016)
- Kenpo Karate, Black Belt (1<sup>st</sup> Degree 2005, 2<sup>nd</sup> 2012, 3<sup>rd</sup> 2016, 4<sup>th</sup> 2023)

**18) List any public offices held and dates.**

- City of Phoenix Employee's Retirement System Board (Member 2024, Chair 2025).
- Arizona State Legislative District Precinct Committeeman (2006-2007).

**19) List memberships and activities in professional organizations, including offices held and dates.**

- State Bar of Arizona (2007-Present)
- Maricopa County Bar Association, Public Lawyers Division, President (2012-2016)
- Arizona Women Lawyers Association (2004, 2025)

**Optional: List memberships and activities in civic organizations, including offices held.**

- City of Phoenix Employee's Retirement System Board (Member, Chair)
- Arizona Veterans Stand Down (Attorney, Judicial Officer)
- School PTO (Treasurer)
- Cub Scouts (Tiger Den Leader)

**20) List vocational interests and hobbies.**

- The most important part of my life is being a devoted husband and father to two wonderful boys, ages thirteen and fifteen. As most people experience, their children's hobbies and interests often become their hobbies and interests. We enjoy spending time practicing various sports depending on the season, spending time outdoors, hiking, and fishing. I have been studying Martial Arts for most of my life and still continue to train a few times a week. We also have two dogs that are a constant source of joy in our lives, and I love to grill for my family.

**21) Has any complaint of professional misconduct ever been filed, in any jurisdiction, where any form of disciplinary action has been taken against you? No If yes, when and where? How was it resolved?**

N/A

**22) Have you ever been convicted of any misdemeanor or felony, or violation of the Uniform Code of Military Justice in the United States, or any foreign country? No If yes, when and where? How was it resolved?**

N/A

**23) Phoenix City Code ("P.C.C."), Section 2-96(C)(3) provides that merit shall be the primary consideration for the Judicial Selection Advisory Board in making recommendations to the City Council for appointment to judicial office. Under P.C.C. § 2-96(C)(3) and consistent with the Arizona Constitution (see AZ Const. Art. 6 § 37(C)), the Judicial Selection Advisory Board has the duty to consider the diversity of the City's population. Please provide any information about yourself (e.g., your heritage, background, life experiences, etc.) that you believe is relevant to this consideration.**

-My personal background, like the City's population, is diverse in many ways. I have lived in Phoenix my whole life and I consider the diversity of our city to be one of its greatest strengths. My grandfather's military service during World War II as an infantryman and my summers spent working on my grandparents' farm have been very influential on my character. I learned the importance of service, hard work and commitment. My background has taught me to treat everyone that I meet with the same dignity and respect as I would like to be treated. My entire career has been spent in service to my community, and I live my life in service to those around me that need help. I show respect to my fellow community members by treating them with the same fairness, compassion and understanding that I would like to see all my loved ones treated.

**24) Include any further information relative to your candidacy or qualifications that you wish to transmit to the Judicial Selection Advisory Board at this time.**

-I have spent eighteen years serving the City of Phoenix and would like to continue to spend my career in service to my community at a higher level as a judge. I want to ensure that every person that comes to the Phoenix Municipal Court is treated with fairness, respect, and professionalism. I have practiced law in various roles on behalf of the community and now serve as a Hearing Officer. As a current member of the Phoenix Municipal Court bench, I attend monthly judges' meetings, serve on judicial committees within the courthouse, and review and advise on various aspects of the policies and procedures of the Court. As a Prosecutor for the City, I was responsible for handling the same types of cases that our judges handle and as a Hearing Officer I have the relevant experience to contribute my skills immediately to the court.