

SECTION I – Public Information		
Last Name	First Name	MI
Mulleneaux	Christine	E
How many years have you resided in Arizona immediately preceding this application? 29		
Have you had at least five years practice of law? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes      If no, describe what equivalent legal experience you have.		
Arizona State Bar Number		Date of Admission
018343		12/16/1997
Schools Attended (preparatory, college and law)	Dates: mm/dd/yy	Degree
Western Michigan University	From: 1986      Through: 1990	B.S.
Thomas M. Cooley Law School	From: 1993      Through: 1996	J.D.
	From:      Through:	
	From:      Through:	
	From:      Through:	

**1) Indicate major and minor fields of study.**

Western Michigan University, B.S.in Criminal Justice & Psychology.

**2) Indicate college and law school extracurricular activities.**

Western Michigan University, B.S. in Criminal Justice & Psychology, 1990.  
Participated in campus organizations and volunteer activities.

Thomas M. Cooley Law School, J.D., 1996  
Involved in moot court exercises and practical legal training opportunities. Also, I worked full-time at an all-male correctional institution, supporting myself through law school while gaining firsthand experience with the criminal justice system.

**3) Indicate all bar admissions, numbers, and dates.**

State Bar of Arizona, #018343, admitted December 16, 1997.

**4) If you have been certified as a specialist by the Arizona State Bar, identify specialty.**

N/A

<b>5) Explain if you have been denied admission to any State Bar.</b>		
<p>I was not successful on my first attempt at the Arizona State Bar Examination. I subsequently passed and was admitted to the State Bar of Arizona on December 16, 1997, and I have remained an active member in good standing since that time.</p>		
<b>6) Current Job Title</b>	<b>Employer</b>	<b>Date(s) of Employment</b>
Assistant City Prosecutor	City of Phoenix Prosecutor's Office	From: 11/12/2024 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>Maricopa County Superior Court Commissioner, March 2008 - October 2024.</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>		
<p>N/A</p>		
<b>C. If you practiced alone, indicate the addresses and dates.</b>		
<p>25473 N. 73rd Avenue, Peoria, Arizona 85083, September 2003 - March 2008.</p>		

**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.**

01/1998 - 07/1998	La Paz County Attorney's Office - Prosecutor
07/1998 - 11/1999	Pinal County Attorney's Office - Prosecutor
11/1999 - 07/2000	Arizona Attorney General's Office - Prosecutor
07/2000 - 07/2001	Douglas & Cox, PLC - Associate Civil Litigator
07/2001 - 08/2003	Edythe H. Kelly & Associates - Associate Civil Litigator
09/2003 - 03/2008	Christine E. Mulleneaux, PLLC - Sole Practitioner
03/2008 - 10/2024	Maricopa County Superior Court Commissioner

**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.**

My legal career has focused on service to the public through government and municipal clients. As a prosecutor for the City of Phoenix, I represent the State and the City in criminal prosecutions, with emphasis on misdemeanor and DUI cases, enforcement of victim rights, and ensuring community safety.

Previously, I served over 16 years as a judicial officer for Maricopa County Superior Court, presiding over criminal, juvenile, civil and family matters. This experience required impartial adjudication, management of high-volume dockets, and the application of the law to diverse populations across a broad range of legal issues.

<b>8) Indicate your frequency of appearances in court as a lawyer:</b> Hundreds			
<b>Describe the nature of your appearances, giving dates, court names, and the nature of the proceedings.</b>			
<p>Prosecutor - La Paz County, Pinal County, and Maricopa County (1998-2000)          Appeared regularly in superior and justice courts, handling misdemeanor and felony prosecutions. Responsibilities included charging decisions, pretrial conferences, motion practice, trials, and sentencing advocacy.</p> <p>Civil Litigation Attorney - Insurance Defense (2000-2003)          Represented clients in civil litigation matters including insurance defense. Appeared in Maricopa County Superior Court for motion hearings, discovery disputes, settlement conferences, and civil trials.</p> <p>Sole Practitioner (2003-2008)          Maintained a private practice handling criminal, civil, juvenile, and family law matters in Maricopa County Superior Court. Appeared in contested hearings, bench trials, settlement conferences, and evidentiary proceedings across multiple areas of law.</p> <p>Commissioner - Maricopa County Superior Court (2008-2024)          Presided over criminal, civil, family, and juvenile dockets. Managed high-volume calendars, conducted jury and bench trials, ruled on motions and evidentiary issues, and issued final orders in a wide variety of proceedings.</p>			
<b>A. Indicate the percentage of these appearances between the listed court types.</b>			
Federal Courts	State Courts	Justice Courts	
	80%	15%	
City Courts	Administrative Boards or Commissions		
5%			
<b>B. Indicate the percentage of your litigation practice.</b>			
Civil	Criminal	Traffic	Administrative
40%	60%		
<b>C. State the number of cases you tried to verdict or judgment (rather than settled), for each of the following:</b>			
Sole Counsel	Chief Counsel	Associate Counsel	
<b>D. What percentage of these trials was:</b>			
Jury	Non-Jury		

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)

12/19/2024 City of Phoenix Municipal Court Hon. Thomas Parascandola  
Defense Attorney: Noel Rascon - 2N. Central Ave., 18th FL, Suite 1800, Phoenix AZ 85004  
State v Chavon Burley #20248001381

This prosecution was significant because it ensured accountability in a serious domestic violence matter that had previously been declined for prosecution at the county level. The defendant, who had a documented pattern of abuse, escalated to stabbing her ex-girlfriend with kitchen shears during a violent altercation, following two prior attacks on the same victim. By securing a conviction, the case demonstrated the importance of pursuing justice even in matters initially declined, highlighting a commitment to victim safety and public protection. +

2)

11/19/2024 City of Phoenix Municipal Court Hon. Laura Lowery  
Defense Attorney: David L. Anderson - P.O.Box 20501, Mesa AZ 85277  
State v. Ansar Yunus #100718501

This case was significant because the defendant agreed to pay an undercover officer for sexual intercourse, constituting solicitation of prostitution. At trial, the defense argued the defendant could not commit the crime due to a language barrier. By introducing items from his wallet that required English proficiency, I was able to prove he understood and used English to secure a conviction and uphold accountability.

3)

08/14/2025 City of Phoenix Municipal Court Hon. Tina Solomon  
Defense Attorney: Benjamin C. Green - 4808 N. 22nd St., Suite 200, Phoenix, AZ 85016  
State v. Bryan Reitmeier #100753322

This case was significant because it required careful prosecutorial judgment to resolve a volatile domestic incident involving multiple offenders and competing claims of fault. By reaching a misdemeanor compromise, I ensured accountability while achieving a fair and balanced outcome.

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06/30/2025 City of Phoenix Municipal Court Hon. Hercules Dellas  
Defense Attorney: Monique B. Wilhite - 5045 W. Baseline Road, 105-207, Laveen AZ 85339  
State v. Alaina Elliott #202280000380

This prosecution was significant because it reinforced the principal that high-value retail theft is not a victimless crime. By holding the defendant accountable for attempting to steal merchandise from a major retailer without paying, the case demonstrated the importance of protecting both businesses and the broader community from economic loss.

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08/21/2025

City of Phoenix Municipal Court

Hon. Alex Navidad

Defense Attorney: Diana L. Braaten. - 2487 S. Gilbert Road, Suite 106-250, Gilbert AZ 85295

State v. Benjamin Hernandez #100814523

This case was significant because it involved a defendant with a lengthy criminal history who committed third degree criminal trespass, refused to comply with both store security and law enforcement, and was found guilty after a bench trial, resulting in an automatic probation violation and reinforcing accountability for repeat offenders.

**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.**

1. State of Arizona v. Matthew Aaron Dutra. - No.1 CA-CR 17-0168  
Court of Appeals, Division One - Published Opinion  
This case was significant because, as the trial judge, I ruled that kidnapping could be established by as little as 30 seconds of restraint and five steps of compelled movement. The Arizona Court of Appeals affirmed my ruling and resulting life sentence, setting binding precedent in Arizona law and demonstrating my ability to make sound, well-reasoned decisions that withstand appellate review.
2. Donna Johanson, et al. v. Nicholas Casavelli, et al. - No.1 CA-CV 24-0320  
Court of Appeals, Division One - Memorandum Decision  
This case was significant because I presided over the civil trial that resulted in an award of more than \$1.2 million in damages on a 12-count complaint against a defendant who had defrauded elderly victims. The case itself spanned more than seven years due to the defendant's repeated abusive filings, and he was ultimately declared a vexatious litigant. The Arizona Court of Appeals affirmed the judgment, underscoring the strength of my rulings and my ability to manage complex, protracted litigation while protecting vulnerable members of the community.
3. State of Arizona v. Jay Alan Bonke - No.1 CA-CR 17-0130  
Court of Appeals, Division One - Memorandum Decision  
In this trafficking in stolen property case, I conducted a detailed evidentiary analysis as the trial judge and admitted contested evidence over the defendant's objection. On appeal, the defense challenged that ruling, but the Arizona Court of Appeals affirmed both the conviction and sentence. The significance of this case lies in the appellate court's validation of my evidentiary reasoning, reinforcing proper standards for the admission of evidence and ensuring consistent trial-level application of the law.
4. State of Arizona v. Elizabeth Haley Brown - No.1 CA-CR 14-0567  
Court of Appeals, Division One -Memorandum Decision  
I presided over the trial in which the defendant was later denied post-conviction relief. The defendant claimed ineffective assistance of counsel, but the Court of Appeals dismissed the petition, finding no colorable claim. My original rulings and handling of the case were affirmed, demonstrating that my trial decisions were correct and legally sound.
5. State of Arizona v. Hussein Mohamed Ali - No. 1 CA-CR 12-0191

**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.**

2001-2003 I was a licensed real estate agent with Western Traditions Realty.



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.

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? N/A If no, please explain.

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

**14) Have you published any legal or other books or articles? No** **If yes, please list them, giving the citations and dates.**

**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.**

01/05/2024 - Understanding Integrity and Civility with Stuart Brody  
 01/05/2024 - Bullying in the Workplace  
 01/08/2024 - Court Connect Virtual Justice  
 01/08/2024 - Privacy and Security Training - Protecting Court and Criminal Records  
 01/08/2024 - Juveniles with Sexually Abusive Behaviors: Probation Training  
 01/08/2024 - Kids at Hope Online  
 01/08/2024 - Gangs and Human Trafficking Webinar  
 02/16/2024 - Commissioner JPR Training Video  
 03/08/2024 - Family Department Training  
 04/24/2024 - Working in a Discrimination and Harassment Free Workplace  
 04/24/2024 - Judicial Resource Allocation  
 04/26/2024 - Criminal Year Seminar  
 05/17/2024 - Brown bag Lunch Trainings  
 06/24/2024 - Civil Rotation Training  
 08/21/2024 - Rotation Training  
 10/07/2024 - Civil Department Training  
 02/06/2025 - Ethics Cafe Series: Revised Ethics Rules for Government Lawyers  
 04/03/2025 - APAAC - On Demand - DUI Prosecution Forensic Scientist Direct Examination  
 04/11/2025 - Criminal Year Seminar  
 05/08/2025 - Forfeiture By Wrongdoing  
 06/18/2025 - Windows on Jurisprudence: The Eyes See it All

**16) Have you taught any courses on law or lectured at bar associations, conferences, law school forums, or continuing legal education seminars? No If yes, please describe by providing the name of the course, the subject matter, the date and the place.**

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

N/A

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

N/A

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

State Bar of Arizona - Member (Active in Good Standing)  
U.S. District Court, District of Arizona - Admitted Member  
Licensed Arizona Real Estate Agent (Expired)

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

State Bar of Arizona - Member  
Arizona Humane Society - Supporter/Volunteer  
St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital - Supporter

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

Vocational interests include: Judicial ethics and professional responsibility; continuing legal education; mentorship of attorneys and students; community legal access initiatives; judicial administration and court efficiency; alternative dispute resolution.

Hobbies: Distance running and strength training; reading legal history and biographies, music and arts appreciation; community volunteering; cooking and nutrition.

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?

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?

**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.**

I am a white female and a practicing Catholic, which has grounded me in a tradition of service, compassion, and respect for human dignity. I also have Ashkenazi Jewish heritage in my background, which has given me an appreciation for minority faith traditions and the importance of cultural and religious diversity in shaping community values.

I have been an active member of the Arizona Bar since 1997 and bring nearly three decades of legal experience, including more than sixteen years as a judicial officer and my current service as a prosecutor for the City of Phoenix. These roles have allowed me to work closely with victims, defendants, and families from across Phoenix's diverse population, deepening my commitment to impartiality and fairness. In addition, my role as the primary caregiver for my elderly mother has strengthened my patience, empathy, and understanding of the challenges many families in our city face. These experiences together shape my perspective and commitment to serve the community with insight, compassion, and fairness.

**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 been an active member of the Arizona Bar since 1997, serving the public for nearly three decades as an attorney, judicial officer, and prosecutor. My sixteen years on the bench as a commissioner with the Maricopa County Superior Court gave me extensive experience managing high-volume dockets, ruling impartially, and ensuring litigants were treated with dignity and respect. My current role as a prosecutor with the City of Phoenix has further strengthened my perspective as an advocate within the justice system.

These combined experiences have equipped me with the judicial temperament, analytical ability, and dedication to public service that the citizens of Phoenix deserve. I am committed to applying the law fairly, maintaining courtroom efficiency, and upholding the integrity of the judiciary. It would be an honor to continue serving the community in the role of city court judge.