

SECTION I – Public Information		
Last Name	First Name	MI
Bhatia	Neha	
How many years have you resided in Arizona immediately preceding this application? 27 years		
Have you had at least five years practice of law? YES If no, describe what equivalent legal experience you have.		
NA		
Arizona State Bar Number	Date of Admission	
025366	11/13/2007	
Schools Attended (preparatory, college and law)	Dates: mm/dd/yy	Degree
Desert Mountain H.S.	From: 08/95 Through: 05/99	None
University of Arizona	From: 08/16/99 Through: 05/16/03	B.A. in Political Science
Creighton University School of Law	From: 08/16/04 Through: 05/18/07	J.D.
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<b>1) Indicate major and minor fields of study.</b>
<p>Bachelor of Arts in Political Science          Minors in General Business and Law</p>
<b>2) Indicate college and law school extracurricular activities.</b>
<p>University of Arizona:          Sikh Club: founding member and social club chair          Young Democrats</p> <p>Creighton University School of Law:          Young Democrats</p>
<b>3) Indicate all bar admissions, numbers, and dates.</b>
<p>Arizona, 025366 on 11/13/2007</p>
<b>4) If you have been certified as a specialist by the Arizona State Bar, identify specialty.</b>
<p>NA</p>

<b>5) Explain if you have been denied admission to any State Bar.</b>		
NA		
<b>6) Current Job Title</b>	<b>Employer</b>	<b>Date(s) of Employment</b>
Assistant Bureau Chief	Maricopa County Attorneys Office	From: 08/13/2007 Through: to 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>2007 to 2010-Pretrial Division and Trial Division. During this time I prosecuted misdemeanor cases in the San Marcus and University Lakes Justice Courts. During this time I tried 12 DUI jury trials and over 100 bench trials for charges including Interfering with Judicial Proceeding, Criminal Speed, Theft and Assault.</p> <p>2011 to 2017- Family Violence Bureau. While in the family violence bureau I handled complex child abuse and child fatality cases and cases where domestic violence was alleged.</p> <p>2017 to Present- Special Crimes and White Collar Cyber Crimes. I am the Assistant Bureau Chief of the White Collar Cyber Crimes Bureau. In this role I assist newer attorneys with charging and plea offers, as well as second-chairing them at trial. I also maintain a full caseload and handle most of the stalking and terroristic threat cases for the Maricopa County Attorney's. Additionally, my bureau handles the public corruption cases for the office, including those against members of the bar, law enforcement, and public figures. As the Assistant Bureau Chief, I am intimately involved with these sensitive and high-profile cases, and I personally prosecute many of them.</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>		
NA		
<b>C. If you practiced alone, indicate the addresses and dates.</b>		
NA		

**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.**

Maricopa County Attorney's Office  
225 W. Madison Avenue  
Phoenix, AZ 85003  
08/13/2007 to Present  
Criminal Prosecution

In 2020, I was promoted to Assistant Bureau Chief of the White Collar Cyber Crimes Bureau. This opportunity allowed me to mentor newer attorneys as they prepare for trial and make charging and plea decisions. In this bureau, I often handle Stalking and Aggravated Harassment cases involving Orders of Protection and Injunctions Against Harassment. Nearly six years of my time at the Maricopa County Attorney's Office was spent in the Family Violence Bureau, where I prosecuted cases involving allegations of child abuse and domestic violence. There, I also handled cases involving custody disputes and divorce, providing me with special insight into the laws and procedures that cover those areas of practice. At the start of my legal career at the Maricopa County Attorney's Office, I was assigned to the pretrial bureau at SEF. There, I first-chaired a DUI jury trial within two weeks of becoming a licensed. I then participated in another nine DUI jury trials within my first year as an attorney, becoming so well versed that I was asked to second-chair my colleagues' trials after only a short time. In 2006, I externed in the Juvenile Division at the Maricopa County Attorney's Office. During that time, I participated in the Juvenile Drug Court, adoption hearings, and conducted bench trials.

**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 clients are the people of Maricopa County and generally victims of crimes. I handle many of the stalking and terroristic threat cases for Maricopa County, which often have victims who are extremely involved in every aspect of their case. As their voice in the process, I work to quell their fears and answer their questions. Previously, I handled adult sex trafficking and domestic violence cases, where I routinely spoke with reluctant and recanting victims. Given the nature of the crimes I have handled over the last twelve years, many of my cases have centered around Orders of Protection and Injunctions Against Harassment. Further, while in the Family Violence Bureau, I also handled numerous homicide cases, many with child victims. In these cases, I spoke extensively with the next of kin, often beginning on the date of offense walking them through the entire criminal justice process.

<b>8) Indicate your frequency of appearances in court as a lawyer:</b> Daily for over 18 years.			
<b>Describe the nature of your appearances, giving dates, court names, and the nature of the proceedings.</b>			
<p>As a prosecutor with the Maricopa County Attorney's Office, I appear before Maricopa County Superior Court judges on a near-daily basis. Over the course of my career, I have conducted numerous jury and bench trials, ranging from complex felony matters to routine criminal proceedings. My courtroom practice has encompassed all stages of litigation, including arraignments, status conferences, evidentiary hearings, oral arguments on contested motions, settlement negotiations, sentencings, restitution hearings, and changes of plea.</p> <p>I have tried more than 50 jury trials to verdict and over 100 bench trials, and I regularly litigate pretrial motions involving evidentiary, constitutional, and procedural issues. This extensive courtroom experience has required me to apply the rules of evidence, criminal procedure, and substantive law in a wide variety of contexts, while maintaining efficiency, fairness, and professionalism in high-volume court calendars.</p>			
<b>A. Indicate the percentage of these appearances between the listed court types.</b>			
Federal Courts	State Courts	Justice Courts	98% 2%
City Courts	Administrative Boards or Commissions		
<b>B. Indicate the percentage of your litigation practice.</b>			
Civil	Criminal	Traffic	Administrative
	100%		
<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	
Approximately 150			
<b>D. What percentage of these trials was:</b>			
Jury	Non-Jury		
1/3	2/3		

**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)**

Criminal Jury Trial—I represented the State  
6 Defendants found guilty  
1) 08/30/2021 to 08/02/2024  
2) Hon. Joseph Kreamer, Maricopa County Superior Court Judge  
3) Counsel for Defendants:  
Bruce Blumberg; 2701 E Camelback Rd, STE 185, Phoenix, AZ 85016-4332  
Gregory Navazo; 222 N Central Ave, # 910, Phoenix, Arizona 85003  
Corwin Townsend; 45 W Jefferson St, STE 501, Phoenix, AZ 85003-2316  
Anca Jacob; PO BOX 1153, Glendale, AZ 85318-1531  
Clifford Levenson; Law Office of Clifford Levenson, 5119 N 19th Ave, STE K, Phoenix, AZ 85015-3221

In 2001, the victim and her family immigrated to the United States from Iraq to escape religious persecution. In early 2021, at the age of 20, the victim left her family's home after learning she was pregnant and chose to live with her boyfriend. Her family did not approve of the relationship because her boyfriend was not Muslim. From March through August 2021, her parents, three brothers, and sister pursued her relentlessly. The victim feared that if they found her, they would harm her, her unborn child, and her boyfriend, as they believed she had brought dishonor to the family. Their pursuit culminated in August 2021 at a doctor's office, where five family members forcibly separated her from her boyfriend and pushed her into their car while she screamed for help.

This case required years of pre-trial litigation and negotiation in an effort to reach a just resolution short of trial. The defendants struggled to understand the American justice system, and despite my efforts to reason with them—including sharing my perspective as the child of Indian immigrants familiar with similar cultural expectations—they blamed me for the breakdown of their family. When it became clear that the matter could not be resolved by plea, the Court, defense counsel, and I began planning the logistics of a six-defendant trial with an Arabic interpreter. By the time of trial, the victim had lived apart from her family for three years out of fear for her safety and that of her new family. The trial presented not only the legal and logistical challenges of multiple defendants and language barriers but also the emotional strain of requiring the victim to testify against her entire family. Over six weeks, despite repeated disruptions from the defendants, the jury returned guilty verdicts against all of them. The outcome brought the victim both relief and vindication.

**2)**

Criminal Bench Trial—I represented the State  
Defendant found Guilty  
1) 1/22/2018 to 9/10/2018  
2) Hon. Geoff Fish, Maricopa County Superior Court Judge  
3) Counsel for Defendant: Carla Bastien; Goodyear City Court 14455 W Van Buren Street, STE B101; Goodyear, AZ 85338-9319

On January 17, 2018, the Defendant and the female victim were observed arguing in a parking lot by multiple officers during a Human Trafficking Task Force. Detective Russo saw the Defendant strike the victim in the face and seemingly direct her to a street corner. Moments later, she was "picked up" by Detective Murry who was also working undercover with the Task Force. Detective Murry arranged a deal for a sex act with the victim, and once the deal was confirmed, arrested her. At the same time, other Task Force Detectives contacted the Defendant who was watching the victim enter Detective Murry's truck. Police later questioned both the victim and Defendant regarding the events that took place that morning. The victim first told police that the Defendant was not the impetus for her prostituting, however, when presented with what Detectives observed, she told Detective Murry that she did not want to engage in prostitution, but the Defendant forced her. She further told Detectives that she was forced to give the Defendant any money that she earned.

This case exemplified the difficulty and sensitive nature of domestic violence and sex trafficking cases. From the start, the victim was difficult to work with and refused to cooperate with the State. A day before trial, Defense and I had the opportunity to speak with the victim, and she reiterated what she had originally told police. The following day on the stand, however, the victim testified that she lied to police as well as counsel the previous day. She testified that she loved the Defendant and engaged in prostitution solely on her own volition and did not give the Defendant any proceeds. She further testified that she lied initially because she wanted to escape her own prosecution for prostitution and that she lied the previous day because she was mad at the Defendant. After speaking with the victim the day before, I knew that she still had feelings for the Defendant and it was clear when she was testifying that she did not want to be responsible for him going to prison. My only job at that point was to ensure a fair trial for the Defendant with a complete presentation of all the facts while pointing out the obvious motive behind the victim's recantation. The outcome proved that the justice system works, as Judge Fish listened to all of the testimony and evidence presented and delivered a just verdict. I knew that justice was achieved when the victim breathed a sigh of relief and thanked me after the trial.

**3)**

Criminal Prosecution—I represented the State  
Case dismissed by motion of the State  
1) 04/01/2013 to 05/29/2015  
2) Hon. Sam Myers, Maricopa County Superior Court Judge  
3) Counsel for Defendant: RJ Parker; Maricopa County Public Defenders Office, 620 W Jackson Street, STE 4015, Phoenix, AZ 85003-0538

The Defendant, a nanny for the infant victim and her older brother, was watching them as well as her own children on September 13, 2011. Early that morning the victim was dropped off at the Defendant's home, and it was reported that the victim was acting "normal" though fussy. The infant victim was often fussy as she suffered from food allergies and did not enjoy human touch. At lunchtime that day, the victim was put in a swing where the Defendant fed her. The victim vomited, so the Defendant took her out to wash her off in the bathroom tub. The Defendant then took the victim to her bedroom to put her on a towel to dry her off and dress her. It was at this point that the Defendant said the victim became nonresponsive and stiff. Her boyfriend had left home for about twenty minutes with their only phone, and upon his return, they called paramedics who took the baby to a hospital. An examination revealed the child had a skull fracture, retinal hemorrhages, and was neurologically compromised. The victim was then transferred to Cardon's Children's Hospital, where two days later another scan revealed that she also had subdural hematomas. The infant victim ultimately survived her injuries. Further tests also revealed leptomeningeal enhancements, and a spinal tap was requested by the pediatric radiologist at the time of her initial evaluation. This test, however, was never done. The case was charged based on statements made by the Defendant and her children at the dependency hearing for her biological children.

Prosecution and the eventual resolution in this case relied heavily upon analysis of medical records and interpretations from expert witnesses from both sides. During the pendency of the case, the Defendant never wavered regarding her innocence. It was clear that the Defendant would not accept a plea and both parties prepared for trial. In preparation for trial, the Defense hired an expert to evaluate the victim's extensive medical records. During this evaluation, their expert discovered the mention of the leptomeningeal enhancements that were found during the victim's initial examination. Leptomeningeal enhancements are a sign of Meningitis, which if present, could explain the victim's injuries. Once I learned of this finding, I spoke with our experts and confirmed that the possibility of Meningitis as a cause of the injuries, as opposed to inflicted abuse, could not be medically ruled out. With this information I knew it would be unethical to proceed with the case. However, before dismissing, I needed to inform the victim's parents of our difficult decision. As expected, the victim's parents, who were deeply invested in the case, were upset with my decision after years of waiting for justice for their daughter. Ultimately, dismissing the case was the only just and appropriate resolution in light of the information I had learned.

**4)**

Criminal Jury Trial—I represented the State  
Defendant found guilty  
1) 10/6/2012 to 05/29/2015  
2) Hon. Karen Mullins, Ret. Maricopa County Superior Court Judge  
3) Counsel for Defendant: Jesus Acosta; Acosta Law Office; PO BOX 91568, Phoenix, AZ 85068-1568

On October 4, 2012, the Defendant, along with his girlfriend (V1) and her sister (V2), were at his place of work and home drinking. The Defendant and V1 by all accounts were engaged in a verbal argument for most of the night, and V1 admitted on the stand to slapping the Defendant because she believed he was cheating on her. The argument escalated as the night went on, though V2 never participated in the argument or had a weapon at any point. Later, the Defendant became enraged and eventually went inside a garage and retrieved a handgun. Both V1 and the Defendant later told police that the Defendant first shot a bullet into the ground and the argument between V1 and the Defendant continued as V2 pleaded with her sister to leave. The Defendant then pushed V1 onto the ground and shot at her, striking her in her hand. He then shot V2, killing her with a single shot to the head. The Defendant finally put down the gun and along with V1 called 911. The Defendant told police he deliberately shot both V1 and V2 because he was mad. He told police that he pointed the gun at their bodies and shot. He further stated that he introduced the gun into the argument because he was angry. The altercation was captured on video by surveillance cameras at the scene, though the images were not clear.

This case relied primarily on the testimony of the surviving victim. This was a difficult case to try because the surviving victim blamed herself for her sister's death. She blamed herself for bringing her sister to the scene and for prompting the shooting by arguing with the defendant. I worked with the victim to help her channel her guilt and remorse into impactful and meaningful testimony. It was important for me to make sure the surviving victim understood that she too was a victim, harmed and impacted by the Defendant's actions. She sustained an injury to her hand that will stay with her forever, and she lost her sister. This trial was not just to seek justice for her sister, but her family, including herself. The jury found the Defendant guilty of the lesser 2nd Degree Murder, and at sentencing, the surviving victim along with other members of her family appeared and spoke. I was happy I was able to achieve justice and closure for this family.

5)

Criminal Prosecution—I represented the State  
Defendant pled to natural life in prison.

1) 10/19/2012 to 07/25/2014

2) Hon. Margaret Mahoney, Ret. Maricopa County Superior Court Judge

3) Counsels for Defendant: Jamie Hindmarch and Rose-Marie Pena Lynch; Office of Public Defense Services, 620 W Jackson Street, STE 3076, Phoenix, AZ 85003-2434

On October 19, 2012, the Defendant, who was the victim's uncle and sole caregiver at the time, took the victim to his neighbor's house because he was blue, unresponsive, and had a distended stomach. The neighbor called 911 while the Defendant attempted to administer CPR to the victim. The Defendant told neighbors, EMTs, and fire personnel who arrived at the scene that the child had drowned by a hose at the side of the house. All those to whom he relayed his story found it unbelievable given that there was no standing water anywhere in the vicinity. The victim's mother was at work when the incident occurred, and the victim's maternal aunt had left about thirty minutes before to run errands. The victim died at the hospital shortly after arrival. An autopsy later revealed that the victim had suffered a tear 4.7 inches inside his rectum caused by an inserted object. He also suffered tears around his anus and cuts to his inner and outer mouth. The medical examiner concluded that his death was likely caused by the tear to his rectum allowing air to enter his internal organs and tissue. All of the victim's injuries were determined to be acute. On January 23, 2012, after staffing the case at capital review, I filed a Notice of Intent to Seek the Death Penalty.

This was the first capital case I handled, and the magnitude of filing the Notice of Intent to Seek the Death Penalty was not something I took lightly. Throughout the pendency of this case, the fact that the Defendant's life was on the line was at the forefront of my mind. Given the nature of the charges and capital designation, every aspect of the case was litigated and scrutinized. Despite this, at no point was any interaction between myself and Defense Counsel unprofessional. It was clear from the start that all parties involved wanted to achieve justice. I had limited contact with the next-of-kin for most of the case because the victim's mother simply could not handle the criminal proceedings on top of her grief. However, when Defense proposed a plea to natural life, I asked the next-of-kin for an in-person meeting to discuss the plea. The compassion and forgiveness the next-of-kin displayed were the driving forces for the plea we eventually extended. She explained her opposition to the death penalty and trial in this case and urged me to offer the plea requested. With this information, I did everything in my power to ensure that the plea to natural life was approved. In the end, the Defendant accepted a plea to natural life. He accepted responsibility for his actions and saved the next-of-kin from having to endure a trial detailing her son's horrific death. This case exemplified that justice can be achieved for all parties when adversaries work together.

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.

NA

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.

University of Phoenix  
Online lecturer of a business law class.  
9/1/2009 to 6/1/2017

Banana Republic  
Sales Associate  
2005 to 2008

Arizona Democratic Party  
Office Assistant; I helped coordinate party events.  
08/01/2003 to 07/31/2004



**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.**

NA

**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? NA If no, please explain.**

NA

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

NA

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

NA

**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.**

3/2/2023 Risk Factors Training  
3/16/2023 Law Rule and Policy Changes  
4/28/2023 Criminal Year Seminar  
5/11/2023 Professionalism Career in Review  
6/12/2023 Ethics Training  
6/29/2023 The Prosecution of Kyle Rittenhouse  
6/29/2023 The Neurobiology of Trauma  
6/30/2023 Rule 404 What is it Good For?  
6/30/2023 Lessons from Lasso  
7/26/2023- Implicit Bias  
11/28/2023 to 11/29/2023- Hate Crimes Symposium  
6/3/2024 When the Tables are Turned  
6/17/2024 Don't be Dramatic  
6/20/2024 to 6/22/2024 APAAC Summer Conference  
1/27/2025 New Rules for all Government Lawyers  
6/25/2025 to 6/27/2025 APAAC Summer Conference

<p><b>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.</b></p> <p>Analyzing Threats; a course on the prosecution of threat cases and statutes on July 23, 2025 at the Arizona Counter Terrorism Information Center</p>
<p><b>17) List any honors, prizes, awards, or other forms of recognition which you have received.</b></p> <p>Attorney of the Month multiple times over the last 18 years.</p>
<p><b>18) List any public offices held and dates.</b></p> <p>NA</p>
<p><b>19) List memberships and activities in professional organizations, including offices held and dates.</b></p> <p>Los Abogados Hispanic Bar Association- 2024 to present  Arizona Women's Law Association - 2021 to present  South Asian Bar Association, Arizona - 2007 to present  Association of Threat Assessment Professionals - 2023 to present  Statewide Threat Assessment &amp; Mitigation Program - 2024 to present</p>

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

2016 to present- Site based volunteer with Big Brother Big Sisters of Arizona at Lowell Elementary School. I meet with my little sister once a week and take great pride in being a positive role model in her life.

2023 to present- Girl Scout Troop Leader for Troop 9574. I formed the Troop when the girls were Brownies in 2nd Grade, this year the troop will be bridging to Juniors as 4th graders.

2022 to present- Foster Arizona, most recently serving as a "host" at a Female Empowerment event.

2017- Arizona Pet Project. Advisor to the Executive Board. The mission of the organization is to help keep families from losing their pets.

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

Nine years ago, I became a mother to a spirited and independent daughter who changed my perspective on life. Nearly seven years later, her sister joined our family, and together they have become the center of my world. Outside of work, I devote my time to my husband, our two Labradoodles, Dudley and Norman, and our rescue Saint Bernard, Bruce. Watching my daughters learn and grow has been a tremendous gift, and I strive to raise them to be confident, compassionate, and resilient.

In my free time, I serve as a Girl Scout troop leader for Troop 9574 and regularly volunteer at my daughters' school. My husband and I also enjoy taking our children on new experiences that allow them to learn, explore, and meet different people. Being a mother has inspired me to pursue a judicial position with the City of Phoenix Municipal Court, where I can serve as a strong role model for my daughters and work to improve the community they are growing up in.

**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?**

NA

**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? Yes If yes, when and where? How was it resolved?**

In 2001, I was convicted of Criminal Speed, a class 3 misdemeanor in the Casa Grande Justice Court. I was required to pay a fine.

**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.**

From the start of my legal career, I have been committed to applying the law with fairness and integrity, guided by my unique perspective and deep sense of service to the community. As the daughter of Indian immigrants who grew up in Maricopa County, I carry with me an appreciation for diversity, resilience, and hard work. These values have shaped both my passion for public service and my decision to pursue a career as a prosecutor. Throughout my time at the Maricopa County Attorney's Office, I have sought opportunities to serve the people of Maricopa County while also preparing myself for future service as a judge for the City of Phoenix Municipal Court.

Much of my legal career has been dedicated to prosecuting cases involving victims. I began in the Family Violence Bureau, where I was responsible for handling cases involving domestic violence and child abuse. For the past five years, I have served as Assistant Bureau Chief of the White-Collar Cyber Crime Bureau, where I prosecute complex cases such as stalking, public corruption, and online threats. This role has allowed me to both protect my community and mentor newer attorneys in the office.

In every case I handle, my primary goal is to guide victims through the challenges of the criminal justice system. Over the past eighteen years, my greatest reward has been connecting with people from all walks of life and working to make the justice system accessible to all. As a judicial officer, I would bring these same values—fairness, compassion, and diligence—to interpreting and applying the law.

My commitment to service extends beyond the courtroom. Through the Big Brothers Big Sisters program, I have had the privilege of mentoring my younger sister, who continues to inspire me with her resilience and determination. This experience has reinforced my belief that with hard work, support, and perseverance, every young person can overcome challenges and achieve their goals.

My personal and professional experiences, combined with my compassion, patience, and dedication to justice, have prepared me well for judicial service. My years as a prosecutor have taught me the importance of impartiality, professionalism, and maintaining fairness in the courtroom. I am confident in my ability to manage high-volume court calendars while ensuring that every party has the opportunity to be heard with dignity and respect.

**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 am especially qualified to serve as a judge for the City of Phoenix Municipal Court because I would provide a unique perspective to the bench no other candidate can provide. My eighteen years of experience working as a female minority prosecutor has given me special insight into the Court System. During my time as a prosecutor, I have litigated, negotiated, and settled hundreds of cases, many involving complex legal issues, reluctant or minor victims, next-of-kin, and volatile situations. I have handled a capital case from filing to an eventual plea while working closely with defense and next-of-kin to reach a just resolution. With each case I handle, I strive to remain fair and unbiased to achieve justice for not only the victims but also each Defendant. I consider every step of my legal career as an opportunity to learn and have always sought constructive criticism to grow as an attorney.

For eighteen years, my work ethic and dedication to my cases and office has not wavered. In the last year, I reviewed numerous misdemeanor backlog cases for other bureaus and handled cases for the Family Violence Bureau, exhibiting my continued commitment to my office. For the last four years, I have earned the highest possible evaluation rating for my exemplary work.

As the Assistant Bureau Chief of the White Collar Cyber Crimes Bureau, I am a resource to those in my group while maintaining a full caseload of complex cases. It is with this same perseverance and mindset that I am again applying for a position as a City of Phoenix Municipal Court Judge. If appointed, I will work diligently to ensure that each case is given the same detailed attention necessary to reach the right result. I have built strong relationships with defense counsel, court staff, coworkers, and my support staff. I respect each individual I come into contact with and enjoy learning from others. I take pride in being knowledgeable about the applicable laws, and being organized, efficient, rational and fair. If given the opportunity to serve my city as Judge, I would use these same attributes to achieve justice for all.