

## Comparison of Judicial Candidates – Selected Criteria<sup>1</sup> Southwest Division

	Laurel Gibson	Kris Jensen	Brian Todd
<b>Year admitted to practice law in Washington</b>	1997	1989	1999
<b>Experience practicing law</b>	criminal: 12 yrs.	criminal and civil: 26 yrs.	criminal and civil: 17 yrs.
<b>Jury trials as lead attorney</b>	24 approx.	49 approx.	52 approx.
<b>Judicial experience</b>	4+ yrs. as admin. law judge and judge pro tem	21 yrs. as judge pro tem and arbitrator	none
<b>Legal education</b>	J.D., 1996 Seattle University	J.D., 1989 Gonzaga University	J.D., 1999 University of Wyoming
<b>Undergraduate education</b>	B.A., 1990 University of Washington	B.S., 1984 Washington State University	B.A., 1995 University of Wyoming
<b>“The type of judge you aspire to be”  (in 75 words or less)</b>	“I aspire to be a judge with a reputation for being fair, accessible, reasonable, and knowledgeable. I want be known for faithfully upholding the letter and spirit of the constitution and the laws of	“The kind of judge who does not get an affidavit from either defense or prosecution. Drawing an affidavit happens occasionally to all judges, but regularly getting them means attorneys do not trust the judge to make	“I aspire to be a judge who is indeed impartial and fair, but above all, respectful to all parties in my court. There is always the need for a judge to maintain control of the courtroom, but much of this stems from the

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	Washington State. I want to be a judge that inspires faith in our judicial system by giving all persons a fair opportunity to be heard and have their legal problems resolved."	reasonable decisions. I want to be the judge that attorneys want to have for their case."	judge's demeanor. I would have the demeanor which would foster respect in the courtroom. The parties would know what to expect and I would model the same to them."
<b>"Why you are seeking a judicial position"  (in 75 words or less)</b>	"Having grown up in South King County, I have watched my community evolve and become richly diverse. I worked full-time to put myself through college and law school and I appreciate the sacrifices made by many of our citizens who are trying to better themselves and their children. My children attend a public school system that is no longer predominately Caucasian. My children have benefited from being exposed to many more perspectives than I had during my education. I would like to bring my appreciation of this richness of diversity to the bench. I have the	"Sitting as judge fits my disposition. I enjoy the challenge of communicating clearly and efficiently with attorneys and the public. A judge's role is to create an efficient and streamlined process while doing the best job of impressing upon all civilians exposed to this system that it's fair and reasonable. Administration: The judges are collectively responsible for making their court run efficiently. This means appreciating staff and working to reduce wasted resources whenever possible."	"Through all of my legal work, I have learned skills which have given me an excellent perspective on what causes parties to have disputes. I would bring a fair and objective approach in encouraging parties to realize the roots of their conflicts. However, I am able to act in the role of a judge which is to ultimately act fairly and impartially in deciding those issues that cannot be resolved by the parties' themselves."

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	<p>experience and knowledge to effectively and fairly apply the laws of Washington State. I am sensitive to the fact that many of our community members do not know how to access the judicial system. I would like to be a part of improving a judicial system that equally serves people from all different cultures and income levels.</p>		



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	Anne Daly	Gregg Hirakawa	Steven Kim	Rhonda Laumann	Mary Lynch
<b>Year admitted to practice law in Washington</b>	1989	2002	2001	1992	1989
<b>Experience practicing law</b>	criminal: 27 yrs.	civil & criminal: 13 yrs.	criminal: 15 yrs.	criminal & civil: 23 yrs.	criminal: 19 yrs.
<b>Jury trials as lead attorney</b>	100+	46 approx.	95 approx.	65 approx.	200+
<b>Judicial experience</b>	none	2 yrs. as pro tem	1+ yr. as pro tem	"over 1,200 hours" as pro tem; sole arbitrator in 36+ arbitrations	8 yrs. as pro tem
<b>Legal education</b>	J.D., 1988 Seattle University	J.D., 2002 Seattle University	J.D., 2000 University of Washington	J.D., 1992 Seattle University	J.D., 1989, Seattle University
<b>Undergraduate education</b>	B.A., 1983 University of Washington	B.S., 1981 University of Oregon	B.A., 1997 University of Washington	B.A., 1989 Colorado Mesa University	B.A. 1980 University of Montana
<b>"The type of judge you aspire to be"  (in 75 words or less)</b>	"I aspire to be the type of judge that the public, attorneys and other judges respect and to have those that	"To allow litigants to have their day in court, and allow them to try their case as they see fit within reasonable	"Each of us have inherent biases and prejudices. However, my judicial philosophy is to put aside my	"I am committed to balanced, focused, resourceful and efficient administration of justice, allowing	"For a legal system to be trustworthy, it must be fair. The parties involved in a case look to the judge to provide

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	<p>appear before me to feel heard, understand the process and my decisions. I aspire to treat the all that come into the courtroom with humanity and respect, to provide a sense of security to those who have been harmed. I will implement and follow the law regardless of my personal feelings about the law. I aspire to be the type of judge that instills faith and confidence in our justice system and to have an effective; well-managed and efficient courtroom that serves the taxpayers well."</p>	<p>confines, and to guarantee all parties are treated with dignity and respect so as to instill their confidence in the court proceeding and justice system."</p> <p>[Question for this candidate was, in 50 words or less: "Describe your judicial philosophy."]</p>	<p>own biases to ensure justice for anyone who steps into a courtroom – litigants, victims, and attorneys alike. I will seek to interpret the law without passion, prejudice, or political agenda."</p> <p>[Question for this candidate was, in 50 words or less: "Describe your judicial philosophy."]</p>	<p>time and consideration of all parties' perceptions and interpretations before making decisions soundly grounded in law. Including people in the legal process and providing accountability for choices is what I currently do and would like to continue doing on a daily basis. I am committed to supporting lawyers achieve competence in their trial skills to have their clients' stories heard and district court is a training ground for new lawyers."</p>	<p>this guarantee of fairness. This is accomplished by treating the parties equally, being professional on the bench and correct in decisions even if those decision are unpopular."</p> <p>[Question for this candidate was, in 50 words or less: "Describe your judicial philosophy."]</p>
<p><b>"Why you are seeking a judicial position"</b> <b>(in 75 words or</b></p>	<p>"The majority of my career has been spent as an advocate for individuals in our</p>	<p>"I am seeking appointment to the King County District Court because a 10 year old boy, whose</p>	<p>"All people need to see a reflection in our justice system. This builds confidence in the</p>	<p>"I have successfully performed many aspects of the duties of a District Court Judge over</p>	<p>"The phrase 'justice is blind' is probably one of the most important legal concepts what we</p>

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less)	<p>community and as an advocate for those that represent the individual members of our community. I am acutely aware of the distrust the general public has in our criminal justice system; the resource challenges facing the courts and the access to justice issues. I would welcome the opportunity to work on addressing and positively impacting these issues and feel I can do so best from the bench."</p>	<p>mother was incarcerated without due process during World War II, visited the National Archives in 1968 and started believing that we the people of the United States can work to form a more perfect union."</p> <p><i>[Word limit on this candidate's version of the questionnaire was 50.]</i></p>	<p>fairness in the system. I grew up speaking Korean as my first language, and endured social and economic hardships."</p> <p><i>[Word limit on this candidate's version of the questionnaire was 50.]</i></p>	<p>the past 3 years in a wide variety of Courts. I have truly enjoyed going to different courts and working with many different judges and staff and continue judging because it is a fun job for me. I have served in many different courts, believe that I do a good job as a judge, and would love to serve the community as an appointed judge."</p>	<p>have. It gives confidence to those who find themselves involved in the legal system. I feel that I have always acted with this in mind, in both my work as a prosecutor and my work as a pro tem judge. I aspire always to instill confidence in the judicial system and improve it by bringing knowledge, patience, and integrity to the bench."</p> <p><i>[Word limit on this candidate's version of the questionnaire was 50.]</i></p>



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	Lisa Paglisotti	Andrew Simons	Sumeer Singla	Renee Walls	Brian Zuanich
<b>Year admitted to practice law in Washington</b>	1992	2000	2002	2000	2011
<b>Experience practicing law</b>	criminal: 22 yrs.	criminal & civil: 25 yrs. (incl. in CO)	criminal & civil: 10 yrs.	criminal: 16 yrs.	criminal & civil: 9 yrs. (incl. in MA)
<b>Jury trials as lead attorney</b>	60-90	63+	33+	33 approx.	136 approx.
<b>Judicial experience</b>	once as pro tem	2 yrs. as pro tem	4 yrs. as pro tem	8 yrs. as pro tem;	2 yrs. as pro tem
<b>Legal education</b>	J.D., 1992 Seattle University	J.D., 1991 University of Colorado	J.D., 2002 University of Washington	J.D., 1999 Lewis and Clark College	J.D., 2006 Suffolk University
<b>Undergraduate education</b>	B.A., 1985 University of Washington	B.S., 1980 Colorado State University M.A., 1985 Denver Seminary	B.A., 1997 Washington State University	B.A., 1995 University of Illinois	B.A., 2002 Georgetown University
<b>“The type of judge you aspire to be”  (in 75 words or less)</b>	“I aspire to be a judicial officer who instills respect and confidence in the justice system. I	“I believe that everyone should have ready access to the courts. In particular, the poor	“I aspire to find justice, accountability and truth in every case. My goal is to have	“I aspire to be a judge who understands the difference between the law and justice	“A judge is a servant of the law and the people. Judges must ground every

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	aspire to empower individuals with the belief and motivation to change, and to value themselves. It is of the utmost importance to me that individuals who come before the Court, have a real opportunity to have their voices be heard, to have an understanding of the process, and to feel they were treated fairly, regardless of the outcome."	and marginalized should know they will receive a prompt, fair, respectful, and sympathetic hearing from the court. A judge should be predictable in following the law and reasonable in exercising discretion."  [Question for this candidate was, in 50 words or less: "Describe your judicial philosophy."]	people leave the courtroom feeling confident that they were respected, had an opportunity to be heard in a neutral and fair manner, and understood the decision and the judicial process. I aspire to be a responsible steward of the law and the legal process with a responsibility to make the judiciary accessible to everyone."	and should they conflict will err on the side of justice. I continually seek to improve myself, and my understanding of the important responsibility with which I have been tasked. I aspire to ensure that individuals have an opportunity to be fully and fairly heard, that they have access to our courts and the resources needed to resolve their legal conflicts, and that they are confident that I am a good steward of the public trust and resources."	decision in the law and rigorously devote themselves to determining what the law is in every case. Judges must also give every litigant an opportunity to be heard; only then are litigants invested in the process, and that increases the public legitimacy of the court system."
<b>"Why you are seeking a judicial position"  (in 75 words or less)</b>	"I am applying for a judicial position, because I am committed to the justice system in King County, as evidenced by over thirty years of	"In my career as a public sector attorney, I have advocated for the criminally accused, abused and neglected children, vulnerable adults,	"I believe I am exceptionally well qualified for a judicial position as evidenced by my unique cultural background, judicial, civil, and	"My entire legal career has been in service to my community. I have had the privilege to serve the citizens of King County as a prosecuting	"I am committed to public service. As a prosecutor, I advocated for victims and public safety, and in the military, I help soldiers navigate

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	<p>experience in the justice field. I have demonstrated my commitment to fairness in various aspects of the system, and would like the opportunity to expand my knowledge and continue to learn. I continue to be inspired by individuals, and believe I can make a difference in the lives of individuals while ensuring community safety.”</p>	<p>injured workers, and safe work places. Law is a great stabilizer for society, and I would try to bring that perspective as a judge.”</p> <p><i>[Word limit on this candidate's version of the questionnaire was 50.]</i></p>	<p>criminal experience in public and private practice. I am committed to public service, effecting positive change, and making the judiciary accessible to everyone. I will endeavor to enhance trust and confidence in the judiciary and legal profession. I want to promote civility, equity and equality through my decisions and demeanor in the courtroom.”</p>	<p>attorney, and for the last eight years as a Judge Pro Tempore at both the District and Municipal court level. It is as a judge where I have obtained a renewed passion for the law and the ideals of justice. I am cognizant that the decisions I make not only impact the individual before me, but impact their family and their community as well. Both my personal and professional experience will allow me to serve my community best in the role of a neutral arbiter of justice.”</p>	<p>the legal terrain. My experience as a Pro-Tem Judge has reinforced my love of the law. I enjoy the intellectual rigor of interpreting the law and the ability to help people. With my diverse judicial, litigation, and military background, I can bring a unique perspective to the bench. ”</p>