

Darrell Phillipson
Questionnaire

King County District Court

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Uniform Judicial Evaluation Questionnaire

Professional History

8. Year admitted to practice law in Washington: 1972

9. Employment History (in reverse chronological order):

a. Start Date: January 1983 End Date: Present

Organization: King County District Court

Address: 401 N. 4th Ave, Kent, Wa. 98032

Phone No.: 206-205-2559

Position/Title: District Court Judge

Supervisor: None

Nature of Practice (including frequency of court appearances):

I preside over the King County Domestic Violence Court daily 8:00 to 4:30

In the past 27 years I have served on every type of calendar in District Court including civil, criminal, juvenile court, dependencies, and inquests. I have served at every district court house in the County. I am qualified as a "portable" judge with the Superior Court. I have also served as the first Presiding Judge in King County District Court from 1988-1989, and as Divisional Presiding Judge from 1999-2007 among other administrative and leadership roles.

Reason for leaving: Unless I lose this election I will not leave the Court until my retirement in 3 or 4 years.

b. Start Date: 1975 End Date: 1982

Organization: Wimer, Harpold and Phillipson

Address: 104 Andover Park Way, Tukwila, Wa.

Phone No.: Unknown

Position/Title: Partner/Attorney

Supervisor: None

Nature of Practice (including frequency of court appearances):

I specialized in business and real property. I served part time as a public defender for the City of Tukwila. I also served part time as a magistrate for the Aukeen District Court

Reason for leaving: I was elected to an open seat on the King County District Court bench

c. Start Date: 1972 End Date: 1975

Organization: Bonjoni, Burgesson and Fiori

Address: Kent, Wa.

Phone No.: Unknown

Position/Title: Attorney

Supervisor: George Fiore (deceased)

Nature of Practice (including frequency of court appearances):

Criminal and domestic relations

Reason for leaving: Partners reorganized into sole proprietorships

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10. Please list all other courts and jurisdictions in which you have been admitted to practice law and the dates of admission. Please provide the same information for administrative bodies having special admission requirements.

Federal Court for Western District of Washington -1972
9th Circuit Court of Appeals -1975

11. Please list all bar associations and professional societies of which you are a member and give the titles and dates of any offices that you have held in such groups.

Washington State Bar Association - Honorary Member (Judicial)
Washington District and Municipal Judges Association

12. Are you in good standing in every bar association of which you are a member? Yes / No. If you answered "no", please explain.

Yes

13. If you have ever been a judge, please identify any court committees on which you have served or administrative positions you have held. Please state the dates of service for each.

I served as the first Presiding Judge for King County in 1988 and 1989. I was the Assistant PJ in 1994, and Divisional PJ from 1999 to 2007. I was an Executive Committee member from 1985-87, again from 1990-1993, and 1995-1998. I have served on and chaired every Standing Committee of the District Court, such as Rules, Budget, Personnel and Probation. I have been appointed to more than 25 ad hoc committees for the County and State.

14. Please list up to five of your most significant professional accomplishments. (If applicable, please provide the case and court name and the citation if a case was reported (and copy of the opinion).

1. Co-drafter of Rules for Superior and District Courts
2. Elected as the 1st PJ for King County District Court and 1st Divisional PJ after reorganization
3. Architect of Single District system and separate electoral districts
4. Reorganized and centralized judicial administration for the District Court
5. Established first dedicated DV Court in the State, creating the unique operational standards

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15. Please summarize up to eight of the most significant matters that you participated in as an advocate. Please include the dates of your participation and the reason each was significant to you. Please provide the citation if a case was reported. If you have been a judge, please include some cases that have been tried before you.

Since I am a Judge, and have been for many years, I do not claim significant events as an advocate. I have participated in many cases which were newsworthy, or of great significance to the parties. I have done more than 20 death Inquest hearings, have sat on cases involving well known parties (Reggie Rogers) and have sat on panels to decide issues of countywide significance. (State vs Ahmach C0062792). None of these are of major importance in the grand scheme of things. District Court is a high volume court which specializes in rehabilitation of misdemeanants. I believe that is important for society. Every case I touch has significance under that standard.

Educational Background

16. Please list all undergraduate and graduate (non-law school) colleges and universities attended, years of attendance, degree awarded and reason for leaving if no degree was awarded.

<u>Eastern Washington University</u>	<u>1965 – 1969</u>	<u>BA, with Honors</u>
College/University	Dates of Attendance	Degree

17. Please list all law schools attended, years of attendance, degree awarded and reason for leaving if no degree was awarded.

<u>University of California, Berkeley</u>	<u>1969-1972</u>	<u>J.D.</u>
Law School	Dates of Attendance	Degree

Professional Experience

18. Please summarize, briefly, the general nature of your current law practice.

I am the Judge of King County Domestic Violence Court. This is a therapeutic court dealing with misdemeanants, mostly assault 4 and violations of No Contact Orders. I was the first DV judge in the County, and the first dedicated DV court in the State. I developed the "fast track" system, and am the only Court in King County that adheres to the recommendations for timely dispositions. I have studied the subject extensively, both in State and Federal programs. I lecture at seminars throughout the State and in the universities and law schools.

19. If you are in practice, please describe your typical clients and any areas of special emphasis within your practice.

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20. If your present law practice is different from any previous practice, please describe the earlier practice, including the nature of your typical clients and any area of special emphasis within your practice.

21. Within the last 5 years, did you appear in trial court:

Regularly Occasionally Infrequently

22. Within the last 5 years, did you prepare appellate briefs and appear before appellate courts:

Regularly Occasionally Infrequently

23. Within the last five years, how often did you appear in the court for which you are applying:

Regularly Occasionally Infrequently

24. Career Experience

(a) What percentage of your appearances in the last five years was in:

(1) Federal appellate courts	_____	%
(2) Federal trial courts	_____	%
(3) State appellate courts	_____	%
(4) State trial courts	_____	%
(5) Municipal courts	_____	%
(6) District courts	100	%
(7) Administrative tribunals	_____	%
(8) Tribal courts	_____	%
(9) Other	_____	%
TOTAL	100	%

(b) What percentage of your practice in the last five years was:

(1) Civil litigation (excl. family law)	_____	%
(2) Criminal litigation	95	%
(3) Family law litigation	05	%
(4) Non-litigation	_____	%
TOTAL	100	%

(c) What percentage of your trials in the last five years were:

(1) Jury trials	99	%
(2) Non-jury trials	1	%
TOTAL	100	%

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- (d) State the number of cases during your total career that you have tried to verdict or judgment (rather than settled) in the following courts, and indicate for each court the following percentages: trials in which you were sole counsel or chief counsel, jury trials, and trials where you were the arbiter/decision maker.

<u>Number</u>	<u>Court</u>	<u>% as Sole / Chief Counsel</u>	<u>% Jury</u>	<u>% as the Arbiter</u>
<u>100+/-</u>	Municipal	_____	<u>100%</u>	<u>Judge</u>
<u>200+/-</u>	State Dist.	_____	<u>99%</u>	<u>Judge</u>
<u>12</u>	State Superior	<u>100%</u>	<u>50%</u>	_____
_____	Federal Dist.	_____	_____	_____
_____	Administrative	_____	_____	_____
_____	Tribal Courts	_____	_____	_____
_____	Other	_____	_____	_____

- (e) State the number of appellate cases during your total career where you appeared as counsel of record in the following courts, and indicate for each court the following percentages: cases where you were sole counsel or chief counsel, and cases where you were the arbiter/decision maker (if applicable).

<u>Number</u>	<u>Court</u>	<u>% as Sole / Chief Counsel</u>	<u>% as the Arbiter</u>
_____	State Superior Court	_____	_____
_____	WA. Div. I COA	_____	_____
_____	WA. Div. II COA	_____	_____
_____	WA. Div. III COA	_____	_____
<u>6</u>	WA. Supreme Court	<u>100%</u>	_____
<u>2</u>	Fed. Cir. COA	<u>100%</u>	_____
_____	U.S. Supreme Court	_____	_____

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25. Please briefly describe any legal non-litigation experience that you feel enhances your qualifications to serve as a judge.

I have been trained as a lecturer for the Administrator for the Courts, and have lectured many classes of Judges, lawyers, law students and undergraduates on DV, Rules, and mock trials.

I have served on the Planning Commission for the City of Kent, and understand the Rules and nuances of Municipal Law.

Throughout most of my career I have spent time off the bench administering the operations of the Court. I bring training as a "systems" analyst to the process, and have been very successful in improving the operations of individual courts as well as the entire system. When a problem develops in a Court, I am often sent with the directive to take corrective action.

26. If you are now an officer or director of any business organization or otherwise engaged in the management of any business enterprises, please provide the following: the name of the enterprise, the nature of the business, the title of your position, the nature of your duties, and the term of your service. If you are appointed and do not intend to resign such position(s), please state this below along with your reasons for not resigning.

27. Please list all chairmanships of major committees in bar associations and professional societies and memberships on any committees that you have held and believe to be of particular significance.

Judicial Interest and Experience

28. In 50 words or less, please describe why you should be appointed / elected and are seeking a judicial position.

I have served the citizens of King County well for the past 27+ years. I carry heavy caseloads, do difficult cases and have made significant improvements in the Court by my work. I receive high ratings from those who appear before me, and have had no issues with the Judicial Conduct Commission.

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29. In 50 words or less, please describe your judicial philosophy.

District Court is the people's court and must meet societal needs for civil and criminal issues.

Most misdemeanants are troubled, but not sociopathic. Youth, drugs, and alcohol interfere with their ability to function. It is important for the District Courts to treat them fairly and respectfully, while disposing of cases efficiently and quickly. Rehabilitation is preferred to retribution.

30. Have you ever held a judicial office or have you ever been a candidate for such office?
Yes / No. If you answered "yes", please provide details, including the courts involved, whether elected or appointed, and the periods of your service.

Yes. I have served 27+ years as a District Court Judge, 5 years as a part time magistrate and Pro Tem. All of that experience has been with the King County District Courts. During my tenure, I have served in the Superior Court as a "portable" judge, in Juvenile Court doing dependency hearings, and in Pierce and Snohomish Counties as a "conflict" Judge. I have also served as a Municipal Judge for the Cities of Kent, Auburn, Algona, Covington, Tukwila and Buckley.

31. Have you ever held public office other than a judicial office, or have you ever been a candidate for such an office? Yes / No. If you answered "yes", please provide details, including the offices involved, whether elected or appointed, and the length of your service.

No I have not served or held another public office. I did run for City Council of the City of Kent in 1974 or 1975, but lost in the primary election.

32. Please briefly identify all of your experience as a neutral decision-maker (e.g. judge (permanent or pro tem) in any jurisdiction, administrative law judge, arbitrator, hearing officer, etc.). Give courts, approximate dates, and attorneys who appeared before you.

Please refer to answer # 30

Community and Civic Activities

33. Please list your community and civic activities, including dates and leadership roles held, over the last 10 years.

As a Judge, I am severely restricted in my ability to participate in community and civic activities by the Judicial Ethics Rules.

Prior to becoming a Judge I was very active in community organizations, but this predates the 10 year parameters.