

King County Democrats 2008 Judicial Candidate Questionnaire

Candidate Name	Matt Hale
Position sought	King County superior Court Judge Pos. 26
Residence LD	15222 10 th SW, #232, Burien, WA 98166
Are you the incumbent?	no
Campaign Information	
Campaign Name	People for Matthew R. Hale
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Campaign FAX	N/A

Candidate Background: Community service, education, employment and other relevant experience.
Which undergraduate and law schools have you attended? Include Graduation date, degrees.
Gonzaga University 2000 B.A. Political Science
Gonzaga Law School 2004 J.D.

Hours and types of pro bono work performed. Crisis hotline and numerous clients who could not afford legal advice. Countless hours representing and advising indigent clients.

Have you ever been a prosecutor for any government entity? If yes, where and how long? No
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Have you ever defended a person accused of a crime? If yes, where and how many cases? Yes
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Have you ever served as an arbitrator or Mediator? If yes, where and how many times? Yes, in disputes where resolution was difficult.
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How many times have you participated as a judge or attorney in:	
Municipal Court	Few
District Court	Some
Superior Court jury trials	Pending
Arguments in Court of Appeals	One
Arguments in State Supreme Court	None
Federal District Court trials	None

What ratings and endorsements have you received?	
Municipal League	Applied
King County Bar Association	N/A
Washington Women Lawyers	N/A
Loren Miller Bar Association	N/a
QLAW: the GLBT Bar Association	N/a
Latina/Latino Bar Association	N/a
Joint Asian Judicial Evaluation Committee	N/A

Which organizations and individuals have endorsed you in this race?
Although I have great references, endorsements enticed by a candidate are inappropriate.

Which judicial candidates have you endorsed in the past five years?
N/A

Have there ever been any successful claims made against you or your malpractice. If "yes" please attach explanation.
No

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List any complaints you have received through any Bar Association, Judicial Conduct Committee or Board, or private insurance carrier. (Attach on a separate sheet of paper.)

None

What is your strongest area of legal expertise?

Although I have represented small businesses, people who could not afford wills and estate planning, the elderly, and some who needed criminal representation, my strongest area of the law is personal injury litigation.

What recommendations do you have for improving court system funding and administration?

The system is not fair to the poor, pro se' and indigent people.

What actions have you taken in the last five years on issues regarding access to the judicial system?

I have always advocated help for Pro se' rights, I have helped people because they could not afford a lawyer, and a couple hours of my time and expertise made a difference in their life.

What recommendations do you have for increasing access to the judicial system (Civil and Criminal)?

We need advocates for the children in family court, who care caught between angry parents and a judicial system that actively denies the children access to one of their parents. We need a judicial system where all parties have equal access to justice, and where the party that gets justice is not necessarily the party with the least limited resources.

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If a sitting Judge, what committees have you been appointed to and what are the significant accomplishments of those committees or yourself? If not, which committee assignments would you seek?

N/A

Have you reviewed the General Rule Definition of the Practice of Law, and the Practice of Law Board's Work? - Do you have comments or ideas? Would you be in favor of the proposed Legal Technician Rule? This rule allows trained, tested and licensed non-lawyers to provide specifically defined legal services without supervision by a lawyer. Please explain.

Yes

Have you been appointed as a guardian or Guardian Ad Litem? If "yes", please give the details?

No.

How have you promoted diversity within your staff?

I have no employees, but my family has always promoted diversity.

What are the main messages of your campaign? What is your campaign plan? How many doors have you knocked on to date, pieces of mail planned, budgeting, staffing? What is the fundraising goal for your campaign? How much have you raised to date? Why will you win?

My committee plans to waste no money on mailings. They have a strong email campaign and will have a strong sign campaign. We have over seven thousand dollars so far, which exceeds other successful judicial campaigns.

I have read this questionnaire and understand and approve the content and all provided information.

Printed Name	Matthew R. Hale	Date 6-13-08
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