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## 2008 CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

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The Municipal League of King County requests every candidate who participates in the candidate evaluation process to **submit background information prior to his/her interview with a candidate evaluation committee**. The questionnaire is the basis of the League's research and interview process. The League's ratings are non-partisan; they are based on standards of Involvement, Effectiveness, Character, and Knowledge, all of which have been developed and refined over the past 90 years.

A printed version of the questionnaire is available for candidates who prefer to use the traditional format. To obtain a hard copy, please contact the League office. A copy of this questionnaire will be provided to Candidate Evaluation Committee members to help them prepare for your interview. Candidate responses, except the confidential section, will be available to the general public at the League website.

The Municipal League requests the following materials from candidates. Please check to make certain you have sent in your:

- X **Candidate Questionnaire**  
Sent by:  Email  US Mail  Fax  Not Sending
- X **Resume (education, employment, and professional activities)**  
Sent by:  Email  US Mail  Fax  Not Sending  
X Check here if you DO NOT want your resume posted on the Municipal League website
- X **Campaign Materials**  
Sent by:  Email  US Mail  Fax  Not Sending
- Constituent Newsletters and other publications**  
Sent by:  Email  US Mail  Fax  Not Sending
- X **Photograph**  
Will Send by:  Email  US Mail  Fax  Not Sending

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**Note: Electronically submitted questionnaires are strongly preferred. All materials can be emailed to [cec@munileague.org](mailto:cec@munileague.org). They can be processed and made available on-line far more rapidly than handwritten or typed submissions.**

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For non-electronic submissions, please print clearly and legibly and return the application **as soon as possible in order to allow the committee the greatest amount of time to prepare a complete report on your skills and experience.**

**We request that you return the Candidate Questionnaire  
by June 1, 2008**

If you have not yet been contacted to schedule an interview, or if you have questions about the candidate evaluation program, please contact the League office at 206-264-1070.

If you have a disability and require accommodation to participate in the candidate evaluation process, please contact the CEC Coordinator at the League office.

## 2008 Candidate Questionnaire

### SECTION I

#### BASIC CANDIDATE INFORMATION

1. Name as it will appear on the ballot

First Name	Middle Initial or Nickname	Last Name
Tim		Bradshaw

2. Office sought (include office, jurisdiction, position/district number):

**King County Superior Court, Position 01**

3. Are you the incumbent?       Yes      X No

4. How long have you resided in this district/city?

**36 years, except while attending the U. of Puget Sound.**

5. How long have you resided in King County?

**Since 1971.**

6. Is the office sought partisan or nonpartisan?       Partisan      X Nonpartisan

7. If partisan, please indicate party:

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#### CAMPAIGN CONTACTS

Campaign Name:      **The Committee to Elect Tim Bradshaw**

Address:      P.O. Box 12922

City/State/Zip:      Seattle, WA 98111

Campaign Phone:      206-902-8120

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Campaign Website:      **www.BradshawforJudge.org**

#### POLITICAL BACKGROUND

1. Beginning with the most recent position, please list public offices you have held. Include positions on appointive boards or commissions.

Public Office	Elective or Appointive?	Dates Held	Leadership Role (if any)

2. If you ran for public office but were not elected, please list those races below:

Office Title	Year of Run

## SECTION II

In this section, we are seeking responses that reflect the four ratings criteria: involvement, effectiveness, character, and knowledge. These are defined as follows:

- **Involvement:** What has the candidate done previously in family, neighborhood, community, volunteer work, employment or public life to suggest readiness to accomplish challenging objectives? How do these activities demonstrate readiness for the challenges unique to the office sought?
  - **Effectiveness:** Has the candidate demonstrated promise of being productive in the office sought? Has the candidate shown the ability to work with other people?
  - **Character:** Do the candidate's personal traits show the ability to take on the responsibilities of campaigning for and holding the public office she or he is seeking? Is the candidate a leader, participant or observer? Is the candidate trustworthy, reliable and candid?
  - **Knowledge:** Has the candidate demonstrated the willingness and ability to learn and adapt? Does the candidate understand the duties and challenges of the office sought? Does the candidate have a firm grasp of the issues important to his or her constituency and their potential effects?
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1. In one page or less, why are you running for this office? (Note: the interview committee will be given a copy of this statement before your interview; at the beginning of your interview you will have the opportunity to expand on this statement in any way you wish.)

**The Superior Court is a *trial court* and indispensable to justice. The Courts are no less than the centerpiece of an organized, peaceful, lawful society. The Court addresses a spectrum of human discord and, too often, inhumanity. An independent judiciary offers the hope that we may regain our humanity in, and, through it. I am running as the most qualified candidate with 125 jury trials in the Superior Court, and the one the King County Bar Association rates "*Exceptionally Well Qualified*," its highest rating.**

**I am running because I have a complete public service ethic and a passion for this court. For twenty years under the leadership of Norm Maleng, I served King County as Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, a quasi-judicial officer. During that service, I have been very fortunate to have litigated precedent-setting cases, cases highlighted by scientific advancement, civil commitments, and difference-making initiatives such as the Homicide Unit and Cold Case Team.**

**Additionally, the King County Bench deserves judges most experienced in trial work because it cannot afford less, literally. The current budget requires efficient and economic judicial administration. Without such specialized knowledge and insight, there is duplication of resources, less streamlining of calendars, more appellate error.**

**But perhaps the most indelible reason I am running is due to the education by example that I have received from some of the best Superior Court trial judges in the Country, and the thousands of King County citizens and jurors I have worked with to achieve justice. The Superior Court has been my classroom, and I am obliged to now contribute all I have learned to the King County Bench and to my County. Finally, I believe strongly and deeply that the peoples' trial court--and Bench--should not be reserved only for the more affluent.**

2. Describe your most important personal characteristics or traits as they relate to the office you seek.

**The ability to see both sides of a given issue. Since college I have sincerely tried to see the other side of an argument or proposition. The result is an attraction to non-partisan concerns, increased breadth of appreciation for the arts and science, and the goal of gifting to our son a love of the liberal arts and healthy intellectual curiosity. As a prosecuting attorney, the ability to see first the defense perspective has proved a great benefit.**

**I work hard, and steadfastly. I have bused and waited thousands of tables, and unloaded scores of trucks throughout my school years. I worked over a decade as a trial lawyer on the county homicide unit that at times required 24/12/7 availability and response, and in the face of death threats. Furthermore, my cases required a renaissance approach to the practice, and involved disciplines that I most certainly was not expert in. The adaptable ability to grow my practice and to meet my obligations—to my family, wife, son, State, and self-- demonstrates character worthy of the bench.**

**Finally, the King County Bar Association and minority Bar Associations judicial evaluations include criteria such as applicable personal characteristics and traits. I defer to their stated criteria, by-laws, and objective ratings.**

3. Please describe, in sufficient detail, one to three accomplishments or contributions of which you are most proud. These examples should illustrate skills and capabilities you think apply to the office you are seeking. These accomplishments may have occurred at any time in your personal, professional, or public life.

**The forensic application of DNA; I tried the first DNA case in King County history. DNA is first and foremost a tool of the innocent. DNA exonerations are well-known, but also occur *before* any suspect is charged. This power of elimination has served the cause of justice. DNA's ability to solve crimes such as rape, child abuse, and aggravated murder has also served the cause of justice. With co-counsel and the help of many, I was part of the legal effort that ushered DNA evidence into the Superior Court and WA Supreme Court. I was a participant in the program "A Decade of PCR," at the Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory. I thereafter personally tried to verdict cases that were solved by the precedent of DNA admissibility. These include the Mia Zapata and Kristin Sumstad cases, the Canine DNA case, J. Canaday—the first known serial killer in King County, and the Northlake Shipyard murders.**

**Second, I was a founding member of the Homicide (MDOP) Unit. From inception and for over a decade, I was part of an effort that changed the way homicides are prosecuted in King County. Norm Maleng selected eight of us (led by J. Baird) to initiate this effort. It required restructuring our office policies and converting to a vertical model of prosecution. The effort also required diplomacy to convince other entities, such as the police departments, the medical examiner, the victim's assistance unit, etc., to trust us into their protocol. We then accepted the responsibility of responding to every suspected homicide scene in the county, wherever and whenever, and thereafter attending autopsies, declining or charging, and trying the case. Involved immediately, we were able to foster relationships with the victims' relatives, witnesses, investigators, and CSI response personnel. I am proud of our accomplishments.**

**Finally, I am honored by the respect of my so-called adversaries, and also the King County Bar Association--comprised of disparate, predominately civil attorneys--in the form of its highest judicial rating.**

4. Please list or describe current and past activities in the community in which you have acquired skills that relate to the office you seek. Include your role in the activity and the year(s) in which you were involved. Involvement consists of many areas such as family, neighborhood, community, employment, or public life.

**I have spent my entire career in service to my community. For twenty years I have tried cases involving child abuse, sexually violent predators, rape, domestic violence, animal cruelty, and aggravated murder. I tried: tri-county serial arsonist Paul Keller, Martin Pang for the deaths of four brave firefighters, Ronald Matthews for the murder of a Newcastle Police Officer, Dayva Cross for the North Bend mass murders. I have traveled to the Florida Keys, Washington DC, Brasilia, and New Jersey on behalf of the people. This public service is a form of community activity that I am proud of.**

**I have contributed in the community as a frequent speaker. I have spoken or lectured to the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, the Seattle Forensic Institute, the WAPA, the Executive Women International, the University of Washington, the Violent Crimes Conference, the Seattle Repertory Theatre, and to the KCPA, "Expectations for Professional Behavior."**

**I was a consultant for published books, "Cold Cases Homicides" and "DNA in the Courtroom." I co-authored an outline and lecture re: racial/gender-based jury selection that was later adopted by Judge Richard Jones and used at Judicial College.**

**As a result of one of my domestic violence murder cases--the murders of Melanie Edwards and daughter at the Common Ground facilities, I was a participant in a Domestic Violence county-wide debriefing group led by Justice Bobbe Bridge. (A public servant, I have not once requested overtime remuneration for any of the above activities.)**

**Additional and applicable activities include current involvement with our office diversity committee, the YWCA "Girls First—Intro to Law" program," Nat'l Black Prosecutors Conference, and the KC Courthouse Security Committee; my wife and I contribute when possible to the KC Charitable campaign, KCSARC, Mothers against Violence, "Treehouse," Center for Children and Youth Justice, Union Gospel Mission, Make a Wish; previously I hosted Lakeside School class tour of the KC Courthouse, and was a member of the Puget Sound Inn of Court.**

5. Please describe the duties of the office you seek. Which are the most important duties and why?

**A Superior Court Judge's duties are solemn and speak to our expectation of judges: fairness, impartiality, guardians of the public trust, and upholders of the State and Federal Constitutions. The judge must respect the rule of law and apply it as written. More practically, the judge decides and rules on legal motions and judgments, manages and instructs jurors, applies the Rules of Evidence, ensures that lawyers follow the rules of civil and criminal procedure, and must impose sentence in the event of conviction. Yet, as Ron Ward has eloquently addressed, a good judge has a responsibility beyond one's individual courtroom. One must open the court to those who would not envision a career in it, and lobby when appropriate for funding of our judicial branch and jurors that reflects our stated values.**

**The most important duty is to choose judges who have the experience and ability to actually meet the high expectations of the office. Trial experience in Superior Court and a working understanding of the dynamics of trial and court management is paramount, as is knowledge of the law. In my experience, the best judges listen carefully, have perspective, are independent thinkers, maintain humility and concern for our common humanity. Finally, I would impose this duty on myself: strive to ensure that all who leave Dept. 01 of the King County Courthouse—especially the non-prevailing parties--leave with an understanding of the process and appreciation that the result was the product of impartiality, fairness, the rule of law, and reason.**

**EDUCATION BACKGROUND SUMMARY  
FOR PUBLICATION IN CANDIDATE EVALUATION REPORT**

The Municipal League's Candidate Evaluation Report is distributed to voters in print and on our website. It includes a summary of the candidate's education. Please summarize your education in 120 characters (letters, punctuation, and space all combined). The League will delete material that exceeds the space limit by beginning with the last entry. Suggested order is (degree) (subject) (school) (year, if desired).

**Note:** *If this question is left blank the League will not include education information in your candidate profile.*

**JD, Seattle University, 1988, Class Speaker; BA, Public Admin/Government, University of Puget Sound, 1984**

**CIVIC INVOLVEMENT SUMMARY  
FOR PUBLICATION IN CANDIDATE EVALUATION REPORT**

The Municipal League's Candidate Evaluation Report includes a summary of each candidate's civic involvement. Please summarize your civic involvement in the space below. We will make every attempt to include the information in the Candidate Evaluation Report as submitted. Due to space restrictions in the Report, your response is limited to 500 characters (letters, punctuation, and spaces all combined). It is important that you list your involvement beginning with the most important and ending with the least important. If you exceed the length of response permitted, or if the League should find it necessary to shorten responses for publication purposes, deletions will be made beginning with the last item listed.

**Note:** *This information will appear verbatim on the League's Candidate Evaluation Report. If this question is left blank, the Municipal League will not include information on your civic involvement in the Report.*

Check here if you would like the Municipal League to copy the first 500 characters from Question 4 to paste into this section.

**Tim has spent his entire career in public service to King County. He is rated "Exceptionally Well Qualified" by the King County, Latina/o, and GLBT Bar Associations; Norm Maleng Outstanding Criminal Litigation Award ('00); KCPA Diversity committee member; County Domestic Violence Group ('99); Speaker, YWCA "Girls First" program, Fred Hutchinson Center; SIFF (The Gits) participant ('05); Fair Campaign Practices Committee ('90); Volunteer for Leukemia Society and church; P.C. Central Committee ('84).**