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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:

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

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

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
Ann	Elizabeth	Danieli

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

King County Superior Court Judge Position 53

3. Are you the incumbent? Yes x No New position no incumbent

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

Since 1982

5. How long have you resided in King County?

Since 1982

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

7. If partisan, please indicate party:

CAMPAIGN CONTACTS

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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.)

I am running to be the 53rd King County Superior Court Judge because I have the judicial experience and extensive knowledge of the law that we need on the Bench.

As a Superior Court Judge Pro Tem, I have earned the respect of my colleagues because of my firm but fair treatment of all those who appear in my courtroom. As a Judge Pro Tem, I have clearly demonstrated my thorough knowledge and application of the law and my proven ability to treat all sides fairly.

I have made important contributions to our community through my involvement working with troubled youth, pro bono legal representation and my work on committees combating Domestic Violence.

I have the judicial experience, temperament and knowledge of the law that we need from our judges.

With my trusted judgment and commitment to our community, and my endorsements from leaders throughout King County, I will bring immediate credibility and experience to the Superior Court Bench.

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

I have a passion for justice and a desire to serve our community. I also have a calm demeanor, I am a good listener and I possess good judgment. I am fair and impartial and I reserve judgment until I have heard all sides. These are the characteristics that I value from any Judge that I would want to appear before of as an advocate. These are the traits that I have exhibited during my service as a Judge Pro Tem for King County Superior Court.

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.

I served as a Public Defender for 20 years. While I was in law school (many years ago) I started working as a Rule 9 intern with a public defender organization in King County. After two years of lectures and casebooks, I got the chance to represent real clients, in real cases, in real courtrooms. It was a thrill and I found my life's work. I had gone to law school with the notion that I would practice "poverty law". I wanted to use my education to help people. The criminal justice system gave me that opportunity. I have loved working in a diverse community of individuals who do their best to succeed and survive. It was not always easy; it was hard work for little pay with long days; but ultimately very rewarding.

I was the only woman at the public defense law firm that I worked that was promoted to the management team. I was blazing the way in a white male dominated organization and I worked hard to get women and minorities hired and promoted. I also worked on creative ways to allow working parents the opportunity to work part time and to job share. I pushed forward an agenda to include two working mothers to job share a management position so that we would have more diversity on the management team. I am satisfied to see that today the firm now has at least three women as part of management.

During my time as a Judge Pro Tem in Seattle Municipal Court, I was rated by the attorneys who appeared before me in the *King County Bar Judicial Evaluation Survey for District and Municipal Courts*. I was given high ratings across the board for Decision Making, Efficiency, Demeanor & Impartiality. Overall I was rated 42% excellent, 39% more than satisfactory, 15% satisfactory. I was rated higher than any of the elected Judges, Magistrates or Pro Tems who worked in that Court. In whatever Court I sit as a Pro Tem, I have always received positive feedback from Court staff and other court participants. This has given me great pride.

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.

Tutor- The Youth Tutoring Program of Catholic Community Services Jackson Park. Worked with primarily Somali immigrant children K-12. I helped them with their homework and reading skills for three years. This gave me great insight into the Somali and Muslim cultures and was very rewarding to watch the children grow and learn. This has helped me be a better Judge by being involved in a positive way in the molding of young people that are not involved in the court system.

Board Member- Capital Hill & Central Area Community Accountability Boards for the past four years. We meet with first time offenders and their families and problem solve ways for the offenders to meet their responsibilities to the victims and learn from their experience and divert them away from Juvenile Court.

Volunteer Attorney- Voter Protection Project Presidential Election 2004

In 2004 I was a volunteer attorney for the Democratic Party Voter Protection Project. I was trained in Election Law and went to Taholah, WA on the Quinault Indian Reservation to assist voters. I also served as an observer during the 2004 Governor's race recount.

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

An independent judiciary is critical to the balance of power in a democracy. Judges interpret the laws written by the elected legislators and provide oversight on executive power. This balance of power sustains our democracy. The most important role of the judiciary is to ensure that courts are accessible, comprehensible and litigants are treated fairly and with dignity and respect.

**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.*

University of California B.A. 1978, Seattle University School of Law J.D. 1982

**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.

Member Capital Hill Community Accountability Board; Youth Tutoring Program; Voter Protection Project.