



**PHOENIX MUNICIPAL COURT**  
**APPLICATION FOR JUDICIAL OFFICE**

**Applications may be completed and printed with this on-line form. Some questions allow limited response space. If additional space is needed, attachments may be added. Applications must be typed. PLEASE NOTE: The Rules of Procedure for the Judicial Selection Advisory Board for the City of Phoenix Municipal Court provide for public access to this application as follows:**

**Judicial Selection Advisory Board Rules of Procedure, Rule 8(D) provides:**

*Except as provided in subsection (2) below, information provided to the board by the applicant or by a third-party shall be presumed to be available to the public.*

*(1) The following shall be available to the public:*

*(a) The applicant's name, occupation, employer, relevant work history, any other information provided in response to section I of the application form, and any supplemental materials submitted by the applicant relating to Section I of the application form;*

*(b) Any information that is specifically authorized for release by the source of that information.*

*(2) The following information shall remain confidential throughout the application and appointment process until destroyed pursuant to the applicable Municipal Court document retention schedule.*

*(a) The applicant's home address, information regarding applicant's family, and all other information that is provided to the board in response to questions contained in Section II of the application form;*

*(b) Information provided in writing or orally to the board by third-parties regarding an applicant, and the third party's identity, unless the third-party specifically states in writing that the information may be made public;*

*(c) Notes of the individual board members that are generated for personal use only and not published to other members of the board;*

*(d) Any information that is provided to a member of the board after a promise of confidentiality is properly extended to the source by that board member pursuant to rule 9(B) or 10(B) of these rules;*

*(e) Any information obtained by or submitted to the board that is made confidential by other provisions of law.*

**SECTION I – Public Information**

<b>Last Name</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>MI</b>
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**How many years have you resided in Arizona immediately preceding this application? 39**

**Have you had at least five years practice of law? If no, describe what equivalent legal experience you have.**

Yes

<b>Arizona State Bar Number</b>	<b>Date of Admission</b>
[REDACTED]	10/1/1989

<b>Schools Attended (preparatory, college and law)</b>	<b>Dates: mm/dd/yy</b>		<b>Degree</b>
Arizona State University Law School	From: 9/1/86	Through: 5/1/89	J.D.
Hampton University	From: 9/1/83	Through: 5/1/86	BS
Northeastern Oklahoma State University	From: 9/1/82	Through: 5/1/83	None
Central State University	From: 9/1/80	Through: 9/1/82	None
	From:	Through:	

**1) Indicate major and minor fields of study.**

Major -- Sociology with a criminal justice emphasis

**2) Indicate college and law school extracurricular activities.**

Moot Court Competition Champion  
Graduate Assistant to V.P. Franklin (History Professor)  
Assistant to Robert Suggs (Law School Professor)  
Internship with the Arizona State Court of Appeals

**3) Indicate all bar admissions, numbers, and dates.**

State Bar of Arizona – October 1989, 12757

**4) If you have been certified as a specialist by the Arizona State Bar, identify specialty.**

Not applicable.

**5) Explain if you have been denied admission to any State Bar.**

Not applicable.

<b>6) Current Job Title</b>	<b>Employer</b>	<b>Date(s) of Employment</b>
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Municipal Court Judge	City of Phoenix	From: 6/9/14 Through: Present
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**7) Describe chronologically, providing dates, your law practice and relevant experience following your graduation from law school, specifically indicating the following:**

**A. If you have served as a judge, indicate the court(s) and dates of service.**

Phoenix Municipal Court, 6/9/14 to present.

**B. If you have served as a clerk to a judge, indicate the name of the judge, the court, and the dates.**

Bailiff for Judge Cecil Patterson, Maricopa County Superior Court, May 1989 – October 1989

**C. If you practiced alone, indicate the addresses and dates.**

1366 E. Thomas Road, Phoenix, 1995 - 1997  
1421 E. Thomas Road, Phoenix, 1997 - 2004  
2642 E. Thomas Road, Phoenix, 2004 - 2007  
5704 E. Palmar Ave, Glendale, 2007 - 2009  
67 E. Weldon Ave, #315, Phoenix, 2009 - 2014

**D. Provide the names, addresses and dates of law firms or law offices, companies, governmental agencies, or other organizations for which you have been employed, and describe the nature of that employment.**

Maricopa County Attorney's Office, an assistant Maricopa County Attorney, 1989 - 1991.  
Arizona Attorney General's Office, an assistant Arizona Attorney General, 1991 - 1993.  
Jones, Skelton & Hoculi Law Firm, an associate, 1994 - 1995.  
City of Phoenix Public Defender's Office, a public defender, 1996 - 2014.

**E. Describe the types of major clients you have served and mention areas of law in which you have specialized or focused. Give details of any service you have provided in a fiduciary capacity.**

Valley National Bank/Bank One – litigation/internal collections  
Wells Fargo - litigation  
Employee Solutions - litigation  
Bank of America - litigation  
City of Phoenix - litigation

<b>8) Indicate your frequency of appearances in court as a lawyer: Frequent</b>		
<b>Describe the nature of your appearances, giving dates, court names, and the nature of the proceedings.</b>		
1995 - 2014: Trial Contract with City of Phoenix - appeared on everything from retrial disposition conferences to non-jury and jury trials.		
2000 - 2004: Federal court - appeared on civil matters. For criminal matters, appeared in arraignments, preliminary hearings, changes of plea, and sentencing.		
1989 - 2014: State Courts of Record (Superior Courts) - arraignments, preliminary hearings, initial appearances, jail court, jury trials, changes of plea, sentencings, and mitigation hearings.		
Approximately from 1995 until approximately 2014 appeared in various Justice Courts.		
<b>A. Indicate the percentage of these appearances between the listed court types.</b>		
Federal Courts 3%	State Courts 30%	Justice Courts 3%
City Courts 63%	Administrative Boards or Commissions 1%	
<b>B. Indicate the percentage of your litigation practice.</b>		
Civil 35%	Criminal 64%	Traffic 1% Administrative
<b>C. State the number of cases you tried to verdict or judgment (rather than settled), for each of the following:</b>		
Sole Counsel 300	Chief Counsel 0	Associate Counsel 2
<b>D. What percentage of these trials was:</b>		
Jury 20%	Non-Jury 80%	

**E.** Describe not more than five significant litigated matters in which you participated and give the citations, if reported. Give a capsule summary of the substance of each matter and a succinct statement of the particular significance. Please identify the party or parties whom you represented; describe the nature of your participation in the matter; and the final disposition. Please state, as to each matter: 1) the date of the matter; 2) the name of the court and the judge before whom the matter was presented; and 3) the names and addresses of counsel for the other parties.

**1) State of Arizona vs Jerry Sueing**

Summary: A first-degree murder case in which a customer of a prostitute was alleged to have been murdered by the prostitute's co-defendant. The case involved an investigation that lasted more than a year. The prostitute co-defendant was believed by the defense to be the actual murderer. The two most relevant witnesses in the case were prostitutes who were currently doing time. One of them was serving a year in jail for prostitution convictions from the city of Phoenix. The case involved numerous exhibits and substantial expert testimony.

Date of Trial: 2000

Court and Judge: Maricopa County Superior Court, Judge David Cole

Counsel for other parties: Vince Imbordino, 301 W. Jefferson, Phoenix, AZ 85003

**2) State of Arizona vs Richard Martinez**

Summary: The defendant had just reached the age of majority. He was a prohibited possessor of a firearm that occurred when he was a juvenile. He shot 5 people who were all Spanish speakers. The defense alleged that the defendant acted in the defense of another, his pregnant fiancée, who was with him at the time of the shooting. Alcohol was involved with both the defendants and the victims. During the trial and at sentencing, the case agent admitted that a number of police officers would have shot under similar circumstances.

Date of Trial: 1998

Court and Judge: Maricopa County Superior Court, Judge Thomas O'Toole

Counsel for other parties: Jason Lamb, 301 W. Jefferson, Phoenix, AZ 85003

**3) State of Arizona vs**

Summary: This case was one of domestic violence. It was a high-profile case. The defendant allegedly took a pile of his own feces and shoved it in his wife's mouth against her will. The case was complicated by the repeated abuse by the wife/victim against the victim/defendant. The defendant had attempted to have domestic violence charges filed against the wife. The defense was that the defendant snapped upon repeated abuse from the victim. Out of the hundreds of cases that I have handled in the Phoenix Municipal Court, there are many significant ones.

Date of Trial: 2002

Court and Judge: Judge Debora Griffith

Counsel for other parties: Conrad Hernandez, 4050 W. Ray Road, #17, Chandler, AZ 85266

**4) State of Arizona vs Rafael Rios Jr.**

Summary: Rafael was a juvenile tried as an adult. He was approximately 15 at the time of trial. It was a first-degree murder case. The juvenile was alleged to have participated in a drug deal that ended in the death of one of the participants. The case was extremely complicated. It hinged on statements made to the mother in Spanish by the defendant, her son, after an interrogation conducted in English. There were numerous exhibits in the case and expert testimony was given.

Date of Trial: August 10, 2005

Court and Judge: Maricopa County Superior Court, Judge Brian Hauser

Counsel for other parties: Ted Duffy, 301 W. Jefferson, Phoenix, AZ 85003

**5) State of Arizona vs Donald Portis**

Summary: This was the second retrial. The complainants were two police officers. This case was a possession of sale of a narcotic drug to an undercover police officer. The defendant was approximately 54 years of age. He had previously been to prison twice. He was facing what was tantamount to what would be a life sentence. My only witness was in prison at the time, and he refused to dress in civilian clothes at the time of the trial. The case hinged on time, distance, and the credibility of the two police officers and their ability to observe the offense being committed. In addition, the credibility of my client, his witness, and their prior offenses played a major role.

Date of Trial: October 5, 1999

Court and Judge: Maricopa County Superior Court, Judge Davis

Counsel for other parties: Rahi-Loo, Malaika, 5025 N. Central Ave, #295, Phoenix, AZ 85012

**9) Describe any significant arbitration, mediation, or litigation experience not discussed above.**

Nothing additional to add at this time.

**10) If you are or have been a judge, describe not more than five significant cases you have tried, or opinions you have written. For opinions, give the citations if the opinions were reported as well as citations to any appellate review of such opinions. Finally, please attach copies of the opinions, to include any appellate review of those opinions.**

- 1) Summary: Defendant drove from a bar after having consumed alcohol. The defendant was on the way to a dispensary when she struck a pedestrian in the roadway. The pedestrian died, and the defendant was convicted of DUI and not found to be responsible for the pedestrian's death. The defendant appealed. The Superior Court confirmed the judgment and sentence.
- 2) Summary: Defendant was driving late evening on a Phoenix street. After having consumed alcoholic beverages, the defendant struck a pedestrian who was crouched down in the roadway, wearing all dark or black clothing. The pedestrian died. The defendant was convicted of a DUI and was not found to be responsible for causing the death of the pedestrian.
- 3) Summary: Defendant, after consuming alcohol, got on a city of Phoenix bus. The defendant saw a young woman and started groping her. A fellow passenger saw the groping and attempted to stop it. A fight ensued. The defendant was charged with assault with sexual motivation. The jury found the defendant guilty of the assault, but not with sexual motivation
- 4) Summary: The defendant was charged with P.C.C. Section 39-7(A) (Failure to maintain exterior premises free from any hazard or accumulation of garbage or debris. The city inspector testified that "there was an accumulation of litter and debris throughout the front of the property" and "an accumulation of debris throughout the entire parcel". At the bench trial, the defendant was convicted and appealed the court's decision. The Superior Court affirmed the judgment and sentence.

**11) Please describe your experience in the following areas:**

**A. Managerial Skills**

As a Lead Attorney in the Arizona Attorney General's Office, I was responsible for overseeing the team of investigators, including but not limited to monitoring their performance and practices according to established policies and procedures, evaluating how cases were investigated, and assessing final findings.

While in my own practice, Hudson & Associates, I managed my private law practice for over fifteen years, overseeing operations, budgeting, scheduling, and personnel matters, interfacing with both individual and corporate clients.

**B. Supervisory Skills**

In my practice, I delegated various duties, gave clear direction to employees, provided feedback on a regular basis, and assessed their performance.

**C. Budget**

In my practice, I was responsible for budget development and tracking, hiring, training, and payroll. I have served two churches in financially responsible roles, sharing accountability for their budgets. I have also served on several boards of directors, which have required budget oversight

**D. Personnel**

In all of my professional positions, I have used effective communication to enhance cooperation and collaboration, achieving organizational goals. I have been responsible for hiring and training.

**12) Have you ever been engaged in any occupation, business, or profession other than the practice of law or holding judicial office? If yes, please provide details, including dates.**

No

**13) Are you now, or have you ever been an officer or director or otherwise engaged in the management of any business enterprise? If yes, give details, including the name of the enterprise, the nature of the business, the title or other description of your position, the nature of your duties, and the terms of your service.**

No

**14) Is it your intention to resign such position and withdraw from any participation in the management of any of such enterprises if you are appointed? If no, please explain.**

Not applicable.

**15) Have you ever been sued by a client or a party? If yes, give details, including dates.**

No

**16) Have you published any legal or other books or articles? If yes, please list them, giving the citations and dates.**

No

**17) Are you in compliance with the continuing legal education requirements applicable to you? If yes, list the courses and dates of attendance for the last two (2) years.**

2024

Attended plenary sessions at the Judicial conference along with additional hours totaling approximately 15 hours; however, I'm unable to obtain a list of courses at this time.

2025

6/25/25 Evidence LJ Courts

6/25/25 Hot Topics in Judicial Ethics

6/25/25 Protective Orders

6/26/25 Personal Security

6/26/25 Hot Topics in LJ Courts

6/26/25 Trauma Informed Courthouse

6/26/25 Network Security Plenary

6/27/25 Criminal Year in Review

6/27/25 Closing Plenary – How to Spot BS in Statistics

**18) Have you taught any courses on law or lectured at bar associations, conferences, law school forums, or continuing legal education seminars? If yes, please describe by providing the name of the course, the subject matter, the date and the place.**

“State and Tribal Court Collaboration for Healing to Wellness Courts” on 4/9/25 at the Arizona Association of Drug Court Professionals Annual Conference at the Prescott Resort and Conference Center in Prescott, AZ. Subject Matter: Veterans Court

“Preconference Veteran Training” on 10/13/25 at the NAICJA 56<sup>th</sup> Annual National Tribal Judicial and Court Personnel Conference at the Wild Horse Pass Resort in Chandler, AZ. Subject Matter: Veterans Court

Over the past 5 years, I have taught civil traffic hearing officers on multiple occasions on how to conduct civil traffic hearings.

**19) List any honors, prizes, awards, or other forms of recognition which you have received.**

NAACP Legal Image Award.  
Certificate from the Court of Appeals for the Volunteer Lawyer Program.  
Member of team awarded the top fair housing outreach team in the nation.  
Top oral advocate for ASU College of Law for class of 1989.  
Top appellate advocate for ASU College of Law, 1986.

**20) List any public offices held and dates.**

Not applicable.

**21) List memberships and activities in professional organizations, including offices held and dates.**

Not applicable.

***Optional: List memberships and activities in civic organizations, including offices held.***

**22) List vocational interests and hobbies.**

Reading  
Biking  
Cooking

**23) Has any complaint of professional misconduct ever been filed, in any jurisdiction, where any form of disciplinary action has been taken against you? If yes, when and where? How was it resolved?**

On approximately 2/13/17, the defendant's father had gone to our court administration. He subsequently was sent into courtroom 206, where he explained to me that his daughter was not receiving her medication. He was concerned about her mental health. Without releasing the defendant or making any decision on her release or sentence, I set her case before another judge at a later date so that the parties had an opportunity to be heard. My only intention was to avoid a possible tragedy. There was no personal gain in my actions.  
Resolved by public discipline.

**24) Have you ever been convicted of any misdemeanor or felony, or violation of the Uniform Code of Military Justice in the United States, or any foreign country? If yes, when and where? How was it resolved?**

Not applicable.

**25) Phoenix City Code (“P.C.C.”), Section 2-96(C)(3) provides that merit shall be the primary consideration for the Judicial Selection Advisory Board in making recommendations to the City Council for appointment to judicial office. Under P.C.C. § 2-96(C)(3) and consistent with the Arizona Constitution (see AZ Const. Art. 6 § 37(C)), the Judicial Selection Advisory Board has the duty to consider the diversity of the City’s population. Please provide any information about yourself (e.g., your heritage, background, life experiences, etc.) that you believe is relevant to this consideration.**

No additional information to provide.

**26) Include any further information relative to your candidacy or qualifications that you wish to transmit to the Judicial Selection Advisory Board at this time.**

Prior to my appointment as a City of Phoenix Municipal Court Judge, I successfully practiced law for over 20 years. I have served on both sides of the aisle as a prosecutor and defense attorney. I have practiced in courts around Maricopa County, giving me a well-rounded perspective. My judicial demeanor is one of respect and patience, giving all who appear before me an opportunity to be heard. I believe my communication skills, along with my experience, will be an asset to the Phoenix Municipal Court in the role of Chief Presiding Judge.