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| **Candidate Name** |  | |
| **Position Sought** |  | |
| Home County and Legislative District |  | |
| **Campaign Contact Information** | Mailing address: | Phone:  Fax: |
| Website:  Email:  Twitter: @  Facebook: | |
| Campaign manager or point of contact |  | |
| Consultant(s) |  | |

**Part I – Candidate Background**

*Please limit your answer to* ***no more than*** *250 words*

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| Please briefly summarize and highlight your qualifications, education, employment, community and civic activity, union affiliation, and other relevant experience. |
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| Describe your history of political involvement, if any, in the Democratic Party, particularly in Washington state politics. In what offices have you served or previously sought to be elected or appointed? |
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| What prompted you to run for this office? What priorities are you seeking to address with your campaign? |
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| Please describe your campaign strategy - provide in writing your campaign goals and present progress towards them to your KCDCC endorsement interview. |
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| **Please answer the following questions.** Your answers will not disqualify you from consideration for endorsement by KCDCC. | | **Yes\*** | **No** |
| 1 | Have you ever failed to pay any taxes or failed to comply with court ordered judgments? |  |  |
| 2 | Have you ever been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor? |  |  |
| 3 | Have you ever been found in violation of a Public Disclosure Commission, Federal Election Commission or Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission regulation? |  |  |

\* If you answered “Yes” to any of the above, please explain your answer:

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**Part II – Ratings and endorsements**

What endorsements and ratings from bar associations have you received to date?

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| Bar Association ratings: |  |
| Endorsements: |  |

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| If you have previously sought elected office, what notable endorsements did you receive? |
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| From what other organizations are you planning to ask for an endorsement? |
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**Part III – Legal experience, technology, and court costs**

*Please limit your answers to* ***no more than*** *250 words*

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| Please describe your pro bono activities over the last five years. |
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| Have you served as a prosecutor or a public defender? Please include dates and title for each position that you have held, as well as areas of law practiced. |
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| Have you ever served as a mediator or arbitrator? (If so, please describe your experiences.) If you are an incumbent, do you perform settlement conferences? |
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| What do you believe are the most important qualifications for a judge or justice? |
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| Have you been a judge pro-tem? If so, what was that experience like, and what did you learn from it? |
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| Do you support making it easier for Washingtonians who are not members of the bar to access public records, particularly at the Superior/District court levels, where per-page fees are charged? |
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| Do you have any thoughts on how our courts should address the growing use of smartphones during court proceedings, particularly by jurors? |
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| Is Washington relying too much on court fees to cover the cost of operating our judicial system? How do you believe our courts should be funded? |
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| What improvements to the current bail system could be made so accused people of limited income are not leftin jail, causing loss of jobs, housing, and family stability? |
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**Part IV – Access to justice**

*Please limit your answers to* ***no more than*** *250 words*

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| If elected, how will you work to improve access to justice, particularly for **those** that do not understand the American legal system? |
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| If elected, how would you ensure racial equity in your courtroom? |
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| What ideas can you offer to make our judicial system more open, transparent, and responsive? |
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**Part V**

*Please limit your answers to* ***no more than*** *250 words*

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| Do you believe elected officials have a responsibility to bring up the next generation of leadership? And how do you plan on doing so? |
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| What is your definition of diversity? What experience do you have promoting diversity? |
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| **I affirm that all the information provided in response to this questionnaire is true, complete and correct, to the best of my ability, and that no relevant matter has been omitted.** | | |
| Signature | (insert scanned signature or sign electronically) | Date: |
| Printed Name |  |