

November 7, 2021

City of Mercer Island
9611 SE 36th Street
Mercer Island, WA 98040

Re: Application for Municipal Court Judge Position

Dear Reviewing Board,

Thank you for considering my application for the position of Municipal Court Judge for the City of Mercer Island (the "City"). It has been a pleasure to serve the City over the last several years as its Judge Pro Tem, and I would be honored to continue my service to the City in the capacity of Presiding Municipal Court Judge.

My experience meets or exceeds all of the qualifications listed in the Invitation of Interest for the Position of Municipal Court Judge (the "Invitation"). I am a local attorney licensed to practice law in the State of Washington. I am a citizen of the United States and the State of Washington and a current resident of King County. I have been a practicing attorney for almost 20 years, focusing on criminal law for nearly the entire span of my legal career. I have also served as a judge pro tem and court commissioner in multiple jurisdictions within King County, including Mercer Island Municipal Court, within the last six years.

My experience serving as the lead public defender for the City of Kirkland from 2014 to 2019 and exclusively working currently as a full time Judge Pro Tem in multiple jurisdictions makes me uniquely well qualified to serve as its Municipal Court Judge. Through this experience I had the opportunity to learn and support the day-to-day operations at the Mercer Island Municipal Court. I am very familiar with and understand the Mercer Island Municipal Code, applicable local criminal rules, as well as the Court and Clerk's office procedures to the smallest detail. I am familiar with the forms, calendars, and the policies that the Court currently follows. This includes the practices and policies of the Clerk's office, Mercer Island and Newcastle Prosecutors and of course the Mercer Island public and private defense bar. I also have unmatched experience of being involved at every level of the municipal, district and superior court justice system, and have developed a good working relationship with all sections and personnel.

If given the opportunity to serve the City as its Municipal Court Judge, I will be available to fulfill the duties listed in the Invitation during the day and nights, on weekdays and weekends, and can be reached at any time by phone, text or email. I understand and appreciate that the position of Municipal Court Judge does not lend itself to the traditional workday, and I am willing and committed to be available when needed to best serve the City, Police and the Court.

I have attached a copy of my resume and encourage you to contact my references. I agree to a criminal background investigation and a review of my file with the Washington State Bar Association. I feel extremely honored to have been able to serve the City over the past two years and I would appreciate the opportunity to take all that I have experienced, learned and valued to another position of public service for the citizens of Mercer Island. Thank you for this opportunity. I look forward to meeting with you

Best regards,

Jeff M. Gregory

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Education

- **Gonzaga University School of Law** | Spokane, WA
Juris Doctor, *Cum Laude* 2000
Associate Editor Gonzaga Law Review
- **University of Washington** | Seattle, WA
Bachelor of Arts: Psychology, *Cum Laude* 1997

Work Experience

- **Pro Tem Judge/Commissioner** July 2015 – Present
Multiple Local Municipal and District Courts
Provide on-going part time Pro Tem Judge and Commissioner coverage for multiple jurisdictions in King County, including multiple King County District Courts, Kirkland Municipal Court, Mercer Island Municipal Court, Renton Municipal Court and Issaquah Municipal Court for the Cities of Issaquah, North Bend and Snoqualmie.
- **Administrative Law Judge** January 2021-August 2021
Office of Administrative Hearings, State of Washington
Conducted de novo appellate review hearings on the employment security caseload for the Office of Administrative Hearings for the State. These hearings are evidentiary hearings conducted by the Judge followed in every matter by the issuance of a full written decision.
- **FAVROS Law** August 2019- March 2020
Associate Attorney
Worked on medical malpractice defense cases from my experience in the criminal justice world. Consulted in these cases and joined in the civil defense of multiple malpractice cases brought against Washington corrections facilities.
- **Stewart MacNichols Harmell Inc. P.S. — Kent, WA** March 2014 – August 2019
Attorney at Law
Provide public defense legal services at all phases of misdemeanor and gross misdemeanor criminal cases in Municipal Court for the Cities of Kirkland, Medina, and Clyde Hill and the Towns of Yarrow Point and Hunts Point. Provide criminal private defense representation for clients in multiple jurisdictions in King, Pierce and Snohomish Counties.
- **Law Offices of Gregory & Rooney – Bellevue, WA** October 2009 – March 2014
Owner/Partner
Co-owner and operator of a small law firm specializing in Criminal Defense and Family Law litigation. Provide legal services to private clients at all phases of criminal and family law cases at the Municipal, District and Superior Court levels. Work included civil and criminal trials and discovery work including motion practice, depositions and interrogatories and request for production requests and responses.

- **King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office — Seattle, WA** June 1999 to September 2009
Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorney
Prosecuting attorney in Criminal and Civil Divisions. Prosecuted criminal cases at misdemeanor, juvenile, felony and appellate levels, including 150 plus jury and non-jury trials along with daily courtroom appearances, motion hearings and appellate level work.

Licenses

- State of Washington
- United States District Court - Western District of Washington

Professional Memberships

- Washington State Bar Association - WSBA#30384 | Member in good standing
- Washington State Society of Healthcare Attorneys

Presentations

- "Senate Bill 5990 and the Impact on Post Sentence Supervision Going Forward." King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office Internal CLE Program.
- "Cross Examination and the Rules of Evidence You Need to Remember." King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office Internal CLE Program.
- "The Art and Importance of Vacating Final Dispositions Without State Approval." King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, Washington Association of Prosecuting Attorney's Conference.
- "Online and E-Discovery, Nuts and Bolts and Best Practices." Law Offices of Gregory & Rooney, Electronic Discovery Institute Mid-Year Meeting.
- "Same Sex Marriage and Family Law, the New Law and New World." Law Offices of Gregory & Rooney, McKinley Irvin Lunchtime CLE series.

Community Service and Volunteer Work

- **Falls Little League** 2011-2019
 - Head Coach for little league and all-star teams in the Snoqualmie Valley area. Service includes working with the local Little League Board of Directors on all aspects of running and promoting the local little league program.
- **Wildcat Baseball Club** 2017-Present
 - Founding Member and President of the Board of Directors of local select baseball club. Formed the club with other coaches to address a need for a local, select baseball club to serve players and families in the Snoqualmie Valley community. Currently serve as President of the Board of Directors. Previously served as Head Coach of one of the now five levels of teams associated with the baseball club.
- **Sno-Valley Wildcats Junior Football and Cheerleading Association** 2014-Present
 - Head coach of various levels for junior football program in the Snoqualmie Valley area since 2015, also served as an assistant coach in 2014. Member of the Board of Directors of the Association since 2017, holding the position of Coach Representative for two seasons. Currently nominated to serve as President of the Board of Directors of the Association for the upcoming 2020-2021 season.

- **Mt Si Gymnastics Academy Booster Club** 2016-Present
 - Volunteer for numerous fundraising and community events in the Snoqualmie Valley, including food drives, backpack program to support at-risk and homeless youth, textile drives, and other events for local nonprofit organization.
- **Snoqualmie Valley School District** 2011-Present
 - Volunteer for Watch D.O.G.S. (Dads of Great Students) program.
- **Encompass Northwest** 2007-2009
 - Worked with local families and at-risk youth in the Snoqualmie Valley area as part of the organization's community, school and family support program, focusing on family law, education and social development issues.

References

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Personal

I am a lifelong resident of the Pacific Northwest, and have lived in the City of Snoqualmie for the past 16 years. When not coaching baseball or football, I enjoy golfing, hiking with our dogs, running, cooking, traveling and cheering the kids on at various sports and school activities.