

Interview Topics

1. Education – early, high school, college, law school
2. Why wanted to become a lawyer and then a judge
3. Influences on the decision to become a judge
4. Persons who were influential in life (parents, teacher, other lawyers, children)
5. Military service (if appropriate)
6. Early career - when you lost a case, how would you handle it?
7. Path have some bumps in it?
8. How many times did it take to be nominated before appointment – not for embarrassment but for encouragement of others and for how it was handled
9. Loneliness – iconoclastic existence – how do you handle it?
10. Important rulings on the bench
11. Judicial philosophy
12. Anecdotes (e.g., small town practices)
13. Changes seen in your career
14. Decline in civil trials, alternate dispute resolution mediation, arbitration
15. For Chief Justices - role of Chief - how did you handle it? Difference between Chief and Associate Justices and leadership necessary creative collegiality. Relationships with legislature and governor Administrative duties.