

**INSTRUCTIONS  
MERIT SELECTION PANEL QUESTIONNAIRE  
FOR PERSONS BEING CONSIDERED FOR  
POSITION OF BANKRUPTCY JUDGE  
IN THE EIGHTH CIRCUIT**

All questions must be answered fully. If a question or section is not applicable, please so state. If more space is required, use the "Separate Attachment Form." Please type or print. Complete citations for all cases and articles or texts must be given. It will assist the panel if photocopies of opinions and articles accompany the application. Please give full names and current office addresses and phone numbers (or residence, if no office) for all judicial, professional, personal or other references.

All written inquiries should be directed to Millie B. Adams, Circuit Executive's Office, at the address below. If you wish to obtain a copy of this application via e-mail, please contact the Circuit Executive's Office at (314) 244-2600.

Please be sure you have completed the Questionnaire in its entirety; sign the application and all waivers, and return an original and ten hard copies to:

Office of the Circuit Executive  
Thomas F. Eagleton United States Courthouse  
111 South 10th Street  
Suite 26.325  
St. Louis, Missouri 63102-1116

The application must be received in the Office of the Circuit Executive by January 30, 2009.

**APPLICATION FORM  
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE**

**General**

- 1. Full Name:**
  - 2. All other names by which you have been known**
  - 3. Present Occupation**
  - 4. Office Address**  
**Telephone:**
  - 5. Residential Address:**  
**Telephone:**
  - 6. Place of Birth:**
  - 7. Length of Residence in State:**
  - 8. In what countries do you hold citizenship?**
  - 9. Colleges and universities attended, dates, degrees, and class standing (if known):**
  - 10. Law School attended, dates, degree, and class standing (if known):**
  - 11. Military Service:**  
**Branch Dates**  
**Rank or Rate at Discharge**  
**If still a reserve or National Guard member, give service, branch, unit, and present rank:**
  - 12. Are you related by blood or marriage to any judges or member of the Judicial Council of the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit or to a Judge of the District Court for the Southern or Northern Districts of Iowa? If so, give their names and the relationships.**
  - 13. Were you a member of the law review board?**
  - 14. List any legal books or articles written by you, giving citations and dates.**
- Peer-Reviewed Publications:*  
*Other Legal Publications:*  
*Social Science Publications:*





**28. a) If you are now an officer, director or otherwise engaged in the management of any business or enterprise, state the name of such enterprise, the nature of the business, the nature of your duties, and whether you intend to resign such position immediately upon your appointment to judicial office.**

**b) Since being admitted to the Bar, have you ever engaged in any occupation, business, or profession other than the practice of law? If so, please give the details, including dates.**

**c) State whether during the past five years you have received any fees or compensation of any kind, other than for legal services rendered, from any business enterprise, institution, organization, or association of any kind. If so, identify the source of such compensation; the nature of the business enterprise, institution, organization, or association involved; and the dates such compensation was paid.**

#### **Disciplinary Proceedings/Offenses**

**29. Have you ever been convicted for violation of any federal law, state law, county or municipal law, regulation or ordinance? If so, please give details. Do not include traffic violations for which a fine of \$100 or less was imposed unless it also included a jail sentence.**

**30. a) Have you ever been sued by a client? If so, give particulars.**

**b) Have you or your professional liability insurance carrier ever settled a claim against you for professional malpractice? If so, please give particulars, including the amounts involved.**

**31. Have you ever been charged in any civil or criminal proceeding with conduct alleged to involve moral turpitude, dishonesty, and or unethical conduct? If so, please give particulars, including the full style of the cause.**

**32. Have you ever been disciplined for a breach of ethics or unprofessional conduct by any court, administrative agency, bar association, or other professional group? If so, please give the particulars.**

#### **Taxes**

**33. To the best of your knowledge, are you in compliance with the tax laws of the federal government and of the state, county, and community of which you are a resident?**

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

**34. Have you filed appropriate tax returns as required by federal, state, local, and other government authorities?**

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ If no, please explain.

**35. Has a tax lien or other collection procedure ever been instituted against you by federal, state, or local authorities? If so, give particulars.**

### **Professional and Other Activities**

**36. a) List all bar associations and legal or other professional societies of which you are a member and give the titles and dates of any office you have held in such groups and committees to which you belonged.**

**b) List all organizations and clubs, other than bar associations and professional societies identified in response to Question No. 36a, of which you have been a member during the past ten years, including the titles and dates of any offices you have held in each.**

**37. Describe any civic, philanthropic, community, social, or public service activities during the past five years, including any posts or offices held and honors or awards received?**

### **Supplemental Information**

**38. Do any clubs or private associations to which you belong have a discrimination clause or have a history of barring membership to women or minorities?**

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

**39. State any achievements or actions you have accomplished, demonstrating your commitment to equal justice under the law.**

**40. State any additional education or other experiences you believe would assist you in holding judicial office.**

**41. State any other pertinent information reflecting positively or adversely on you which you believe should be disclosed to the circuit court and the selection panel in connection with your possible nomination as United States bankruptcy judge.**

### **Personal and Judicial References**

**42. List five individuals as references who are familiar with your abilities and personal character.**

**43. (a) Give the names and current phone numbers of at least five, but no more than ten, persons (of whom not fewer than four must be lawyers not associated with you in the practice of law or in business) to whom we may refer as to your character and ability, and state how long each has known you. Your references must have had adequate opportunities for observing your professional and general conduct and ability. Describe the status of nonlaw references.**


**(b) Give the names and current phone numbers of at least three persons who have worked for you and with you in a subordinate position.**


**(c) Give the names and current phone numbers of not more than five judges (of whom at least three must be active) with whom you are not and have not been associated in the practice of law or in business, before whom you have appeared recently in matters which would afford them an opportunity to observe your professional conduct and ability. If yours is a non-litigation practice, list such judges, if any, who have had an opportunity to observe you in bar association or other activities. Indicate those before whom you have appeared in court or other judicial bodies by inserting (C) before the name of the judge.**

### Confidentiality Statement

**This form will be kept confidential and will be examined only by members of the merit selection panel, the circuit executive, judges of the judicial council, and the judges of the court of appeals. The individuals, whom you have listed as references above, as well as your employer or coworkers, may be contacted by the panel. If this presents a problem, you should notify the circuit executive so that special arrangements can be made. Sometimes the arrangement is that there will be no contact with an employer or co-workers unless you are a potential finalist for the position.**

**I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Candidate*

**SEPARATE ATTACHMENT FORM**

*Separate attachment to:*

*Part: General*

*Question 16 CLE credits*

**SEPARATE ATTACHMENT FORM**

*Separate attachment to:*

*Part: Law Practice*

*Question 22*

**SEPARATE ATTACHMENT FORM**

*Separate attachment to:*

*Part: Honors*

*Question 14*