

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE EIGHTH CIRCUIT
111 South 10th Street
Suite 26.325
St. Louis, Missouri 63102-1116

**APPLICATION FOR
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGESHIP
with duty station at Aberdeen, Mississippi**

(In response to any question, you may use continuation pages if necessary.)

General

1. Full name _____
2. All other names by which you have been known _____
3. Present Occupation _____ Title _____
4. Office address: _____

City _____ State _____
Zip _____ Telephone _____
5. Residential address _____

City _____ State _____
Zip _____ Telephone _____
6. Place of birth _____
Date of birth _____
7. Length of residence in state _____
8. In what countries do you hold national 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

_____ Type of discharge

_____ If still a reserve or national guard member, please give service, branch, unit, and present rank. _____

12. If related by blood or marriage to any judge of the Judicial Council of the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit, or to a Judge of the District Court to be served, please give: _____

Honors

13. Were you an officer or a member of law review board? _____

14. List any legal books or articles you have written, with citations and dates.

15. List any honors, prizes, or awards you have received.

16. List continuing legal education courses completed within last five years.

Professional Admissions

17. List all courts (including state bar admissions) and administrative bodies having special admission requirements in which you are presently admitted to practice, giving the dates of admission.

Court or Administrative Body	Date of Admission
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Law Practice

18. Have you been engaged in the active practice of law for at least five years?

_____ Yes _____ No

19. State the name, dates, and addresses of all law firms, all government agencies and all other organizations you have been associated with.

Position	Address	Dates
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

20. Describe the general nature of your current practice including any legal specialities. If your practice is substantially different now than previously, please give details of your prior practice.

21. a) Do you regularly appear in court? _____

b) What percentage of your appearances in the last five years were in:

- 1. Bankruptcy Courts. _____%
- 2. Federal, District and Appeals Courts. _____%
- 3. State or Local Courts. _____%
- 4. Administrative Bodies. _____%
- 5. Other. _____%

22. During the past five years, what percentage of your practice has been trial practice. _____%
- How frequently have you appeared in court. _____ times/mo.
- How frequently have you appeared at administrative hearings. _____ times/mo.
- What percentage of your litigation practice has been:
- Bankruptcy. _____%
- Civil _____%
- Criminal. _____%
- _____ _____%
- _____ _____%
- _____ _____%

State the number of cases you have tried to conclusion in courts of record during the past five years, including whether you were sole, associate, or chief counsel. Give citations of any reported cases.

23. Have you served as a trustee or other court-appointed officer in bankruptcy matters. Yes ___ No ___ If yes, provide the approximate number of such cases and list the more important matters.

Names	Court
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

24. Summarize your courtroom experience for the past five years.
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25. State the names and addresses of adversary counsel in your primary cases over the past five years.

Public Office

26. Have you ever run for, or held, public office. If so, give details.

Prior Judicial Experience

27. a) Have you ever held judicial office, applied or been a candidate for judicial office? If so, please state the courts involved and the dates of service or candidacy.

b) Prior Quasi judicial service:

Name of Agency _____

Position held _____

Issues addressed _____

Number of cases adjudicated _____

Dates of service _____

Business Involvement

28. a) If you are now an officer, director or otherwise engaged in management of any business or enterprise, state the name of such enterprise, the nature of the business, 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, 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 of the compensation.

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 specifics, 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 applicable to you?

_____ Yes _____ No

34. Have you filed appropriate tax returns as required by federal, state, local and other governments? _____ 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, including titles and dates of any office or committees.

b) List all organizations and clubs, other than those identified in Question No. 36a, of which you have been a member during the past ten years, including titles and dates of any offices or committees.

37. Describe any civic, philanthropic, community, social, or public service activities during the past five years, including any offices, committees, and honors and awards.

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 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, positive or negative you which you believe should be disclosed to the circuit court and the selection panel.

Personal and Judicial References

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

Name and E-Mail Address	Address	Phone
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

43. a) Give the names and e-mail addresses of at least five, but no more than ten, persons to whom we may refer as to your character and ability. These references must have had adequate opportunity to observe your professional and general conduct and ability. Not more than four of these references may be lawyers associated with you in the practice of law or in business.

Name and E-Mail Address	Telephone	Period of Acquaintance
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

- b) Give the names, e-mail addresses and current phone numbers of at least three persons who have worked for you in a subordinate position.

Name and E-Mail Address	Telephone	Work Relationship
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

- c) Please provide the names of not more than five judges with whom you have not been associated in the practice of law or in business, before whom you have appeared recently in matters that allow them to observe your professional conduct and ability. If yours is a non-litigation practice, list judges, who have had an opportunity to observe you. Indicate those before whom you have appeared in court or other judicial bodies by inserting (C) before the name of the judge.

Name of Judge	Phone	Court	Date and Nature of Most Recent Matter
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

44. Have you ever applied for a bankruptcy judge position? ___Yes ___No
 If yes, please list the all positions applied for and dates below.

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 you listed as references, as well as your current employer or co-workers, may be contacted. If this is a problem, you may request special arrangements from the circuit executive.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Date

Signature of Candidate

You must complete the Application and the two waivers, sign them, and return

- **a signed original hard copy (unbound);** and
- **an electronic version of the original in Portable Document Format**

Please send the original by mail or delivery service to:

Millie B. Adams
U.S. Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit
111 South 10th Street, Suite 26.325
St. Louis, MO 63102-1116

Please send the PDF to:

CE8employment@ca8.uscourts.gov

Applications must be received at the Circuit Executive's office **not later than 4:00 pm (Central Time)** Wednesday, February 28, 2018.

MEDICAL AUTHORIZATION AND WAIVER

TO:

Physician _____

Address _____

Phone _____

In connection with my application for the position of U. S. Bankruptcy Judge in the Eighth Circuit, I hereby authorize any person designated by the Merit Selection Panel to communicate orally (including by telephone) and/or in writing with the physician named above with regard to my physical and mental condition and history, and any care, treatment and advice given me.

I further authorize and direct the physician named above to communicate to such person orally (including by telephone) such information regarding my physical and mental condition, care, treatment and advice sought by such person and to supply a written statement if requested by such person. For these purposes, I hereby waive any physician-patient privilege that may exist.

Name: _____ (Print or Type)

Address: _____

Phone _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

NOTE TO CANDIDATE: Please forward one signed original to physician.

AUTHORIZATION AND WAIVER

In connection with my application for the position of U.S. Bankruptcy Judge in the Eighth Circuit, I hereby authorize the administrators of the disciplinary and inquiry bodies of any court, bar or other association to disclose to the Merit Selection Panel all information contained in the files of such bodies concerning my present professional status, all complaints which have been made against me, together with the disposition thereof. I expressly waive whatever right I may have to confidentiality of the foregoing information.

Name: _____ (Print or Type)

Address: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____