

**APPLICATION
FOR
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE APPOINTMENT**

Duty Station at San Juan, Puerto Rico

NOTICE: Applicants chosen to be interviewed by the Merit Selection Panel formed to screen and review applicants will be required to complete the Preliminary Disclosure Statement, which is available on the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit website at <https://www.ca1.uscourts.gov/employment>.

(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. Date of birth: _____

7. Length of residence in state: _____

8. Are you a United States citizen? _____

9. Colleges and universities attended, dates, degrees, and class standing (if known).

10. Law school(s) attended, dates, degrees, and class standing (if known).

11. Military service: _____

Branch: _____

Dates of service: _____

Rank or rate at discharge: _____

Type of discharge: _____

If you are currently a reserve or National Guard member, please indicate the service, branch, unit, and present rank.

12. Are you or any member of your household related by blood or marriage to a judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit or a member of the Judicial Council of the First Circuit, or to a judge of the District Court to be served?

Yes: ___ No: ___

If so, please provide their names and the relationship.

Names:

Relationship:

Honors and Scholarship

13. Were you a member of the law review board? Yes: ___ No: ___

If so, give the name of the law review, the dates, and the position held.

14. List any legal books or articles written by you, giving citations and dates.

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

16. Are you current on continuing legal education courses as required by your state(s) of licensure? Yes: ____ No: ____

If not, please explain.

17. List continuing legal education courses completed within the last five years.

18. List any continuing legal education course you have taught or other law-related public speaking engagements you have presented.

Professional Admissions

19. 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 in each case and indicate if in current active and good standing.

Court or Administrative Body	Date of Admission	Active and Good Standing

If not in good standing, please explain.

20. List any other professional certifications or designations and the dates of admission (e.g., certifications regarding specialties, CPA designation, or other financial certifications or licenses).

Law Practice

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

Yes: ___ No: ___

If not, please explain.

22. State the name, dates, and addresses of all law firms with which you have been associated in practice and of all governmental agencies or private business organizations in which you have been employed. List all periods you have practiced as a sole-practitioner and list the same information as for any other prior practice.

Position:

Firm Address:

Dates:

23. Describe the general nature of your current practice including any legal specialties which you possess and the character of your typical clients. Additionally, if your practice is substantially different now than previously, please give details of prior practice.

24. Do you regularly appear in court?

Yes:___ No: ___

What percentage of your appearances in the last five years was in the following forums?

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

25. 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 practice involving litigation has been:

- Bankruptcy _____%
- Civil _____%
- Criminal _____%
- Other (describe) _____ _____%

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

27. 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 in which you served.

Names:

Court:

28. Summarize your courtroom experience for the past five years.

29. State the names and addresses of adversary counsel against whom you have litigated your primary cases over the last five years.

30. Do you have any specialized bankruptcy experience other than what is described above? Yes: ___ No: ___ If so, please explain.

Public Office

31. Have you ever run for or held public office? Yes: ___ No: ___

If so, please explain.

Prior Judicial Service

32. Have you ever held judicial office or been a candidate for judicial office?

Yes: ___ No: ___

If so, please state the courts involved and the dates of service or the dates of candidacy.

33. Prior Quasi-judicial service:

For each position please describe the general nature of the issues adjudicated and the numbers of hearings adjudicated:

Name of Agency: Position Held: Dates of Service:

Business Involvement

34. 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.

35. Since being admitted to the Bar, have you engaged in any occupation, business, or profession other than the practice of law? Yes: ___ No: ___

If so, please give details, including dates.

36. 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.

Professional and Other Activities

37. 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.

38. List all organizations and clubs, other than bar associations and professional societies identified in response to Question No. 37, 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.

39. 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

40. Do any clubs or private associations to which you (either as a member or as a dependent of a member) belong have a discrimination clause or have a history of barring membership on the basis of race, color, age (over 40), gender, religion, national origin, disability, or sexual orientation? Yes: ___ No: ___

If so, please explain.

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

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

43. 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 relating to your possible nomination as United States bankruptcy judge.

44. Explain why you are interested in becoming a United States bankruptcy judge.

45. Describe your view of the day-to-day role and responsibilities of a United States bankruptcy judge.

46. What do you view as the challenges to being a successful United States bankruptcy judge?

Personal and Judicial References

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

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48. 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 professional 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 non-law references.

Name	Phone	Period of Acquaintance

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

Name	Phone	Work Relationship

50. 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, and 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 (A) before the name of the judge.

Name of Judge	Court	Phone	Date and Nature of Most Recent Matter
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51. Have you previously applied for a bankruptcy judge position? Yes: ___ No: ___

If yes, please list all positions applied for and the dates below.

**Responses to the Following Questions Will Only be Reviewed by
Judge Members of the Merit Selection Panel**

52. In accordance with the *Judicial Conference Regulations for the Selection, Appointment, and Reappointment of Bankruptcy Judges*, a minimum qualification to be appointed as a United States bankruptcy judge is that an applicant be of sound physical and mental health sufficient to perform the essential duties of the office. Are you able to satisfy this minimum qualification? Yes: ___ No: ___

If not, please explain.

53. Have you ever been arrested, cited, or convicted for violation of any federal law, state law, county or municipal law, regulation or ordinance? Yes: ___ No: ___

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.

54. Have you ever been subject to an administrative proceeding? Yes: ___ No: ___

If so, please explain.

55. Are you current on any applicable domestic support obligations? Yes: ___ No: ___

If not, please explain.

56. Have you ever been sued by a client? Yes: ___ No: ___

If so, please explain.

57. Do you carry professional liability insurance? Yes: ___ No: ___

If not, please explain.

58. Have you or your professional liability insurance carrier ever settled a claim against you for professional malpractice? Yes: ___ No: ___

If so, please explain, including the amounts involved.

59. Have you ever been charged in any civil or criminal proceeding with conduct alleged to involve moral turpitude, dishonesty, and or unethical conduct? Yes: ___ No: ___

If so, please explain, including the full style of the cause.

60. Have you ever been disciplined for a breach of ethics or unprofessional conduct by any court, administrative agency, bar association, or other professional group?

Yes: ___ No: ___

If so, please explain.

61. Have allegations ever been made against you (civilly, criminally, administratively, or in the context of your employment or business affiliation) of sexual, racial, gender, or employment misconduct or discrimination? Yes: ___ No: ___

If so, please explain, including details about any settlements or punishments involved.

62. To the best of your knowledge, are you in compliance with the tax laws and current on all tax-related obligations of the federal government and of the state, county, and community of which you are a resident? Yes: ___ No: ___

If no, please explain.

63. Have you filed appropriate tax returns as required by federal, state, local, and other government authorities? Yes: ___ No: ___

If no, please explain.

64. Has a tax lien or other collection procedure ever been instituted against you by federal, state, or local authorities? Yes: ___ No: ___

If so, please explain.

65. Have you ever been denied employment due to information disclosed during a background check? Yes: ___ No: ___

If so, please explain.

66. Have you engaged in any conduct that may cause you to be vulnerable to blackmail or intimidation or the revelation of which could cause embarrassment to the judiciary?

Yes: ___ No: ___

If so, please explain.

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 current employer or co-workers, 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 may be made 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:

Please return completed application by June 24, 2026 to ca01_chjobs@ca1.uscourts.gov.