

**BALIF JUDICIARY COMMITTEE
2018 QUESTIONNAIRE
FOR
ENDORSEMENT**

NAME	
EMPLOYER / TITLE	
WORK ADDRESS	HOME ADDRESS (optional)
EMAIL	OTHER EMAIL (if you prefer us not to use your work email)
WORK TELEPHONE	MOBILE TELEPHONE

IF ARE YOU SEEKING BALIF'S ENDORSEMENT, PLEASE SIGN THE CERTIFICATION BELOW, AND PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING MATERIALS:

1. Please provide an electronic copy of your completed judicial application, as well as any updates or addendums and any supporting documentation you submitted to the Governor's staff relating to your judicial application, if applicable (i.e., PDQ for judicial appointment in state court, etc.).
2. Please provide an electronic copy of your Resume/CV.
3. Please provide an electronic copy of your Bio (if you have one).
4. Please provide a completed electronic copy of this BALIF questionnaire. Attach additional pages/materials as required/relevant. Be sure to complete the certification at the end of the questionnaire.
5. Please provide an electronic copy of a list of References.

Please provide the above requested materials by email to apersinger@tzlegal.com. If you have any questions, please contact Annick M. Persinger (510) 254-6808.

THE PROCESS: Once we receive your materials, the BALIF Judiciary Committee (BJC) will review the materials, contact references, conduct a background check, and set up an interview with you. Following the interview, the BJC will make an endorsement recommendation to the BALIF Board, and the Board will make the final endorsement decision. On behalf of the ~800 members of BALIF, we thank you for taking the time to participate in BALIF's endorsement process. Best Wishes!

GENERAL QUESTIONS

1. Please state why you are seeking BALIF's endorsement for your candidacy.
2. Please state why BALIF should endorse your candidacy.
3. Describe any personal experience you have or community service you have done that qualifies you for BALIF's endorsement. In responding, consider addressing the following:
 - a. Any experience you have working to advance the rights of LGBTQI¹ people, or to show support for LGBTQI people and their interests, including any experience you have working toward the advancement or equal treatment of LGBTQI members of the legal community.
 - b. Any experience you have working to advance the rights of women, including any experience you have working toward the advancement or equal treatment of women in the legal community.
 - c. Any experience you have working to advance the rights of people of color, including any experience you have working toward the advancement or equal treatment of people of color in the legal community.
 - d. Any services that you have provided pro bono.
 - e. Any public vote you have cast, for example, as an elected official, relating to the rights or protections of lesbians, gay men, bisexuals, transgender individuals or people with HIV/AIDS. If this applies to you, please identify the issue, how you voted on the issue, and explain your reasoning.
 - f. Any experience or exposure, if any, to discrimination against lesbians, gay men, bisexuals, transgender individuals or people with HIV/AIDS, in the courtroom, administrative proceedings, judiciary, criminal system, or the legal profession. Describe how you dealt with it.
 - g. Any involvement in a significant case where a primary issue was sexual orientation, gender identity or HIV/AIDS discrimination. For each case, please state the name of the case, venue, case number, case citation (if a published decision) and describe your involvement.
4. Are you a BALIF Member? For how long? If not, state why. Describe any interaction you have had with BALIF, including, for example, whether you have ever attended a BALIF sponsored event.
5. Describe how you self-identify. For example, state whether you are a member of the LGBTQI community.

¹ "LGBTQI" includes individuals identifying as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Gender Queer, Gender Nonconforming, Queer, Questioning, Intersex.

6. Are you now or have you ever been a member of any other bar associations or organizations? Have you asked for the endorsement of any other bar associations or organizations? Have you been declined by any? Please list the organizations or individuals who have endorsed you.
7. Are you now or have you ever been, since your graduation from law school, a member of any private club or organization that discriminates on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity (i.e., transgendered persons), or any other basis (i.e., race, color, religion, gender, disability or national origin)? If so, please identify the group by name, address and telephone number and provide details about your membership.
8. Describe the professional experience that qualifies you for this position. Please specifically address your experience in managing a large organization handling both criminal and civil matters and appeals, supervising trial and appellate attorneys and other staff, and discharging the duty to represent the public's interest in matters such as consumer, environmental, and antitrust.
9. What changes would you make to the office and how would those changes improve the office and make it more responsive to the public's needs?
10. Have you personally been disciplined, publicly or privately, by a state bar, or sanctioned by a court or by any other agency or tribunal before which you have appeared? If so, please identify the type and amount of the sanction or discipline (including dollar amounts for monetary sanctions), the date imposed, the relevant circumstances, and any explanation you wish to offer for the action taken against you.
11. After becoming an attorney, have you been convicted or pleaded guilty or no contest to, any felony or misdemeanor (excluding minor traffic infractions)? If so, provide the details of each such event, including the date, description of the alleged offense, locality and disposition.
12. Have you interviewed with the local county bar judiciary committee, JNE, or any other official vetting committee(s) in relation to your judicial application? Have you ever been rated "Not qualified" or "Unqualified" by any of these committees?

CANDIDATE'S LIST OF REFERENCES

List at least five attorneys or judges familiar with your legal work, or non-lawyers familiar with your work on civic or community matters, who are able to comment on your legal skills, demeanor, temperament, and professionalism. (Provide name, address and telephone numbers). If possible, your list of five should include at least two individuals who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender.

This is the end of the BALIF Questionnaire. Thank you.

*Your answers to this Questionnaire will be kept confidential and will only be examined by the members of BALIF's Judiciary Committee and Board of Directors. The panel may contact the individuals whom you have listed as references above, but no other individuals will be contacted without your prior approval.

CERTIFICATION

I certify that the responses to BALIF's Questionnaire and the materials I submit are true of my own knowledge.

DATED: _____, 2018
SIGNATURE:
PRINT NAME