



Indiana Judicial Nominating Commission

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Application for the Indiana Supreme Court

The application for the Spring 2016 vacancy on the Indiana Supreme Court includes two parts. Both Part One and Part Two must be completed. Part Two *must* be provided separately as directed in the instructions. Answers in Part One and Part Two are a matter of public record and will be supplied to the media and public upon request. However, only answers in Part One may be posted online by the Indiana Judicial Nominating Commission.

Part One, Sections 1-11

1. Contact/General Information

A. Full legal name and any former names.

Kit C. Dean Crane

B. State the full name (use initials for minor children), age, and relationship of each person residing in your household. For each adult living in the household (other than yourself), also state the person's occupation and employer.

Stacey Lynn Crane, 51 – Spouse; First Grade Teacher; Parker Elementary School, New Castle Community School Corporation.

Emily Brooke Crane, 23 – Daughter; Event Planner/Co-Manager, Soleil 17 Tanning Salon.

C. Business address, email, and telephone number.

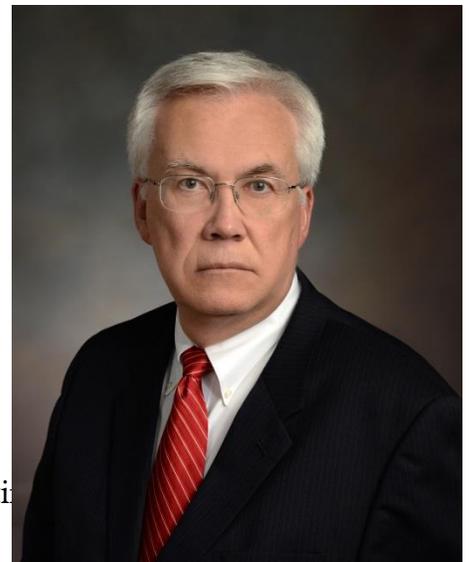
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Henry County Justice Center
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New Castle, IN 47362
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765-529-6408

D. Attorney number.

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E. Month and year you were admitted to the Indiana Bar.

a. Indicate current law license status, i.e. active/inactive/retired



Active; admitted June 9, 1989

- b. If you are or have been a member of the Bar of any other state, identify the jurisdiction and provide date(s) of admission and current license status.

F. Date and place of birth.

September 18, 1957; Henry County, IN

G. County of current residence and date you first became a resident.

I have been a resident of Henry County since birth with the exception of active duty service in the U.S. Army and the first two years of law school in Indianapolis.

2. Secondary Education/Military Experience

- A. List all undergraduate colleges and universities you attended. Include the school name; dates enrolled; degree or certificate earned; and any academic honors, awards, or scholarships you received and when.

Ball State University, 9/8/1976 to 5/16/1980, Bachelor of Science (See **Tab A**). Except for my senior year, I was employed full-time with McDonald's Restaurant, 1720 S. Memorial Drive, New Castle, IN, while maintaining a full course load.

- B. Include with your original application a certified transcript from each school named in Subsection 2A, and attach copies of each transcript to each application copy. (If your social security number is on your transcripts, redact it *before* copying.) (See **Tab A**)

- C. If applicable, list any military service. Include the name of the military branch; dates of service; last rank achieved; and any honors, awards, or commendations received and when. Attach a copy of your Certificate of Release or Discharge from active duty ("DD 214" paperwork).

- a. I have served in the U.S. Army and Army Reserves from June 4, 1980 to the present. I began my military service as a private first class and was eventually promoted to sergeant, E-5. I was a counterintelligence special agent, U.S. Army, HHOC, 125th Military Intelligence Battalion, 25th Infantry Division, G-2, Counterintelligence Analysis Section, Schofield Barracks, HI 96857. I received an honorable discharge for my service and was released from active duty. (See **Tab B**)
- b. I received a direct commission to first lieutenant in February 1990, and was subsequently promoted to captain, major, and to lieutenant colonel, my present rank, within the Judge Advocate General's Corps, U.S Army Reserves. I have served over 35 years in the Army Reserves; however, my mandatory retirement date of September 30, 2017 is fast approaching.
- c. Between January 2004 and March 2005, I was mobilized with the U.S. Army Reserves in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. From February 2004 to February 2005, I was deployed to Baghdad, Iraq with the 353rd Engineer Group (Construction), Oklahoma City, OK. I served simultaneously as the Group Adjutant and Command Judge Advocate for the Commander of the 353rd Engineer Group which was made up of over

1200 soldiers and airmen. I received an honorable discharge for my service and was released from active duty (See **Tab C**).

- d. Between December 29, 2008 and December 28, 2009, I was mobilized with the U.S. Army Reserves to the Office of Military Commissions – Defense, and served in Washington, D.C. and Guantanamo Bay as a defense attorney. In November 2009, I was promoted to lieutenant colonel. Again, I received an honorable discharge for my service and was once again released from active duty. (See **Tab D**).
- e. The awards I have received during my military service include the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal (w/3 Oak-Leaf Clusters), Army Achievement Medal (w/3 Oak-Leaf Clusters), Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal (w/service star), Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary and Service Medals, and Humanitarian Service Medal.

3. Post-Secondary Education

- A. List all law schools, graduate schools, and post-J.D. programs attended. Include the school name; dates enrolled; degree or certificate earned; class rank; and any academic honors, awards, or scholarships you received and when.
 - a. Central Michigan University, August 1981 to December 1, 1983, Master of Arts (See **Tab E**). Member of Chi Gamma Iota, Veterans Scholastic Honor Society – 1983; Member of Sigma Iota Epsilon, Honorary Management Fraternity – 1983. I obtained my M.A. degree on a part-time basis while serving on active duty with the U.S. Army.
 - b. IU Robert H. McKinney School of Law, August 1985 to May 1989, Doctor of Jurisprudence (See **Tab F**). I was employed full-time with the State of Indiana while attending the law school's evening division.
- B. Include with your original application a certified transcript from each school named in Subsection 3A, and attach copies of each transcript to each application copy. (If your social security number is on your transcripts, redact it *before* copying.) (See **Tabs E and F**, respectively).

4. Employment

- A. Provide your employment history since graduation from college. Include name of employer, titles or positions, locations, and dates of employment.
 - a. June 1980 – December 1980: Assistant Manager, McDonald's Restaurant, located at 1720 S. Memorial Drive, New Castle, IN 47362. This was my second period of employment with McDonald's. I had previously worked full-time for McDonald's from 1975, my junior year in high school, through the summer of 1979, the summer before my senior year at Ball State University. I worked full-time while taking a full course load during college. I lived at home during college and commuted between New Castle and Muncie. I attended classes during the day and worked at night. I was prohibited from working my senior year at Ball State University due to my student

teaching requirements. On June 4, 1980, following my graduation from Ball State University, I enlisted in the U.S. Army; however, I was placed in a delayed entry status and would not report for active duty until January 1981. Even though I was in the delayed entry status, McDonald's hired me to train others to serve as assistant managers during this six month period.

- b. January 7, 1981 – March 6, 1984: I began my military service as a private first class and was eventually promoted to sergeant, E-5. I was a counterintelligence special agent, U.S. Army, with HHOC, 125th Military Intelligence Battalion, 25th Infantry Division, G-2, Counterintelligence Analysis Section, Schofield Barracks, HI 96857. I received an honorable discharge for my service and was released from active duty (See **Tab B**).
- c. March 1984 – August 1984: Following my discharge from active duty, I assisted my father, Clifford Joe Crane, with his interior/exterior decorating business (i.e. Crane Decorating, which was operated out of our home at the time located at 1935 Broad Street, New Castle, IN 47362). Occasionally, I was employed as a substitute teacher on an as needed basis by the New Castle Community School Corporation, 522 Elliott Avenue, New Castle, IN 47362.
- d. August 1984 – August 1985: I was employed as a State Investigator V with the then Henry County Department of Public Welfare, located at 105 ½ S. 12th Street, New Castle, IN 47362.
- e. August 1985 - June 1986: I was employed as a Quality Control Reviewer IV, Indiana Department of Public Welfare, Quality Control Division, Room 701, State Office Building, 100 N. Senate Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46204.
- f. January 1986 – February 1990: I served in the U.S. Army Reserves as an Intelligence Analyst, sergeant (E-5), with the 402nd Medical Intelligence Detachment (Strategic), 2625 Kessler Boulevard, Indianapolis, IN 46222.
- g. June 1986 – December 1986: I was promoted to an Administrative Assistant for Medicaid, Indiana Department of Public Welfare, Quality Control Division, Room 701, State Office Building, 100 N. Senate Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46204.
- h. January 1987 – May 1989: I was promoted to Medicaid Policy Consultant and also served as the Supervisor of Indiana's Eye Treatment Program, Indiana Department of Public Welfare, Public Assistance Division, Room 701, State Office Building, 100 N. Senate Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46204.
- i. May 1989 – December 31, 1994: During this time period I practiced law as an associate with Yergin & Yergin Attorneys at Law, 1222 Broad Street, New Castle, IN 47362.
- j. February 1990 – Present: I received a direct commission to first lieutenant in February 1990, and was subsequently promoted to captain, major, and to lieutenant colonel, my present rank, within the Judge Advocate General's Corps, U.S Army Reserves. I have served over 35 years in the Army Reserves; however, my mandatory retirement date of September 30, 2017 is fast approaching.

- k. January 2004 – March 2005: During this time period I was mobilized with the U.S. Army Reserves in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. From February 2004 to February 2005, I was deployed to Baghdad, Iraq with the 353rd Engineer Group (Construction), Oklahoma City, OK. I served simultaneously as the Group Adjutant and Command Judge Advocate for the Commander of the 353rd Engineer Group which was made up of over 1200 soldiers and airmen. I received an honorable discharge for my service and was released from active duty (See **Tab C**).
 - l. January 1, 1995 – June 10, 2012: During this time period I served as Henry County Prosecutor, Henry County Justice Center, 1215 Race Street, Suite 250, New Castle, IN 47362.
 - m. December 29, 2008 – December 28, 2009: During this time period I was mobilized with the U.S. Army Reserves to the Office of Military Commissions – Defense, and served in Washington, D.C. and Guantanamo Bay as a defense attorney. In November 2009, I was promoted to lieutenant colonel. Again, I received an honorable discharge for my service and was once again released from active duty. (See **Tab D**).
 - n. June 11, 2012 – Present: I serve as Judge, Henry Circuit Court No. 2, Henry County Justice Center, 1215 Race Street, Suite 320, New Castle, IN 47362.
- B. If applicable, describe the nature and extent of your practice of law (present and former), and provide the names of your partners, associates, office mates, and employers.
- a. The firm was a full service law firm. My practice consisted of criminal defense, Medicaid estate planning, probate, personal injury, domestic relations law, banking, and debtor/creditor issues. Additionally, I also served Henry County as a part-time public defender. Our senior partner was Alan Yergin; however, Alan is now deceased. The junior partner was Martin R. Shields and he continues to practice law at that same location. Alan, Martin and I were later joined in the firm by Bob A. Witham, who was elected in 2002 as Judge, Henry Superior Court No. 2, now known as Henry Circuit Court No. 3. Judge Witham's present contact information is: Hon. Bob A. Witham, Judge, Henry County Justice Center, 1215 Race Street, Suite 220, New Castle, IN 47362. Judge Witham's telephone number is 765-521-2554.

5. Trial/Judicial Experience

- A. Describe the extent of your jury trial experience, if any. A sampling of my jury trial experiences is set out below.
- a. State v. L. Jay Jones, 33C01-9102-CF-004: The defendant was charged with child molesting, a Class C felony. I was appointed to represent the defendant. The defendant was convicted following a jury trial.
 - b. State v. Jerry K. Thompson, 33D01-9207-CF-027: The defendant was charged with murder and with being a habitual offender. I was appointed to represent the defendant. The defendant was convicted following a jury trial.

- c. State v. James Lovell, 33C01-9302-CF-008: The defendant was charged with non-support of a dependent child, a Class D felony. I was appointed to represent the defendant. The defendant was convicted following a jury trial.
- d. State v. Mark Albrecht, 33C01-9503-CF-008: As prosecutor, I charged the defendant with 26 counts of theft, Class D felony, for stealing money from his mother by using a power of attorney she had granted to him. Following a jury trial, the defendant was convicted of 20 of the original counts of theft.
- e. State v. Frank A. Cross, Jr., 33D01-9504-CF-016: As prosecutor, I charged the defendant, a volunteer fireman, with four counts of arson, all Class B felonies. Following a jury trial, the defendant was convicted as charged.
- f. State v. Charles D. Bond, 33D01-9507-DF-005: As prosecutor, I charged the defendant with criminal recklessness, a Class D felony. The defendant had pointed his firearm toward a law enforcement officer who shot and wounded the defendant in self-defense. Following a jury trial, the defendant was convicted as charged.
- g. State v. Tim L. Godby, 33C01-9512-CF-036: As prosecutor, I charged the defendant with murder. Following a jury trial, defendant was convicted as charged.
- h. State v. Jamie L. New, 33C01-9711-CF-025: As prosecutor, I charged the defendant with murder. Following a jury trial, the defendant was acquitted.
- i. State v. Lawrence D. Sowers, 33C01-9806-CF-016: As prosecutor, I charged the defendant with two counts of murder and alleged that the defendant was a habitual offender. Following a jury trial, defendant was convicted of the offenses of assisting a criminal, both Class C felonies as lesser included offenses to the two counts of murder. The defendant was also found to be a habitual offender.
- j. State v. Amy Bostick, 33D01-9807-CF-020: In March 1998, Amy Bostick locked her three children, all under the age of five, in their bedroom, poured flammable liquid in and around their room, and ignited the liquid. All three children died from smoke inhalation and thermal burns. At the time, Bostick was involved in an extramarital affair with a teenage boy, who was fifteen when their sexual relationship began. As prosecutor, I charged the defendant with three counts of murder, a charge of arson, and a count of sexual misconduct with a minor. The defendant was convicted as charged.
- k. State v. Charles V. Smith, 33D01-9811-CF-033: As prosecutor, I charged the defendant with murder and alleged that the defendant was a habitual offender. Following a jury trial, the defendant was convicted as charged and found to be a habitual offender.
- l. State v. Donald S. Bruce, 33D01-9912-CF-045: As prosecutor, I charged the defendant with attempted murder, a Class A felony, criminal confinement, a Class B felony, and battery, a Class A misdemeanor. The defendant shot through the door of his ex-wife's house striking her in the wrist. The defendant gained entry into the residence and held his ex-wife hostage for a time. Following a jury trial, the defendant was found not guilty of attempted murder, but guilty of the lesser included

offense of attempted aggravated battery, a Class B felony. The defendant was convicted as charged on the balance of the charges.

- m. State v. Michael P. Watson, Jr., 33C01-0011-CF-032: As prosecutor, I charged the defendant with reckless homicide, a Class C felony and also alleged that the defendant was a habitual offender. The defendant was operating a vehicle at excessive speed when he lost control of the vehicle. An elementary aged young boy was killed. Following a jury trial, defendant was convicted of the offense of criminal recklessness, a Class D felony, as a lesser included offense to reckless homicide. The defendant was also found to be a habitual offender.
- n. State v. Kenneth D. Alvies, 33C01-0108-CF-020: As prosecutor, I charged the defendant with two counts of murder. Following a jury trial, the defendant was convicted as charged.
- o. State v. Andrew W. McWhorter, 33D01-0512-MR-0001: As prosecutor, I charged the defendant with murder and alleged that the defendant was a habitual offender. The defendant shot his girlfriend in the head with a shotgun. Following a jury trial, the defendant was convicted of voluntary manslaughter, a Class A felony, a lesser included offense to murder. The jury also found the defendant to be a habitual offender
- p. State v. Dwight Dishman, 33C01-0512-FC-0040: As prosecutor, I charged the defendant with child molesting, a Class C felony. The defendant was accused of fondling an elementary aged female while he was giving her a ride on his motorcycle. Following a jury trial, the defendant was acquitted.
- q. State v. Ronnie Inabnitt, 33C01-1005-FA-000041: As prosecutor, I charged the defendant with child molesting, Class A felony. Following a jury trial, the defendant was convicted as charged.
- r. State v. Samie McBride, 33C01- 1107-FC-000016: As prosecutor, I charged the defendant with two counts of reckless homicide. Following a jury trial, the defendant was convicted as charged.
- s. Evelyn Stockton v. Christopher Bohnert, 33C01-1006-CT-000009: In September 2012 as Acting Judge for Henry Circuit Court No.1, I presided over this jury trial.
- t. Jada Dick v. Joshua Rea, 33C02-1209-CT-000039: In June 2014 I presided over this jury trial.
- u. State of Indiana v. Bruce Schaadt, 33C02-1307-FA-000039: In July 2014 I presided over this jury trial.
- v. State of Indiana v. Keith Hudson, 33C02-1406-FD-000159: In August 2014 I presided over this jury trial
- w. State of Indiana v. Robert Lipp, 33C02-1312-FD-000389: In September 2014 I presided over this jury trial.
- x. State of Indiana v. Elliot Carter, 33C02-1310-FD-000352: In October 2014 I presided over this jury trial.

- y. State of Indiana v. Joseph Martin, 33C02-1211-FC-000101: In March 2015 I presided over this jury trial.
 - z. State of Indiana v. Milton Robinson, 33C02-1310-FB-000091: In September 2015 I presided over this jury trial.
- B. Describe the extent of your bench trial experience, if any.
- a. During my tenure in private practice I tried a variety of cases to the bench.
 - b. During my tenure as prosecutor, I tried a variety of cases to the bench ranging from speeding tickets and other ordinance violations to State v. Galloway, 33C01-0710-MR-000002, a murder case. In Galloway, the trial judge found the defendant guilty, but mentally ill. Said conviction was later reversed. See Galloway v. State, 938 N.E.2d 699 (Ind. 2010).
- C. If applicable, describe the nature and extent of your judicial experience (including as a judge *pro tempore*). Include a description of your experience presiding over jury trials, if any.
- a. Following Judge Michael Peyton's retirement from the bench, I was appointed by then Governor Daniels to Judge, Henry Circuit Court No.2, effective June 11, 2012, and was elected in November 2012 to a six (6) year term effective January 1, 2013.
 - b. Evelyn Stockton v. Christopher Bohnert, 33C01-1006-CT-000009: In September 2012 as Acting Judge for Henry Circuit Court No.1, I presided over this jury trial.
 - c. Jada Dick v. Joshua Rea, 33C02-1209-CT-000039: In June 2014 I presided over this jury trial.
 - d. State of Indiana v. Bruce Schaadt, 33C02-1307-FA-000039: In July 2014 I presided over this jury trial.
 - e. State of Indiana v. Keith Hudson, 33C02-1406-FD-000159: In August 2014 I presided over this jury trial
 - f. State of Indiana v. Robert Lipp, 33C02-1312-FD-000389: In September 2014 I presided over this jury trial.
 - g. State of Indiana v. Elliot Carter, 33C02-1310-FD-000352: In October 2014 I presided over this jury trial.
 - h. State of Indiana v. Joseph Martin, 33C02-1211-FC-000101: In March 2015 I presided over this jury trial.
 - i. State of Indiana v. Milton Robinson, 33C02-1310-FB-000091: In September 2015 I presided over this jury trial.

6. Professional Experience

Include as writing samples, four selections (in total) from the written materials listed below in Subsections 6A – 6C.

- A. If applicable, list up to five trial or appellate briefs and/or judicial opinions you have written. Refer to them by caption, case number, and filing date.
- a. Christine Seal v. Thomas Seal, 33C02-0305-DR-000022, Order dated December 29, 2015 (See **Tab G**).
 - b. Anil Megha v. United Farm Family Mutual Insurance Company, Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance Company, 33C02-1405-PL-000022, Order dated December 30, 2015 (See **Tab H**).
 - c. Matter of Guardianship of Coffey, 624 N.E.2d 465, (Ind., 1993), No. 33S01-9311-CV-1272, 33C01-9202-GU-010. (See **Tab I**).
- B. If applicable, list up to five legislative drafts or court rules you have written or to which you contributed significantly. Refer to them by official citation, date, and subject matter.
- a. P.L. 96-1996, Approved March 21, 1996, Motor Vehicles—Operating Vehicle While Intoxicated
- C. If applicable, list up to five of your contributions to legal journals or other legal publications. Provide titles, official citations, and a brief description of the subject matter.
- a. The Transfer of Assets Rule and Medicaid Claims, as published in the September 12, 1991, Indiana Continuing Legal Education Forum’s Elder Law Manual. (See **Tab J**).
- D. Identify the five most significant legal matters entrusted to you, whether as a judge or lawyer, and describe why you believe them to be so.
- a. State v. Amy Bostick, 33D01-9807-CF-020 (see Bostick v. State, 773 N.E.2d 266 (Ind. 2002)): In the 17 ½ years I served as Henry County Prosecutor, this case has probably been the most important case entrusted to me. In March 1998, Amy Bostick locked her three children, all under the age of five, in their bedroom, poured flammable liquid in and around their room, and ignited the liquid. All three children died from smoke inhalation and thermal burns. At the time, Bostick was involved in an extramarital affair with a teenage boy, who was fifteen when their sexual relationship began. On July 28, 1998, our investigation concluded with our obtaining an arrest warrant for the defendant. On September 28, 1999, following a 3 ½ week jury trial, the jury convicted Amy Bostick of three counts of Murder, a charge of Arson, and a count of sexual misconduct with a minor. During my tenure as prosecutor, I do not believe any other case had such an impact on our community. Obtaining justice for those three murdered children was very rewarding.
 - b. State v. Kenneth D. Alvies, 33C01-0108-CF-020: The defendant murdered two local men. A main witness to the case was the defendant’s then girlfriend. I don’t believe I have ever observed a more scared witness than the young woman in this case. The defendant had battered her previously and had threatened her to not testify against him. Nonetheless, she took the stand, testified and identified the defendant to the jury. There is a lot of pressure in homicide cases; however, knowing she was willing to risk her life in prosecuting the defendant added additional pressure to the case. Obtaining justice in this case and assuring that the defendant would not harm the state’s witnesses was very rewarding.

- c. State v. Samie McBride, 33C01- 1107-FC-000016: The defendant rear-ended a stopped vehicle at a red traffic light at an extremely high rate of speed killing a young couple. Three medical experts testified that at the time of the offenses the defendant had a mental illness and did not appreciate the wrongfulness of her actions. I believe we were able to show to the jury that post-crash statements made by the defendant to the experts were self-serving and inaccurate. Following a jury trial, the defendant was found guilty, but mentally ill. As with Bostick, this case had a significant impact on our community. Obtaining justice in this case was also very rewarding.
- d. P.L. 96-1996: In November 1995 in Henry County, Robert Purvis operated a vehicle with .10% BAC by weight of blood resulting in serious bodily injury. Defendant Purvis ran a stop sign and struck a van broadside. The driver of the van, elementary school teacher Kelli Nail, was not injured, but her seven year old son suffered severe and permanent head injuries. Defendant Purvis had four prior OVWI convictions. As prosecutor I filed a petition with the court indicating our intention to enhance Defendant Purvis' sentence pursuant to IC 35-50-2-10, Indiana's then habitual substance offender enhancement statute. Defendant Purvis' attorney brought to my attention Indiana Supreme Court's November 22, 1995, decision in *Freeman v. State*, 658 N.E.2d 68, (Ind.,1995). The *Freeman* decision held that the legislature did not intend for the general habitual substance offender sentence enhancement to apply to OVWI charges. Although this decision adversely affected my prosecution of Defendant Purvis, I did not want other, future cases to be affected. I contacted Indiana Prosecuting Attorney's Council (IPAC) to see if IPAC could request the General Assembly change the HSO statute to clarify that it is the legislative branch's intent that the HSO apply in OVWI cases. I was advised by IPAC that IPAC's deadline for legislative proposals had passed and it was too late to get that done for that session. I then contacted State Senator Beverly Gard and requested her assistance. As a result, I assisted Indiana Legislative Services Agency to draft then SB 316. SB 316 became P.L. 96-1996 and, among other things, cured the statutory defect in the HSO statute as discussed in *Freeman*. Having a part in fixing the HSO enhancement statute and later utilizing it as prosecutor to get repeat drunk drivers off the road for extended periods of time was rewarding.
- e. My Tenure in Private Practice: Due to my previous employment experience as a Medicaid Policy Consultant, I developed a niche in helping couples get eligible for Medicaid when one spouse was in a nursing home and the other spouse was still living at home. I was able to save a vast majority of their income, assets, homes, and in some cases, family farms and businesses for the benefit of the spouse living at home. Many of my clients had been turned away by other, more established attorneys, before coming to see me. The families in these situations were desperate and emotionally drained. I was able to obtain Medicaid coverage for all of my clients and relief the stress they were facing. That was a very rewarding part of private practice.

7. Efforts to Improve the Legal System, Administration of Justice, or Society

- A. Describe your efforts, achievements, or contributions (including written work, speeches, or presentations) toward the improvement of the law, the legal system, or the administration of justice. Include a description of any management or leadership roles you undertook to

achieve these goals, and describe any specific instances in which your collaborative efforts helped achieve these goals.

- a. I was selected to attend the Graduate Program for Judges 2015-2016. I attended the first session in 2015 and looking forward to the second session in 2016.
 - b. Following my attendance at the October 19, 2015 Indiana Veterans Court and Veterans Summit, Indiana War Memorial, I submitted my intent to establish a Veterans Court in Henry County. We presently have a launch date of April 1, 2016.
 - c. I volunteered for service on Judicial Conference Committees. I have served on the International Law Committee and am presently serving on the Probation Committee.
 - d. Effective January 1, 2016, I became presiding judge of the unified Henry Circuit Courts. Our presiding judge in 2014-2015, Hon. Mary Willis, volunteered our three courts to join the pilot counties going paperless. In mid-November 2015, the Henry County Clerk and trial courts began going paperless. We are now using the functionality in Odyssey called task manager or MyOdyssey. This functionality allows for the processing of cases without the need for paper files. Task Manager has the concept of work queues for the users. Instead of a stack of files going from the Clerk's office to the court or vice versa, all the users work within these queues.
 - e. In the past I have been a participant at the New Castle Area Career Programs' Annual Career Day. During these small group sessions, I discuss the career field of that of attorneys and paralegals. The small groups are comprised of eighth graders from Hagerstown, Knightstown Intermediate, Morton Memorial, Tri Junior High, Union, and New Castle Middle School.
 - f. In the past, I have assisted in the annual presentation of "Crime and Law Enforcement" before the New Castle-Henry County Leadership Academy. The Academy is designed to develop a cadre of community leaders for New Castle and Henry County. The participants in the Academy are sponsored by their employers or schools. The Academy lasts approximately 14-16 weekly sessions each year and is designed to educate the Academy attendants about local history, business, local government, health care, arts and culture, education, religion, community groups and our legal system.
- B. Describe your efforts, achievements, or contributions (including written work, speeches, or presentations) concerning civic, political, or social issues. Include a description of any management or leadership roles you undertook in this area, and describe any specific instances in which your collaborative efforts in this area led to a successful result.
- a. In November 2003, following our county chairman's unexpected resignation, I was selected to serve as chairman for Henry County Republican Central Committee. In January 2004, I resigned that political office due to my deployment to Iraq.
 - b. Several years ago I served as a precinct committeeman and delegate to the Indiana Republican State Convention.
- C. Describe your efforts, achievements, or contributions (including written work, speeches, or presentations) to improve your local, state, or national community through charitable

work or public service. Include a description of any management or leadership roles you undertook in this area, and describe any specific instances in which your collaborative efforts in this area led to a successful result.

- a. I have served as president, vice president, and sergeant at arms, of the Rotary Club of New Castle and recently became a Paul Harris Fellow.
 - b. I have been involved in various ministries through our church, First United Methodist Church.
 - c. Five years ago my siblings and I established and funded a scholarship fund in our parents' names. We are able to award a one-time scholarship to a high school senior graduating from New Castle High School.
 - d. I serve on the Henry County Community Corrections Advisory Board.
 - e. I serve on the New Castle Correctional Facility Advisory Board.
- D. Describe the nature and extent of any *pro bono* legal services you have contributed.
- a. I periodically performed pro bono legal services when I was in private practice.
- E. Indicate your experience teaching law. Provide the dates, names of institutions or programs, and a description of the subject matter taught.
- a. I have been on the adjunct faculty for Indiana Wesleyan University since 2008. At various times, I have taught the following courses: CRJ -181 Introduction to Criminal Justice; CRJ-270 Homeland Security; CRJ-309 Youth and Crime; CRJ-318 Criminal Procedures; CRJ 319-Probation and Parole; CRJ-322 Terrorism and Counter-Terrorism; CRJ-324 Risk Analysis and Security; CRJ 332–Victimology; CRJ-358 Criminal Law; CRJ 346-Restorative Justice; CRJ-422 Disaster Preparedness; CRJ-424 Command and Control/Emergency Leadership; CRJ-465 Constitutional Law/Civil Liberties; CRJ 468 - Criminal Justice Administration; CRJ-472 - Court Procedures; and POL 535 - Public Policy Processes and Strategies.
 - b. In addition to teaching courses for Indiana Wesleyan University, I have also assisted in preparing and reviewing curriculum and preparing faith integration on new or revised courses for the university.

8. Memberships and Other Activities

- A. List any memberships and offices you have held in professional organizations, including dates and descriptions of the purposes of the organizations and of your involvement.
 - a. A member of the Indiana Judges Association; 2012- present
 - b. A member of the Indiana Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges; 2012- present
 - c. A member of the Federalist Society, June 30, 2015. From it's website: "The Federalist Society for Law and Public Policy Studies is a group of conservatives and libertarians interested in the current state of the legal order. It is founded on the principles that the state exists to preserve freedom, that the separation of governmental powers is central

to our Constitution, and that it is emphatically the province and duty of the judiciary to say what the law is, not what it should be. The Society seeks both to promote an awareness of these principles and to further their application through its activities.”

- d. A member of the Indiana State Bar Association
 - e. A member of the Henry County Bar Association
 - f. A former Member, National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys, Inc., from 1989 until December 31, 1994. The NAELA is a non-profit association that assists lawyers, bar organizations and others who work with older clients and their families. Established in 1987, the Academy provides a resource of information, education, networking and assistance to those who deal with the many specialized issues involved with legal services to the elderly and people with special needs.
 - g. A former member, National District Attorneys Association. The National District Attorneys Association is the oldest and largest professional organization representing criminal prosecutors in the world. Its members come from the offices of District Attorneys, State's Attorneys, Attorneys General and county and city prosecutors with responsibility for prosecuting criminal violations in every State and territory of the United States.
 - h. A former board member, Indiana Prosecuting Attorneys Council. The Indiana Prosecuting Attorneys Council is a state agency that was statutorily created in 1973. Its membership consists of all the prosecuting attorneys in Indiana and their chief deputies and it is governed by a 10 member Board of Directors. The Council assists prosecuting attorneys in their duties by preparing manuals, providing legal research, conducting training seminars, and acting as a liaison with study commissions and agencies of all branches of local, state and federal government that would be of benefit to law enforcement and the fair administration of justice in Indiana.
 - i.
- B. List any memberships and offices you have held in civic, charitable, or service organizations, including dates and descriptions of the purposes of the organizations and of your involvement.
- a. I am a member of First United Methodist Church of New Castle. In the past I served on the Staff, Parish Relations Committee and also served as chairman of that committee. The SPR Committee assists the pastor(s) and staff in assessing their gifts and setting priorities for leadership and service. It is the responsibility of the committee to communicate with the committee on lay leadership and/or the church council when there is a need for other leaders or for employed staff to perform in areas where utilization of the gifts of the pastor(s) and staff proves an inappropriate stewardship of time. I have also served as chairman of the Stewardship Committee of First United Methodist Church of New Castle. The Committee duties include educating the congregation about stewardship of all resources, including financial assets and the appropriate dispersion of those to the church. Additionally, the committee leads an annual stewardship campaign to raise pledged income for the church for the next fiscal year

b. I am a member of New Castle Rotary Club. I am a past member of the Board of Directors and served as president of the club from July 2008 until my January 2009 mobilization in the Army Reserves. Rotary Club is a worldwide organization of more than 1.2 million business, professional, and community leaders. Members of Rotary clubs provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world.

C. List any memberships you hold in social clubs or organizations. If any restrict its membership on the basis of race, sex, religion, or national origin, please describe your efforts within the organization to eliminate restrictions.

a. Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Post 1282, New Castle, IN 47362

b. The American Legion, Post 137, New Castle, IN 47362

c. Benevolent & Protective Order of the Elks, Lodge # 484, New Castle, IN 47362

d. New Castle Masonic Lodge No. 91, New Castle, IN 47362

e. Valley of Indianapolis, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, N.M.J., Indianapolis, IN 47362

D. Describe your hobbies and other leisure activities.

a. My wife and I are Indianapolis Colts season ticket holders. We enjoy attending other professional, college and high school sports.

b. We enjoy seeing live, stage productions.

c. I enjoy reading novels and books related to history

9. Legal Proceedings

A. List any lawsuits or legal proceedings in any jurisdiction, including but not limited to bankruptcies, dissolutions, and criminal matters to which you have been a party. Provide dates, case numbers, courts, names of other parties, and, if needed, a brief explanation. (If minor children are involved [i.e. an adoption], use initials only.)

a. On November 17, 1977, the New Castle Police Department, by way of a Uniform Traffic Ticket, charged me with Reckless Driving. The officer cited me for reckless driving due to me driving the wrong way down a one way street. The cause was filed in New Castle City Court under Case # K-77-162. This charge was dismissed on the motion of the State on April 18, 1978.

b. On March 3, 1979, I accepted a ride home from a party by a friend of mine. I fell asleep in his car on the way home. As he stopped the car to wait for a stop light to change to green, he too fell asleep. A New Castle City policeman observed us as we sat through three changes of the light without moving. Subsequently, I was charged with and pleaded guilty to Public Intoxication. My fine was \$1.00 plus \$28.00 in court costs. This matter was heard in the New Castle City Court as Cause Number C-79-30. On July 29, 1987, I filed a

pro se petition for Post-Conviction Relief with the New Castle City Court. On October 21, 1987, Hon. John R. Lansinger, Judge, New Castle City Court, granted the relief sought in my petition and vacated my March 3, 1979 conviction.

- c. On August 18, 1997, in Cause Number 33C01-9708-GU-024, I filed for guardianship over my then 70 year old mother, Violet Crane. My mother had a myriad of physical problems and was unable to remain at home. My father, Clifford Joe Crane, and my three adult siblings asked me to file for the guardianship and have my mom placed at a local nursing home.
 - d. When I was prosecutor, an individual became upset when I did not file charges in a particular situation. This individual began stalking me and making threats against my wife and daughters. In 2003 I obtained a protective order against this individual. The case was docketed under Cause Number 33C02-0308-PO-000067. The protective order eventually expired and no further incidences occurred.
- B. If you ever have been arrested or cited for any violation of the law other than for routine traffic violations, provide dates, jurisdictions, and an explanation of the event and its resolution.
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- C. If you have been disciplined or cautioned, formally or informally, by the Indiana Supreme Court Disciplinary Commission, by the Indiana Commission on Judicial Qualifications, by the Indiana Supreme Court, or by similar entities in any other jurisdiction, identify each instance by date, case number (if applicable), and describe the circumstances and the nature of the outcome or resolution.
- a. N/A
- D. If you have any outstanding federal, state, or local tax obligations, please itemize and explain.
- a. N/A

10. References

- A. Provide the names of three attorneys who have been your professional adversaries in your practice or who have litigated substantial cases in your court and who would be in positions to comment on your qualifications for appointment to the Indiana Supreme Court (contact information to be included in Part Two of this application)
 - a. Jeffrey D. Galyen
 - b. David L. McCord
 - c. David G. Sadler
- B. Provide the names of three professional references other than those listed in Subsection 10A (contact information to be included in Part Two of this application).
 - a. Dean J. Michael Manning
 - b. COL (Ret) Richard Hopkins
 - c. Hon. Bob A. Witham
- C. Provide the names of three personal references other than those listed in Subsection 10A or 10B (contact information to be included in Part Two of this application).
 - a. Jeffrey L. Mastin
 - b. Rev. Tom McGilliard
 - c. Butch Baker

11. State Police Release Form and Photograph

- A. Complete a State Police release form printed on green paper (you may obtain the release form by contacting the Nominating Commission Office at 317-232-4706). Include the release form with the original application only and not with the copies.
- B. Attach a recent photograph of you to the front of the original application and to each copy of your application. (This allows the Commission members to put a face with a name if you are interviewed in person.)

Date

Applicant Signature

Printed Name