

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE ELEVENTH CIRCUIT  
56 Forsyth Street, NW  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

**APPLICATION FOR  
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGESHIP  
with duty station at Fort Lauderdale, Florida**

(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: \_\_\_\_\_  
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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_  
Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_
5. Residential address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_  
Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_
6. Place of birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_
7. Length of residence in state: \_\_\_\_\_
8. In what countries do you hold citizenship? \_\_\_\_\_
9. Colleges and universities attended, dates, degrees, GPA, and class standing or rank (if available):  
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10. Law School attended, dates, degree, GPA, and class standing or rank (if class standing or rank is not provided, state name, title, and phone number of person at law school who was contacted by the applicant in an effort to obtain the information):  
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11. Military service: Branch Dates

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Rank or rate at discharge Type of discharge

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

12. Are you related by blood or marriage to any judges or members of the Judicial Council of the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit or to a Judge of the District Court to be served? If so, give their names and the relationship.

Names	Relationship
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**Honors**

13. Were you a member of the law review board? \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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21. a) Do you regularly appear in court? \_\_\_\_\_

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

- 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 practice involving litigation has been:

- Bankruptcy. . . . . \_\_\_\_\_%
- Civil . . . . . \_\_\_\_\_%
- Criminal. . . . . \_\_\_\_\_%
- \_\_\_\_\_ . . . . . \_\_\_\_\_%
- \_\_\_\_\_ . . . . . \_\_\_\_\_%
- \_\_\_\_\_ . . . . . \_\_\_\_\_%

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.

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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 in which you served.

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

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

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**Public Office**

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

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**Prior Judicial Experience**

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

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b) Prior Quasi judicial service:

Name of Agency \_\_\_\_\_

Position held \_\_\_\_\_

Hearing on what issues \_\_\_\_\_

Number of cases adjudicated? \_\_\_\_\_

Dates of service \_\_\_\_\_

**Business Involvement**

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.

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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.

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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.

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**Disciplinary Proceedings/Offenses**

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

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

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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.

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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.

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32. At any stage of a criminal or a civil proceeding, have you ever been charged with engaging in or alleged to have engaged in any conduct that could be described as violence? If so, please provide specific details about the matter and how it was resolved.

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33. Have you ever been disciplined in any way 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.

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**Taxes**

34. 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

35. Have you filed appropriate tax returns as required by federal, state, local and other government authorities? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No  
If no, please explain.

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

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37. Have you ever paid on an installment plan federal, state, or local taxes? If so, give particulars including the date or dates.

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**Debt and Financial Record**

38. After all the payments you had made on all of your credit card debt in the last 30 days, did the total unpaid balance carried forward exceed \$10,000? If so, what was the total unpaid balance?

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39. Have you ever had your wages garnished or had any property repossessed for any reason? If so, give particulars including the date or dates.

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40. Have you ever had a lien placed against any of your property for failing to pay any debts? If so, give particulars including the date or dates.

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41. Have you ever had any judgments against you that were not paid when first due? If so, give particulars including the date or dates.

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**Alcohol and Drug Abuse**

42. Have you within the last ten years sought or received treatment or counseling related to abuse of alcohol or any other type of drug? If so, give particulars including date or dates. You may provide an explanation and more details if you choose to do so.

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43. Have you ever been charged with driving under the influence of alcohol or any other type of drug? If so, give particulars including the date or dates.

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**Professional and Other Activities**

44. 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.

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b) List all organizations and clubs, other than bar associations and professional societies identified in response to Question No. 45a, 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.

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45. 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.

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**Supplemental Information**

46. 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

47. State any achievements or actions you have accomplished, demonstrating your commitment to equal justice under the law.  
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48. State any additional education or other experiences you believe would assist you in holding judicial office.  
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49. 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.  
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**Personal and Judicial References**

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

Name	Address	Phone
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51. 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 non-law references.

Name	Telephone	Period of Acquaintance
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- 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.

Name	Telephone	Work Relationship
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- 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.

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

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

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Confidentiality Statement

The information submitted with 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, and others who have good reason to view it in order to carry out their duties.

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 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:

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Date Signature of Candidate

Please return an original unbound completed application to:

James P. Gerstenlauer, Circuit Executive
U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit
56 Forsyth Street, NW
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Applications must be received at the Circuit Executive's office **no later than 8 February 2019**. Email and fax copies of applications will not be accepted.