

Application for the Indiana Supreme Court

Part One, Sections 1-11

1. Contact/General Information

A. Full legal name and any former names.

Vicki Lynne Carmichael

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.

Lonnie Thomas Cooper, 66, Spouse, Assistant Professor and Chair of Criminal Justice, Paralegal and Legal Studies, Ivy Tech Community College, Sellersburg Campus

Cleneth Lumenario, 23, Daughter, Full-time student

C. Business address, email, and telephone number.

Clark Circuit Court No. 4
501 East Court Avenue, Room 253
Jeffersonville, Indiana 47130
Email: vcarmichael@co.clark.in.us
Phone: (812) 285-6294

D. Attorney number.

14206-49

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

October 1988

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

Active

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.

Kentucky, October 1987, Inactive

F. Date and place of birth.

July 6, 1962; Bloomington, Indiana

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

Clark County; 1970

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.

<u>School</u>	<u>Dates Attended</u>	<u>Degree or Certificate</u>
Michigan State University	08/1980-12/1981	None
Indiana University Southeast	01/1982-05/1984	Bachelor of Arts

Honors, Awards or Scholarships

Jeffersonville Optimist Club Scholarship for a speech entitled “What My Country Means to Me” awarded in May 1980.

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.)

Attached

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).

Not Applicable

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.

<u>School</u>	<u>Dates Attended</u>	<u>Degree or Certificate</u>	<u>Class Rank</u>
University of Louisville	08/1984-05/1987	JD	20/86

Honors, Awards or Scholarships

Winner of the Pirtle-Washer Moot Court Competition (1985). This was an oral argument competition competed in during my first year of law school. For winning the competition, I received a one semester scholarship which paid in-state tuition costs.

Elected as President of the Student Bar Association and served from August 1986 until May 1987 at the University of Louisville School of Law. For winning this election, I received a one year scholarship which paid in-state tuition costs.

Selected as Staff Member of the Journal of Family Law from August 1985 until May 1987.

Member of the National Moot Court Team for the University of Louisville School of Law participating in the National Moot Court Team competitions in Virginia in 1986.

- 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.)

Attached

4. Employment

- A. Provide your employment history since graduation from college. Include name of employer, titles or positions, locations, and dates of employment.

Louisville Zoological Society, Membership Secretary, 1100 Trevilian Way, Louisville, Kentucky 40204, May 1984-August 1984

Frank E. Haddad, Jr., Law Clerk, Suite 500, Kentucky Home Life Building, 239 South Fifth Street, Louisville, Kentucky 40202, May 1985-June 1987

Justice Charles M. Leibson, Staff Attorney, Kentucky Supreme Court, 514 West Liberty, Louisville, Kentucky 40202, August 1987-August 1988

Carmichael & Skaggs, Private Practice, 1119 Kentucky Home Life Building, 239 South Fifth Street, Louisville, Kentucky 40202, August 1988-January 1989

Clark County Public Defender Department, Chief Public Defender, Clark County Government Building, 501 East Court Avenue, Jeffersonville, Indiana 47130, January 1989-August 1994

Clark County Public Defender Department, Assistant Public Defender, Clark County Government Building, 501 East Court Avenue, Jeffersonville, Indiana 47130, August 1994-January 2000

Self-Employed Practice of Law, 432 East Court Avenue, Jeffersonville, Indiana 47130, September 1994-May 1996

Carmichael, Mosley, Stonebraker and McCall, 100 West Court Avenue, Jeffersonville, Indiana 47130, May 1996-May 1997

Self-Employed Practice of Law, 332 Spring Street, Jeffersonville, Indiana 47130, May 1997-September 1997

Self-Employed Practice of Law, Post Office Box 910, Jeffersonville, Indiana 47130, September 1997-April 1998

Self-Employed Practice of Law, 430 Watt Street, Jeffersonville, Indiana 47130, April 1998-December 2006

Jeffersonville City Court Judge, 500 Quarter Master Court, Jeffersonville, Indiana 47130, January 2000-December 2006

Clark Circuit Court No. 4, Judge, 501 East Court Avenue, Jeffersonville, Indiana 47130,
January 2007-present

- 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.

When I served as a staff attorney for Kentucky Supreme Court Justice Charles Leibson, I reviewed trial transcripts and appellate briefs; researched the law in Kentucky and other jurisdictions; and drafted opinions for Justice Leibson. When I was the Chief Public Defender, I handled a trial caseload as well as perfected all indigent criminal appeals for Clark County. I also supervised the Assistant Public Defenders and office staff; prepared and submitted a yearly budget to the County Council; and created the policies and procedures for the first Unified Public Defender Office in Clark County. In my private practice of law, I handled criminal, civil and family law matters, engaged in appellate practice and served as a registered family law mediator.

My past partners, associates, and office mates are: Lonnie Thomas Cooper, William A. Dawkins, Andrew Adams, Jeffrey D. Stonebraker, David E. Mosley, William Perry McCall, Jennifer Bertrand, Matthew S. Jacobs, John R. Vissing, Joni L. Grayson, Charles Gregory Read, Gary Miller, and Roy Skaggs. My past employers are: Justice Charles Leibson, Kentucky Supreme Court; Judge Daniel Donahue, Judge George Jacobs, Judge Clementine Barthold and Judge Steven Fleece.

5. Trial/Judicial Experience

- A. Describe the extent of your jury trial experience, if any.

As an attorney, I participated as sole counsel, lead counsel and co-counsel in over thirty (30) criminal jury trials. One case involved a death penalty request by the State. I represented other defendants charged with murder, burglary, child molesting, rape, drug offenses and driving related offenses.

- B. Describe the extent of your bench trial experience, if any.

As an attorney, I participated in hundreds of bench trials involving Class D felony and misdemeanor criminal offenses; divorces, custody and child support matters; juvenile cases; and other civil matters.

- 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.

I began my judicial career as a Judge Pro Tempore in the trial courts of Clark County. I also served as a Small Claims Hearing Officer for Judge Steven Fleece.

I was the Judge of Jeffersonville City Court from January 2000 until December 2006. I presided over approximately 1,500 misdemeanor and 1,200 traffic infraction cases per year. The misdemeanor offenses included Operating a Vehicle While Intoxicated and other alcohol-related offenses. I started the first problem-solving "Alcohol Court" in Clark County. I began a Victim Impact Panel program and a defensive driving program while City Court Judge.

I have been the Judge of Clark Circuit Court No. 4 (formerly Superior Court No. 1) since January 2007 and the Presiding Judge of the Clark Circuit Courts since our unification on January 1, 2012. I handle major felony cases, civil matters, estates and domestic relations cases. In addition, I have the exclusive juvenile jurisdiction in Clark County. As Presiding Judge, I prepare and submit the annual court and probation budget, oversee the Court Administrator and probation department, submit required reports of the courts, and review and prepare the local caseload allocation plan. I began a Family Court project, which provides a “one family-one judge” model as well as an information sharing model to assist families in need. I began the CHINS Family Dependency Drug Court to address the addiction problems of parents in Department of Child Services' cases, and I oversaw the Clark County Adult Drug Treatment Court during its last year of operation. Under my leadership Clark County joined Indiana’s Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) to provide viable alternatives to detention for children in Clark County. I agreed to serve as a Pilot County in the State for Dual Status cases after that legislation went into effect. I serve as the Judicial Liaison to District L’s Pro Bono program. And, I am the president of the Indiana Council of Family and Juvenile Court Judges and the Vice-President of the Indiana Judges Association Board of Managers. In addition, I serve on the Board of Directors for the Judicial Conference of Indiana. I also serve on the Judicial Education Committee, Judicial Administration Committee, Records Management Committee, and the Juvenile Justice Improvement Committee.

As a sitting trial court judge, I have conducted over fifteen (15) criminal jury trials, ranging from murder to child molesting to drug offenses. I have conducted seven (7) civil jury trials, including personal injury and contract disputes. And, I have conducted hundreds of bench trials involving criminal, juvenile, family and civil matters.

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.

1. Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, *In The Matter of The Supervised Estate of Mildred L. Jones*, 10D01-0807-EU-059, December 7, 2010.

2. Amended Order Granting Permanent Injunction and Partial Judgment in Favor of Plaintiffs on Their Defamation and Defamation *Per Se* Claims, *Sean Broihier and Sean Broihier and Associates, LLC, d/b/a FineArtAmerica.com*, 10C04-1208-PL-087, December 31, 2012.

3. Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, *In the Matter of the Guardianship of WC, A Minor Child*, 10C04-1202-GU-021, June 18, 2012.

4. Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, *In the Matter of the Termination of the Parent Child Relationship of: HS (Minor Child) and SS (Respondent-Mother) and AC (Respondent-Father)*, 10C04-1503-JT-014, July 2, 2015.

5. Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Judgment, *In Re the Marriage of: Ann J. Scrogam and Matthew M.R. Scrogam*, 10C04-1103-DR-141, August 28, 2015.

- 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.
1. Criminal Rule 25, Right to Counsel in Juvenile Court Delinquency Proceedings. I worked with Judge Roger Duvall to draft the rule for review by the Juvenile Justice Improvement Committee in 2012. The Rule, with minor revisions, was adopted by the Indiana Supreme Court in March 2013.
 2. IC 33-33-10-2.5, IC 33-33-10-7, IC 33-33-10-15, IC 33-33-10-16, IC 33-33-10-17, IC 33-33-10-18, IC 33-33-10-19, IC 33-33-10-20 and IC 33-33-10-21, enacted in 2011, effective January 1, 2012. I worked with Judges in Clark County and Representative Steve Stemler to draft the legislation which unified the Clark County Courts into one Circuit Court with four (4) divisions. I assisted in writing the provisions regarding the duties of the presiding judge and rules for administration of the court.
 3. Senate Bill 90, Juvenile release by intake officers, 2016 legislative session. I assisted Jeff Bercovitz of the Indiana Judicial Center with drafting revisions to SB 90 to reflect the consensus of Indiana's juvenile court judges regarding the time frame for a hearing by the court when a child is released from detention under certain conditions.
 4. Local Rules of Practice for the Courts of the 4th Judicial Circuit, Clark County, Indiana, effective January 1, 2016. I have participated in drafting the Local Rules for Clark County since 1995 and have written the local rule regarding Clark County's caseload allocation plan since 2012.
- 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.
1. Case Note, *Constitutional Law*, Journal of Family Law, Vol. 24, No. 1 (1985), pp. 87-93. This was the Case Note I submitted for publication as a student at the University of Louisville School of Law. It involved the marital exemption in the rape and sodomy statutes of the New York Penal Law and the gender exemption in the rape statute. These were found to be unconstitutional violations of the equal protection clause of the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution.
- 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.
1. The most significant legal matter entrusted to me has been my position as Judge, first in Jeffersonville City Court and now in Clark Circuit Court No. 4. I have been elected four times, and the citizens of Clark County continue to put their trust in me to handle the legal affairs of Clark County in a fair, efficient manner. My position as a trial court judge involves the handling of serious felony matters, civil matters, family law issues and the exclusive juvenile court issues. Affecting the lives of families and children on a daily basis is of the utmost importance. Treating everyone with dignity and respect is critical. I have also served as the Presiding Judge over the unified Circuit Courts of Clark County since we unified the courts. In that position I act as the liaison for the other judges, magistrates, court staff and the County Council and County Commissioners, as well as the Prosecutor's office and Public Defender's office. I am responsible for preparing and presenting the court and probation budgets. I oversee the annual reporting requirements are met and caseload allocation remains

fair. My colleagues have put their trust in me to be the voice of the Clark County Circuit Courts, and I take that responsibility very seriously.

2. A significant legal matter entrusted to me when I first began practicing law was my appointment as the first Chief Public Defender for Clark County. I was given the responsibility of creating a unified public defender office. The judges appointed me over the application of some of the then part-time public defenders who had more experience than me. I was less than two years out of law school at the time. The position involved perfecting all of the indigent appeals, which my law school clerking and position with the Kentucky Supreme Court as a staff attorney prepared me for more than I realized. The trust given to me by the judges resulted in a transformation of the way public defender services were provided in Clark County. I was responsible for the day-to-day administration of the office, including case assignment, case reports, budget preparation, personnel decisions, and acting as a liaison between the courts, the prosecutor and the public defenders. I instituted the Supplemental Public Defender Services Fund where indigent defendants were ordered to pay a fee for public defender representation. I persuaded the judges to move to a court cash bond system where a portion of the bond in indigent cases could also revert to the Supplemental Public Defender Services Fund. And, Clark County began participation in the reimbursement program authorized by the State Legislature in 1994. All of these initiatives saved money for the County and ensured adequate funding for needed public defender services was available.

3. Two criminal cases entrusted to me as a trial court judge are very important. There was a significant amount of publicity and politics surrounding both of these criminal cases. In the first case, the charges were filed in my Court. I was not asked to recuse myself from the case nor did I feel compelled to do so. Politics plays no role in my decision making as a judge. The defendant entered a plea of guilty and was sentenced by me. The fact that our political opinions and philosophies were different did not preclude me from rendering a fair and just disposition. The attorneys involved trusted me to make the right decision in the case without taking politics or my position into consideration. In the second case, I was appointed by the Indiana Supreme Court to serve as Special Judge when an elected official of a neighboring county was charged with felony and misdemeanor counts. Again, he was of a different political party than me. And, there was a tremendous amount of publicity around the case due to the political nature of the defendant's position. My peers have always been supportive of my work as a judicial officer, and the attorneys practicing before me have been very complimentary of my demeanor. The trust given to me by the appointment is significant because I believe it shows confidence in my ability as a trial court judge.

4. A legal matter I handled when I was in private practice was in the form of an overlap between criminal and civil matters. A young girl, "Jane Doe," was brutally raped by a State Park official. She suffered through a criminal trial, where DNA evidence left no doubt the Defendant was the perpetrator. The Defendant still denied his guilt, and Jane Doe was forced to re-live her terror as a State's witness. The Defendant was convicted and sentenced to prison. However, because of medical issues, he was released early. Jane Doe could not forget her plight. She brought a civil suit against the Defendant seeking monetary damages and a closure. She came to me when her first civil attorney lapsed in his representation of her. She did not want to testify again about that horrible night. She did not want to re-live the nightmare. I filed a Motion for Partial Summary Judgment on her behalf arguing that because

of the criminal conviction, the plaintiff should be awarded summary judgment on the issue of liability. The trial court judge denied our motion. I sought and was granted an Interlocutory Appeal of the trial court's denial of our motion. The Court of Appeals upheld the trial court, and Jane Doe was fearful she would have to testify again in front of another jury about her ordeal at the hands of a now convicted rapist. The Indiana Supreme Court, however, reversed the trial court and Court of Appeal's decisions in an opinion found at *Doe v. Tobias*, 715 N.E.2d 829 (Ind. 1999). The Supreme Court agreed with my argument that the trial court abused its discretion in denying collateral estoppel effect to the Defendant's conviction. The case was remanded with instructions to grant Doe's motion for partial summary judgment.

5. I have also been entrusted with multiple death penalty cases. I was assigned one when I was a public defender. As a trial court judge, I have now presided over three capital cases to conclusion and have one more pending. To be responsible for the actual life of a defendant is an awesome task. The death penalty is constitutional and just in the right cases. The defendant I represented as a public defender wanted to die. He had, as many of the defendants in these types of cases do, very serious mental health issues. The death penalty was not right for him. The trial court judge then made the very wise decision to imprison him for ninety-four (94) years, which was a just result. Two of the three capital cases that have concluded for me in my role as a trial court judge resulted in plea agreements where the defendant accepted responsibility and was sentenced, by way of a plea agreement, to life without the possibility of parole. The families of the victims appeared in court at the sentencing hearings and supported the plea agreement. The other case that concluded by way of a blind plea agreement. The death penalty was taken off the table, and a four day sentencing hearing was conducted by me to determine the appropriate sentence. The one still pending involves multiple issues and we will face many days of trial, if it is not also resolved by plea agreement. As the trial court judge tasked with handling those cases, I feel I have a responsibility not only to the defendants to ensure they receive fair trials but also to the victims to make sure they are heard.

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.

I am a regular speaker in the local school districts where I speak to students about the importance of the law, of education and of serving the community. In addition, I have spoken to various civic organizations about the legal system and particular programs in Clark County.

I host a Youth Roundtable, which I began in 2007, to bring together the stakeholders in the lives of the children and families in our community. There are over 40 representatives of the school systems, Department of Child Services, Prosecutor's Office, Public Defender's Office, Probation Department, child care facilities, mental health facilities, and other service providers who work with children. We meet to discuss the programs offered by the different agencies, any suggestions for improvements in the way services are delivered to children and families and to provide support for one another in this work related to our community. This

collaboration among providers is amazing, and we have seen a positive change for children and families by all of us working together to meet their needs.

I currently serve as President of the Indiana Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges and on the Executive Committee of the Indiana Judges Association Board of Managers. In those capacities, I work to promote legislation beneficial to the judiciary. I have testified at various legislative committee hearings, I have assisted in drafting bills, and I have worked with individual legislators on bills of interest to the judiciary.

- 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.

One of the social issues facing our community is truancy. With the help of my JDAI Coordinator and Juvenile Probation Officers, we began a truancy prevention program in the local schools. We start with an informal meeting of the parents and students to inform them of the compulsory attendance laws, the school rules regarding attendance and the consequences of failing to attend school. If that is not successful in increasing a child's attendance, the family is referred to probation for an informal adjustment where the probation officers work closely with the family to address any needs or issues related to school attendance. The final step is a petition for parental participation or a delinquency petition and court involvement. What we have found in working together with the court, probation and the schools is that the same information is relayed to parents and students, attendance has improved and there are fewer referrals to the prosecutor's office.

I believe one of the civic duties of trial court judges is transparency in the court system. I have invited the media, the public and other office holders to attend court sessions to observe the proceedings. Many have done so. I speak with the media, when I can, about procedural issues in the courts, new initiatives the courts are tackling and areas of concern. This cooperation with the media and the public has resulted in better understanding of the judicial system and better communication.

- 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.

I formed a non-profit organization, Children and Family Advocates of Clark County, to oversee fundraising efforts for our Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) program, our CHINS Family Dependency Drug Treatment Court, JDAI, and the truancy prevention program. The Board holds an annual fundraiser, participates in community events, and provides financial assistance to the Department of Child Services for their annual foster child Christmas party.

One of the programs I started when I began my service as a trial court judge was a Doll/Toy Adoption Day. My court staff and I volunteer our time on a Saturday after Christmas to open up the courtroom for children to come in and "adopt" their new doll or toy. The media is invited, we have cookies and punch, and we make the event family-friendly. This opens up the court so children can see that good things happen in court too. It is not always a scary place.

I have also participated in National Adoption Day and worked with the Department of Child Services local office to schedule adoptions on that day of celebration.

I am asked to speak at Town Hall meetings in the community about drug and alcohol issues facing our courts.

D. Describe the nature and extent of any *pro bono* legal services you have contributed.

When I was in private practice, I actively participated in the Clark-Floyd County Pro Bono Project from its inception in 1996 until I took the bench in 2007. I won the award in 1997 for providing the most hours of any individual attorney in Clark or Floyd Counties to pro bono service. I provided hundreds of hours of pro bono legal services during my career as a private attorney.

As a trial court judge, I was appointed to be the judicial liaison for District 14's (now District L) Pro Bono Program in 2009 and continue to serve in that role. I work very closely with the Plan Administrator to find volunteer attorneys and grant funding for the program. I recently was awarded a Court Reform Grant to implement a Self Help Legal Clinic in Clark County to assist low income individuals in filling out the proper paperwork to file for divorce, request a child support modification or set a parenting time schedule. We anticipate expanding the self-help clinic to also include assistance in the areas of landlord-tenant law and other small claims issues.

E. Indicate your experience teaching law. Provide the dates, names of institutions or programs, and a description of the subject matter taught.

Adjunct Professor, Vincennes University (1994-1995)

Taught three courses in Clark County, including Constitutional Rights of Prisoners, Criminal Law and Criminal Justice Today.

Adjunct Instructor, Ottawa University (2003-2014)

Taught Business Law and Employment Law & Policies

Adjunct Instructor, Ivy Tech Community College (2008-present)

Teach Introduction to Courts, Juvenile Justice, Cultural Awareness, Ethics in Criminal Justice, and Juvenile Law & Procedures

Indiana Judicial Center, Statewide Judicial Education (2008-present)

Teach various courses for the Judicial Education Committee in criminal law, traffic and infraction case handling, juvenile and CHINS law, and bench skills.

American Bar Association, National Conference of Specialized Court Judges, Traffic Courts Committee (2008-2015)

Taught various traffic related courses in Georgia, Texas and Utah.

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.

Member of the Clark County Bar Association since 1989. I served as the Activities Chairperson from 1992 to 1995. I currently present continuing legal education topics for the Bar members.

Member of the Indiana State Bar Association since 1989. I serve as a faculty for the annual Indiana Law Update.

Founding member of the Sherman Minton American Inns of Court created in 1998 for Clark, Floyd, Scott and Harrison County attorneys. I am Past President, currently serve on the Executive Committee and serve as a team leader for presentations.

Member of the American Bar Association since 1987 and the ABA National Conference of Specialized Court Judges from 2000 to 2015. I served on the Traffic Courts Committee and presented traffic court programs for the States of Georgia, Texas and Utah.

President of the Indiana Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges. I monitor appellate court decisions and legislation that affect juvenile court judges. I assist in drafting legislation of concern to juvenile court judges.

Vice-President of the Indiana Judges Association (IJA) Board of Managers. As part of the executive committee, I assist in drafting policy for the IJA membership and work with lobbyists and lawmakers on legislation of interest to the IJA membership.

- 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.

Board Member for Communities in Schools in Clark County, 2012-present. Work on the Community Outreach Committee to recruit volunteers for the 3-2-1 Read program and to recruit employees for the after-school programs.

Ex-Officio Board Member for the Clark County Youth Shelter, 2007-present.

Volunteer with the American Cancer Society, Clark County Chapter, in various positions since 1989. I served as the Board Chair, District Representative and member of the Indiana Division Board of Directors. I continue to participate in the Relay for Life fundraising efforts as a volunteer.

Volunteer with the American Red Cross, Clark County Chapter from 1987 until 2013. I served on the Board of Directors as Board Chair and on the Advisory Board. I continue to assist with local blood drives.

Volunteer with the United Way of Clark County. Served on Board of Directors from 1994 until 1996 and participated in fundraising efforts through the government employee campaigns.

Member of the Jeffersonville Rotary Club, having joined in 2009. I have been asked on several occasions to be the guest speaker to talk about court-related issues.

2000 graduate, past Board member (2000-2007), and past Board Chair (2005-2006) of Leadership Southern Indiana. I continue to serve on the Breakfast Series Committee and serve as a speaker for the annual Campaign 101 Workshop for those interested in running for public office.

- 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.

Clark County Democratic Women's Club. No restriction on membership.

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), Life Member. No restriction on membership.

- D. Describe your hobbies and other leisure activities.

My hobbies include traveling both in the United States and abroad. I enjoy walking, reading and spending time with my husband and daughter.

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.)

Aaron Muhammad v. Vicki Carmichael, et al, 10D01-0902-CC-000160. This case was filed by Mr. Muhammad against Judge Frank Newkirk, Judge Glenn Hancock and me on February 18, 2009, alleging we as judges had denied Mr. Muhammad his due process rights in various proceedings. He was seeking monetary compensation. The case was dismissed on November 17, 2010, as being without merit.

Charles Sweeney v. Vicki Carmichael, 10C04-1504-MI-000071. This case was filed by Mr. Sweeney on April 10, 2015; however, I have never been served with a copy of the complaint. David Arthur with the Indiana Attorney General's Office represents me and other judges who have also been named by Mr. Sweeney in various lawsuits. The matter is pending awaiting the appointment of a special judge.

- 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.

Not Applicable

- 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.

Not Applicable

- D. If you have any outstanding federal, state, or local tax obligations, please itemize and explain.

Not Applicable

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).

Jeremy Mull, Clark County Prosecutor
C. Gregory Fifer, Attorney, Applegate, Fifer & Pulliam
J. Mark Robinson, Attorney

- 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).

Steven M. Fleece, Senior Judge
Karl Truman, Attorney
Joseph P. Weber, Judge, Clark Circuit Court No. 3

- 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).

Rebecca Lockard
Virginia Moore
Nicole Yates

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.)

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/s/ Vicki L. Carmichael

Date

Applicant Signature

Vicki L. Carmichael

Printed Name