



# Indiana Judicial Nominating Commission

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## Application for the Indiana Supreme Court

The application for the Spring 2017 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.

**MARIA DENISE GRANGER**

**Maria Granger Wallingford**

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.

**Steven Sylvester Mennemeyer, age 59, husband**

**Family Assistance Specialist, Indiana National Guard Family Programs**

C. Business address, email, and telephone number.

**Floyd Superior Court 3, City-County Building, 311 Hauss Square, Room 421, New Albany, Indiana 47150, 812-948-5257, email address: mgranger@floydcounty.in.gov**

D. Attorney number.

**18208-49**

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

**In October, 1994, I was admitted to the practice of law before the Indiana Supreme Court and United States District Courts for the Northern and Southern Districts of Indiana.**

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

**Active**

E.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.

**Not applicable**

F. Date and place of birth.

**April 23, 1969, Washington, Indiana**

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

**Floyd County, January 2001**

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.

**Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana, fall 1987 – spring 1990, Bachelor of Science in Secondary English Education; Minority Teaching Scholar, 1990; Deans Lists; Certified to teach English K-12; Afro-American Choral Ensemble, a national touring group, first soprano, 1987-1989**

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.)

**Redacted transcript attached to each application copy**

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.

**IU McKinney School of Law, Indianapolis, Indiana, fall 1991 - spring 1994, JD; Class ranks were not assigned; Criminal Defense Clinic, 1993-1994; Moot Court and Phi Delta Phi Legal Fraternity, 1992; IU School of Law Summer Program Scholarship recipient, Summer 1991**

**National District Attorneys Association (NDAA), Columbia, South Carolina, 2001, Trial Advocacy, Certificate of Completion**

**Indiana Judicial College, Indianapolis, Indiana 2011, Certificate of Graduation**

- 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.)

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4. Employment

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

**Post bar admission**

**November 2008 elected; 2014 re-elected – present, Judge, Floyd Superior Court 3, New Albany, Indiana**

**October 2002-November 2008, Maria D. Granger Law Office, general practice attorney and Owner/Title Agent, Access Title and Processing Company, New Albany, Indiana; also, Scott County Part-time Judicial Officer, Scottsburg, Indiana, 2005-2008; also Indiana counsel, Accelerated Title Company, 2002-2003**

**October 2000-October 2002, Office of the Floyd County Prosecuting Attorney, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, New Albany, Indiana**

**March 2000-October 2000, Community Housing Development Organization for New Hope Services, Inc.**

**December 1998-March 2000, Kightlinger & Gray, LLP, Attorneys at Law, Associate Attorney, New Albany, Indiana, civil and business litigation and real estate**

**May 1995-December 1998, Office of the Clark County Prosecuting Attorney, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, Jeffersonville, Indiana, (changed to part-time July 1997); also Maria D. Granger, Law Office, July 1997 – December 1998, attorney for the Division of Family and Children**

**October 1994-May 1995, Yvonne Ferguson Watkins, Esq., Attorney, Indianapolis, Indiana, small claims, civil and family law**

**Post college and pre-bar admission**

**1994, Amtrust Financial Services, Financial Consultant, Carmel, Indiana**

**1993-1994, Office of the Marion County Public Defender, Certified Legal Intern, Indianapolis, Indiana**

**1992, Larry G. Whitney, Esq., Law Clerk, Indianapolis, Indiana civil litigation**

**1991, Barrister Personnel, Legal Secretary at Tabbert & Ford, Indianapolis, Indiana**

**1991, William Porter, Esq., Legal Internship, Baltimore, Maryland**

**Throughout undergraduate and law school I worked to fund my education, and the positions held included Boys and Girls Club counselor, Bloomington Hospital daycare teacher, Work Study Program-on campus janitorial services position, house cleaning,**

**resource assistant at Student Health Services, music teacher and activities coordinator at the B'nai Brith Perlman Camp, Starlight, Pennsylvania, and volunteer with Headstart and Monroe County Adult Literacy Program**

- 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.**

**The endless complexities of the law are intriguing to me. I chose to become a lawyer and ultimately judge because I am challenged and fulfilled by applying the law to the questions and controversies in life. During my twenty-two (22) year legal career, public service has been a driving force in carrying out my oath to administer justice to rich and poor, alike. I strive to emulate Justice Robert Rucker's way of attacking legal issues addressing them thoughtfully, with scholarship and serious consideration.**

**For five (5) years, I represented the State of Indiana as a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney in Clark and Floyd counties. I prosecuted hundreds of misdemeanors and felony offenses ranging from battery to attempted murder, also juvenile delinquency and status offenses, managed the Child/Medical Support Enforcement Division including its caseworkers and 50,000 plus cases, created Clark County's first Domestic Violence Unit, and pursued guardianships for endangered adults. I left the Clark County Prosecutor's Office to expand my legal skills, and I left the Floyd County Prosecutor's Office after the elected prosecutor had an unsuccessful re-election. I worked in Clark County with the following individuals: Prosecutor Steven D. Stewart, William Grimes, Denise Schafer, Jamie Fischer, Tim Gray, Carl Frazier, and Andrea Wasson; I worked in Floyd County with the following individuals: Prosecutor Stanley O. Faith, Susan Orth, Robert Colone, Shane Gibson, Matt McGovern, Bethanni Forbush-Moss, and Paul Freed.**

**During two (2) and a half years as a solo practitioner, I represented the Department of Family and Children in hundreds of the most difficult cases focused on protecting vulnerable children from neglect and abuse and terminating the parental rights of parents who posed a danger or harm to their children. I also represented the community housing development organization drafting construction contracts and purchase agreements, grant-writing and examining title with the goal of removing numerous residents living near the flood-stricken Ohio River banks to rebuilt, safer homes on higher ground. Both engagements were based in contract or grant awards that I received.**

**For thirteen (13) years I have served on the bench, five (5) years as a judicial officer in Scott County, and eight (8) years as Judge of Floyd Superior Court 3. See Section 5C below. Fellow judicial colleagues include: Scott County Senior Judges Nicholas South and Roger Duvall and Floyd County Judges J. Terrence Cody, Susan L. Orth and James B Hancock, Senior Judges, Richard G. Striegel, Robert T. Hublar, Glenn F. Hancock and Daniel B. Burke, and Magistrate Julie Fessel Flanigan.**

**I also owned a private law practice and worked as a law firm associate attorney in business, family and probate law, and as a real estate title and closing agent. Durable legal skills, civility, networking, and client rapport and retention were valuable lessons that I learned from fellow attorneys and the law partners of Kightlinger & Gray LLP that I seek to pass to the next generation. The partners and associates were Richard**

Mullineaux, Van Willis, Mary Jo Wetzel, Jeffrey Lowe, Todd Spurgeon and Samuel Day (deceased).

5. Trial/Judicial Experience

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

**My jury trial experience as an attorney began during law school while a Certified Legal Intern representing individuals accused of misdemeanor and felony criminal offenses. As a deputy prosecuting attorney, I was lead counsel in several criminal jury trials for rape, battery, child molesting, possession of illegal drugs, and resisting law enforcement through to conviction. I have also presented evidence before grand juries prior to indictment**

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

**I have significant bench trial experience in civil and criminal cases, particularly in the areas of termination of parental rights, the adjudication of Children in Need of Services, juvenile delinquency, domestic relations, business and personal injuries, and misdemeanor criminal cases.**

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.

**For more than thirteen (13) years, I have served the citizens in Southern Indiana in a judicial capacity. For Five (5) years I served in the appointed role of judicial officer in the Scott County Courts, and over the past Eight (8) years, I have been elected twice as judge of Floyd Superior Court 3. My role as judge is to respect precedent, to interpret and not make the law, to faithfully apply the law and deliver impartial justice. Investing my time enhancing judicial administration affords better outcomes for all court participants and the community. I serve with Three (3) judges and One (1) magistrate in Floyd County who inspire me to be valiant in my commitment to the rule of law.**

**I am responsible for approximately 1000-1200 cases annually, with general jurisdiction over civil and criminal cases, including a wide range of disputes such as contracts, zoning, dissolutions, protection orders, personal or business injury, medical malpractice, wrongful death, rape and murder. I also have juvenile jurisdiction and preside over cases involving delinquency, status offenses, and paternity as needed to balance the caseload of the courts. I have served as judge in hundreds of bench trials, evidentiary hearings and more than thirty (30) jury trials. I am often selected as special judge to hear various matters within judicial district twenty-three (23) which includes Floyd, Clark and Scott Counties. Formerly, as a Scott County judicial officer, I presided over hundreds of family law cases involving paternity, child support enforcement, and emancipation. I have been appointed by the Indiana Supreme Court as Hearing Officer in the following Attorney Discipline cases: *In the Matter of Kilburn*, Cause No. 72S00-1107-DI463, July 27, 2011; *In the Matter of Cashwell*, Cause No. 98S00-1104-DI-227, April 21, 2011; *In the Matter of Happe*, Cause No. 82S00-0704-DI-**

169; *In the Matter of Haynie*, Cause No. 82S00-0709-DI-370, September 24, 2007, *In the Matter of Layson*, Cause No. 31S00-0504-DI-135, April 4, 2005, and *In the Matter of Gofourth*, Cause No. 13S00-0407-DI-306.

My judicial experience includes numerous administrative responsibilities: budgeting and operating within the budget; educating the public and accurately reporting to the state and local community the activities of the court; insuring court accessibility to individuals with limited English proficiency or disability; supervising staff and providing training opportunities that support professional development, maintaining certification training and oversight of Veterans Court, adult probation staff, and volunteers; working with the media; working with local, state and federal government to locate funding for rehabilitative services; coordinating services with law enforcement, treatment providers, and social service agencies; assessing community needs and evaluating current programming for effectiveness; investigating evidence-based programming; writing grants; identifying and retaining volunteers; and building alliances in the not-for-profit and business communities.

In addition to deciding cases, writing opinions and court administration, I have invested countless hours into the development of court programs and innovations achieving long-term county and state wide impact. These court programs and innovations are Veterans Court, the Protection Order Project and the Indiana Commercial Court Pilot Project, Floyd County Intensive Probation (FLIP) and Moral Reconciliation Therapy (MRT) more particularly described in Sections 6E and 6G.

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.

*Division of Family Resources, Indiana Family and Social Services Administration v. Beverly Lozier*, Cause No. 22D03-1411-PL-1680, August 26, 2015.

*Anthony M. Beck and Sandra Beck v. Scott Memorial Hospital, et al.*, Cause No. 72D01-0710-CC-160, June 12, 2011.

*Steinrock Roofing & Sheet Metal, Inc. v. James S. McCulloch, PNC Bank, N.A.*, Cause No 22D03-1002-CC-327, May 27, 2011.

*Liberty Green Renewables Indiana, LLC. v. Scott County Area Plan Commission*, Cause No. 72C01-1008-PL-10, April 12, 2011.

*In re the Marriage of Don Kristen Small and Cassandra Marie Small*, Cause No. 72C01-0903-DR-15, May 7, 2010.

- 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.

**Not applicable**

- 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.

**Indiana Commercial Courts, Indiana Commercial Court Handbook (2016):** I worked with the Indiana Commercial Court Executive body and Working Group to develop the handbook as a resource guide to assist state trial judges who are assigned Commercial Court cases.

**Indiana Judicial Center, Indiana Jury Bench Book, Committee (2011):** I drafted and revised Chapter 4 on jury deliberations and other sections of this judicial resource that include references to the Indiana Code, case law, and best practices which were provided to trial court judges in all ninety-two (92) counties.

**Indiana New Judge Orientation Materials (2013-current):** Provided training materials for new judges on Jury Selection, Courtroom Demeanor and Implicit Bias in the Courtroom.

Currently, I am leading an effort to draft the Indiana Commercial Court Bench Book as a judicial resource for the judges of the Commercial Court which emphasizes best practices and aids in the execution of judicial responsibility.

- 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. Judge, Veterans Court, *State of Indiana v Shannon Henderson*, 22D03-0901-FD-00063, in the Floyd Superior Court 3**

One of the earlier cases filed in 2009 involved the defendant charged with the offenses of Theft and Possession of a Controlled Substance, class D felonies. He appeared well-groomed, good posture, and respectful, but his eye contact was distant and blank. The reason that this case is significant is because of the insight it provided me about pursuing justice for all. I saw in that defendant a demeanor resembling a military service member, much like my stepson, Sgt. Steven P. Mennemeyer, a first-responder and combat medic steadfastly committed to his mission: to only leave the battlefield when I have your wounded. A drawing depicting that mission with our nation's flag flown in Iraq is displayed in my court office as a reminder to me and others to stay vigilant in pursuing the life-changing power of justice in American society.

As the daughter of a marine, sister of a sailor and wife and step-mother of soldiers, the military helped to make men out of each of my family members. The type of men who were willing to sacrifice their individual freedom and liberty for ours. In 2009, our country had been at war for nearly a decade, and our state's national guard and reserve soldiers continued serving in multiple deployments where they saw a lot of things, and even did some things, that eventually take a toll they cannot shake off on their own. More personally, my family was enduring our third year following the tragedy of yet another fallen patriot, this time our beloved Steven who was killed in action August 8, 2006, during his second tour of duty, when the UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter that he was flying in crashed into a lake in Rubtah, Iraq.

Military service experiences are traumatic such as the specialist in the Army National Guard who is required to decontaminate equipment of human remains after an

explosion, or the petty officer at sea who while controlling air traffic witnessed his mate sucked into an engine turbine, or the sergeant who took a round to the head for his lieutenant, or the lance corporal overcome with guilt and shame for coming home instead of his comrades killed in ambush. Military exposure can fester and become the root of a veteran's legal trouble. How were Indiana Courts addressing unresolved problems of Hoosier veterans? Civilians and veterans were treated the same without consideration for military experience. The promise of reformative justice is guaranteed by Article I, Section 18 of the Indiana Constitution for all citizens. Indiana's Courts must ensure that veterans in trouble with the law have opportunity to rehabilitate from those experiences.

In 2010 after some investigation of VA resources and visiting a special court for veterans in Buffalo, New York, I brought back home my notes, ideas and aspirations with the hope of enlisting the support of my colleagues as the very next year I established Veterans Court, a transformed approach to address the mental health or substance issues underlying a veteran's criminal behavior. Participation is voluntary, non-adversarial and begins soon after arrest, and the veteran stays in the community and receives treatment paid for by benefits he earned. To graduate, a veteran must demonstrate proven commitment to accountability, self-discipline and healthy living.

I have assumed the role as an ambassador and collaborator to energize the growth and expansion of Veterans Courts, writing, modeling, sharing, inspiring, and problem-solving. Through the development of this statewide program, my own collegiality has grown as I overcame many challenges and helped my colleagues flourish in their communities. Working with fellow judges willing to take on the extra duty to build a community network has resulted in nineteen (19) Veterans Court across our state with six (6) more in the planning stages. They are the soul force behind Veterans Court which honors a veteran's past service and re-awakens in them strength, courage, duty and honor. Forging relationships between branches of government and across justice and social service disciplines is vital to success. Public graduation ceremonies highlight achievement, raise awareness and appreciate community partners. I have co-sponsored the "Stand Down for Homeless Veterans", participated in multiple studies and addressed countless audiences to help spread the message of Veterans Court and the essential community partnerships working with the court for the greater good. By 2015, I led the collaboration and resource sharing of Floyd, Clark and Scott counties to create the state's first multi-county or district Veterans Court. Veterans Courts are thriving court innovation and winning solution for all Indiana communities because they lower crime, reduce recidivism, save money on incarceration, and, once again, welcome productive assets to our community.

*2. Barbara Latuch, et al., v. Schuler Homes, Inc., Wolf Lake Homeowners Association, Inc., 22D03-1402-CT-00195, in the Floyd Superior Court*

In December of 2013, a family's Christmas turned into a nightmare. While taking the family photo outside on the deck of an upscale neighborhood clubhouse, the entire group fell at least one story onto the concrete patio below when the deck collapsed. Injured family members sued the builder of the clubhouse deck and the subdivision homeowner's association for damages. The incident attracted national media attention and comment by various legal analysts. In all, this complex, high profile litigation



involved twenty-two (22) plaintiffs with multiple injuries, two (2) defendants, a two (2) week jury trial with many exhibits and technical construction evidence, a one million four hundred thousand (1.4 million) dollar plaintiffs' verdict against the homeowner's association, and no error cited by the defendant for appeal. This case is significant as it required mastery of important judicial skills of case and trial management, presiding over a complicated civil matter with numerous litigants, substantial pretrial rulings, emotional and technical testimony and exhibits, and the use of courtroom technology. As judge of Floyd Superior Court 3 and as a Judge on the Commercial Court Pilot Project, I encounter a myriad of challenging civil matters involving liability issues concerning injury to property and people, even death, negligent construction, breaches of a wide-range of contracts, failing businesses, deadlocked shareholders of multi-million dollar companies, and the various damages that result. Adjudication of these cases can be very costly and lengthy due to their complexity of the issues and law. I start each case with the foundation of giving respect to every litigant and treating his case as the most important case before the Court no matter if the parties are millionaires or indigent. Public confidence in the court system is enhanced when all judges commit to exceeding this professional standard.

As judge, I recognize the importance of developing interoffice protocols and establishing policies and procedures for effective case management. I routinely review the status of cases to insure they are moving toward disposition. On the Court's own motion, I will call an early pretrial conference once all parties have appeared to discuss how best to proceed. I value the professional judgment and participation of the attorneys to identify issues, anticipate problems that could become barriers without prompt resolution, set deadlines for dispositive motions, and discuss mediation or alternative dispute resolution. When justice requires I rule from the bench or prepare a written judicial opinion with careful reasoning. I decide cases timely and explain my decision, oral or written, so the parties understand the ruling and truly have a meaningful opportunity to be heard by the court.

I continuously expand my knowledge and professional development through the study of logic and judicial opinion writing, forensic or investigative accounting, business valuation, management of the complex case, and the study of many other areas. Applying consistent effort throughout my career, I have prevailed beyond the first-generation law student raised on the rough side of town, by loving, laboring parents, sometimes low on confidence but always high on hope, to judging some of the most complex legal matters in our court system. Judging is big and has powerful impact, so I give the best of everything that I have learned for citizens to be better served.

*3. Liberty Green Renewables Indiana, LLC. v. Scott County Area Plan Commission, Cause No. 72C01-1008-PL-10, Maria D. Granger, Special Judge, in the Scott Circuit Court*

In August of 2010, I was selected by the parties as Special Judge to preside over a Petition for Writ of Certiorari, Writ of Mandate and Declaratory Judgment where I was vested with statutory authority of judicial review over a determination of an Area Plan Commission's (APC) denial of an application for industrial development in Scott County, Indiana. The issue before the court was the legality of the decision of the APC. This case is a significant legal matter in my career because it reminds me that each time

that I wear my robe courage, impartiality and independence are expected of me. An industrial company sought Development Plan approval for two contiguous properties encompassing over one hundred (100) acres to develop a woody biomass and electrical generating facility. At the time of the hearing on the return of the writ, the APC had already approved the Development Plan for the first parcel of real estate, although it contained environmental protection conditions. Prior to the approval of the second Development Plan, the controversy of the proposed plant swelled in the community and members of the APC fell into disagreement after learning of problems surrounding these facilities in other parts of the country. The case drew attention in the media, social websites and heated political debate. The industrial company had solid local and state agency support of its Development Plan, but the potential for negative impact to nearby homes, schools, traffic and public safety drew strong opposition throughout the community. This case demanded that I carefully review the record, research and interpret the zoning laws, apply the proper standard of review, and act, only as necessary, within my statutory discretion to render an impartial and just decision. I reversed the APC's denial of its approval of the industrial project, an unpopular decision. The APC raised no error with my judgment and did not appeal the Court's decision. Fidelity to impartial justice means that I will not like or be liked for every outcome. I have referenced my written opinion in subsection 6A and attached it to this application.

4. *Tresa Megenity v. David Dunn*, in the Indiana Supreme Court, 22S04-1609-CT-465, on Petition to Transfer from the Indiana Court of Appeals, No. 22A04-1506-CT-722, on appeal from the Floyd Superior Court 3, No. 22D03-1309-CT-1354.

In September of 2016, I presided over a suit by one karate student against another student for damages stemming from negligently, recklessly and unreasonably causing extreme injury. During a karate class “kicking-the-bag” drill, Dunn was supposed to perform a “flying-kick” but instead performed a “jump-kick” striking the targeted bag that Megenity was holding and causing her injury. The parties' dispute hinged on whether Dunn's conduct breached his duty of reasonable care to Megenity because a jump kick is never done within the specific drill being performed. Also, Megenity urged the Court to find Dunn inflicted injury recklessly and intentionally because he didn't follow rules of the drill, delivered an extreme kick and apologized afterward for jumping. I determined as a matter of law after careful analysis and interpretation that Dunn did not breach his duty of reasonable care to Megenity as jumps kicks are ordinary behavior within the high contact sport of karate generally, even though they are contrary to protocol of the kicking-the-bag drill. I found that Dunn whose karate skills were several degrees lower than Megenity's did not consciously disregard his classmate's safety. He aimed his jump kick for the bag and not Megenity, so I did not find a sufficient showing of reckless or intentional injury.

The significance of this case is that it reinforced the process of judging requiring me to keep an open mind and not ever pre-judge an outcome. Reaching a conclusion must start with an understanding of what the parties are arguing and in all situations, examining the facts as they prove them or not prove them, then making a decision that is limited to what the law says on the facts before me. Fidelity to the law means to interpret the constitution and statutes by their terms and legislative intent and be faithful to legal precedent. The rule of law is strengthened by this process of judging.

Here, the issue turned on a major decision in sports-injury cases, Pfenning v. Lineman, 947 N.E.2d 392 (Ind. 2011), which encourages athletic sporting activity. Our Court of Appeals had employed different approaches from looking to the sport generally to looking at the sporting activity specifically. A narrow view of a sporting act causes the courts to modulate the execution of technique, timing or instruction and poses a threat to chill sports participation in Indiana. I recognized that participation in sports is often involves high contact, physical intensity and imprecise maneuvers. My ruling affirmed by the Indiana Supreme Court is in line with a broader interpretation which more solidly supports Indiana's jurisprudence in sports.

**5. *State of Indiana v. Miguel Soto*, in the Clark Superior Court 3, 10D03-9509-CM-497**

In 1995 while a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, I encountered a husband and wife struggling through violence in their marriage. After a dispute, the husband followed the wife to her parents' home where the argument escalated. I later filed Battery charges against the husband for beating up the wife and father-in-law. The husband who chose to represent himself attempted to manipulate even me during a pretrial hearing. The court sentenced the husband for the maximum penalty after I proved his crimes at trial. He later divorced the wife, then married again. Husband was convicted of murder in Kentucky for killing the second wife's father. This case is significant because of the insight it provided me about a significant purpose of the law to define relationships. My duty representing the State of Indiana was to protect law-abiding citizens and stop the law-breakers which required stamina, sharpened trial practice skills, instinct for fair mindedness, character and integrity, understanding in applying the law, and a resolve to do what is right. I empathize with the struggles of spouses, children, surrounding family members, advocates, businesses and patrons, employers and employees, attorneys and unrepresented citizens. I appreciate the deep commitment law enforcement officers make to protect and serve Indiana communities. They face intense situations and put their lives on the line for citizens every day.

Prosecuting cases I learned up close what violence and abuse can do to a family and to the community. The cycle of crime and neglect have drastic impact on economic stability, self-esteem, safety, family support, educational achievements and self-sufficiency. Accountability is an important part of lasting behavioral change. I looked for ways to advocate better, enhance prosecution and protect those weakest among us from predators and ensure crime victims the closure needed to grieve and heal. I knew as the director of child support enforcement that with every collection, the opportunity for success of a child who is depending on the support from both parents moves higher. I devoted countless hours and employed various collection techniques in more than 50,000 child support enforcement cases bringing hundreds of thousands of dollars to Indiana children. I vigorously protected endangered adults from harm obtaining guardians and working with advocates. How we treat our children and endangered adults says a great deal about our society. My responsibility as a public servant requires my best because the lives of the children, elderly, abused and down-trodden are depending on me. As attorney for the Office of Family and Children, I advocated for and against the termination of a child's relationship with her parent when justice can prevail. I have been charged with lion hearted tasks that I have never taken lightly and have wrestled with over many a sleepless night. Now, as a judge who presides over

family, civil, criminal, and juvenile cases, I consider nearly 100 emergency requests for protection orders monthly, and I have heard hundreds of divorce cases and have had to determine which parent is granted physical custody of minor children and why.

During my early years as an advocate, I discovered that I possessed legal grit in applying the law, a confidence I had yet to earn as a first-generation law graduate. I earned it working the heavy caseloads, making daily court appearances, and understanding what witnesses say builds the record of what I can prove. The law is taking those facts in evidence and making arguments based on the law as it exists. I hold my responsibility as a public servant to all citizens in the highest regard because peoples' lives are at stake, and the law is meant to enhance humanity.

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

- E. 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.

**Indiana Commercial Court, 2016:** After two years of extensive study and training across the country of methods to streamline business litigation and assure judicial expertise in commercial cases, I along with five other leading trial judges was appointed by the Indiana Supreme Court to participate in Indiana's Commercial Court Pilot Project. Our assigned purposes are: 1) identify judicial practices to improve court efficiency; 2) resolve commercial disputes efficiently with expertise and technology; 3) make more accurate and predictable judicial decisions; 4) enhance economic development with quicker resolution of business cases; 5) use technology; and 6) early use of alternative dispute resolution.

**Indiana Commercial Court Working Group, 2015:** I was appointed to the Commercial Court Working Group created by the Indiana Supreme Court to recommend guidelines for establishing and administering Commercial Courts. The diverse working group includes Indiana Supreme Court Justice Steven David, legislators, law professors, attorneys, trial court judges and the Indiana Chamber of Commerce. Members are charged with certain tasks which include: developing best practices, procedures for posting commercial court opinions, adopting weighted caseload values exploring funding sources, and setting standards for appointed, state-paid masters. I was also selected as a member of the Commercial Court Executive Committee to work on specific details to further the success of the Working Group.

**American Law Institute (ALI), 2015:** I am an elected member of the American Law Institute, the leading independent organization in the United States producing scholarly work to clarify, modernize and improve the law. The work of ALI has been referred to often in the development of Indiana's jurisprudence. I am one of Indiana's few elected members. My participation in the Institute's work affords me the opportunity to influence the development of the law in existing and emerging areas.

**Indiana Jury Committee, 2015 Chair; 2010 – current:** A committee of the Indiana Judicial Conference that works on projects to assist trial courts with advancing the jury system including: improving jury selection and management process; monitoring

legislation relating to jury selection and management; and balancing a juror's privacy with the constitutional mandate of open courts. Committee projects have included recommending the Indiana Jury Rules, an annual statewide jury pool list, the development of a standard presentation for jury orientation, a model Juror Questionnaire, and minimum orientation standards, education presentations, and written publications.

Indiana Supreme Court Records Management Committee, 2013 – current: I am serving a second Three (3) year term on this committee of the Supreme Court under the leadership of Justice Mark Massa. The twenty-three (23) member committee conducts a continuous study of the practices, procedures, and systems for the maintenance, management and retention of court records employed by the courts. The committee makes recommendations to the Supreme Court for their modernization, improvement and standardization. Committee projects have included retention and disposal of records, preservation and confidentiality of records, courthouse security, video-conferencing and application of technology.

Indiana Civil Instructions Committee, 2012 – current: A committee of the Indiana Judges Association that is responsible for drafting and publishing the Indiana Pattern Jury Instructions. Committee projects have included the Indiana Model Civil Jury Instructions and the plain English writing of instructions. I have participated in the review and revision of multiple Model Civil Jury Instructions.

Board of Directors of the Indiana Judicial Conference, 2010 – current: The Board of Directors directs the activities for the Judicial Conference and is responsible for exchanging ideas and experience regarding the operation of the Indiana's judicial system, judicial education, promoting better understanding of the judiciary and act as administrator for probationers under the Interstate Compact.

Indiana Supreme Court Commission on Race and Gender Fairness, 2010 I organized and participated in a community forum for Floyd and Clark counties on behalf of the commission chaired by Justice Robert Rucker and by former Justice Myra Selby. The purpose of the commission was to study the status of fairness in Indiana's justice system regarding minorities. Recommendations include assessment of our criminal sentencing structure and disparate impact on women and minorities and more trained court interpreters.

Gugin, L and St. Clair, J. (2010), *Justices of the Indiana Supreme Court*. Indianapolis: Indiana Historical Press Society in cooperation with the Indiana Supreme Court, 2010. I am one of sixty-six (66) contributing authors of this volume of historical biographical sketches that offer interesting personal stories and give insight into the lives and time of the judges and justices of the Indiana Supreme Court. After researching historical cases and the historical archives in the local and state libraries, I wrote my biographical essay on Supreme Court Judge Alexander Dowling, the forty-seventh Justice, who to date, is the only member of the court who was a New Albany attorney.

Court Technology and Modernization, 2009: My court staff volunteered to lead Floyd County in using Odyssey, the statewide case management system. Our efforts in deployment and implementing that technology were highlighted in an article in the *Indiana Court Times* published in 2009.

**Indiana Continuing Legal Education Opportunity (ICLEO), 2005-2010: I was appointed by Chief Justice Randall Shepard to ICLEO and served Five (5) years considering the applications of disadvantaged and minorities pursuing a career in law.**

- F. 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.

**Martin Luther King Day Keynote Speaker, “Be the Peace You Want to See in the World,” reflecting upon Indiana history and civil rights, sponsored by the New Albany-Floyd County School Corporation, 2016**

**Flag Day Retirement Ceremony, Keynote Speaker, reflecting on the meaning of the American flag throughout our country's past and the significance of its sacred disposal, sponsored by Veteran Service Organizations in Floyd County, 2016; 2015; 2014**

**NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet Keynote Speaker, reflecting upon new approaches to improving race relations, Jeffersonville/Clark County Chapter, 2014; following the event local leaders in attendance organized public forums to discuss improving race relations and community and police relations which continue to be ongoing.**

**St. Elizabeth's Catholic Charities Board of Directors, 2013-current: As a member of the Board of Directors, I am responsible for directing the activities for the non-profit organization serving Southern Indiana and Metro Louisville. The board and agency have a deep and abiding respect for all life, providing comfort and quality services of adoption, residential maternity home, transitional and supported living/housing, CASA program, and a community distribution center.**

**Earl T. Shinhoster Award, recognizing my efforts to foster leadership and development of young people such as my efforts in supporting civic education and my work with the Indiana Continuing Legal Education Opportunity (ICLEO), by the Indiana State NAACP, 2009**

**Woman of Achievement, honoring extraordinary women who have made New Albany-Floyd County better through their lives and accomplishments, Business and Professional Women, 2006**

- G. 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.

**Indiana's Veterans Courts: Veterans Court is a collaborative and interdisciplinary approach to crime, mental health and substance abuse that I have described in detail earlier in Section 7D. I am recognized as the founder of Indiana's Veterans Courts, but their true foundation is rooted in Indiana's Constitutional promise for reformatory justice. The growth of these courts noticeably gained momentum in 2012. Currently, there are nineteen (19) established and six (6) more in the planning stages. We have hosted team visits from twelve (12) of these counties, shared with them our strategies, policies, procedures, and forms. As a state, we aspire to see a Veterans Court within**

reach of every Veteran in our state. In 2015, my contribution and the accomplishment of graduate, Specialist Christopher Bunch, were highlighted before the Indiana General Assembly during the first State of the Judiciary Address, by the Chief Justice of Indiana, Loretta H. Rush who said, "Floyd County's Judge Maria Granger, a leader in the implementation of Veteran Courts, told me Specialist Christopher Bunch's story. His story illustrates all that is good in our Hoosier court system justice tempered with mercy and based upon the principles of reformatory justice as set forth in our Indiana Constitution." In 2016, I was invited to the State of the Union by U.S. Senator Joe Donnelly who said, "It is my honor to bring Judge Granger to the State of the Union. Her leadership in establishing and expanding Veterans Courts is improving lives for Hoosiers and helping veterans involved with the criminal justice system, especially those dealing with mental health issues or substance abuse, get their lives back on track." While in Washington D.C. I participated in a series of press conferences with television, radio and print media and shared with several Senators the work of the Veterans Court I wrote about my experience in an article, *Indiana Veterans Courts Judge Maria Granger Shares Her Thoughts*. Indiana Court Times: Indiana Supreme Court State Court Services. The privilege of being recognized as part of two such important moments is one that I shared with other families who lost loved ones in military service and my judicial colleagues who recognize the need for specialized Veterans Courts.

Floyd County Protection Order Project, 2015: A grant-funded project that provides for 24-hour, safe public access to protection orders because the violence that drives people to the courthouse for legal protection doesn't happen during regular courthouse, but rather over weekends and holidays. Before the project, if something happened over the weekend, there was nothing for attorneys and advocates to advise the clients to do to keep them safe. I led the collaborative effort with partners, the Women's Foundation of Southern Indiana the Floyd County Bar Association, the Center for Women and Families, and the Floyd County Sheriff.

Floyd County Intensive Probation (FLIP), 2014: I drafted and promoted the adoption of a policy for intensive probation supervision in Floyd County based on an assessment of an adult offender to determine specific needs. Offenders assigned to intensive probation may be referred to a problem-solving court, have increased supervision, quicker access to mental health and substance abuse treatment and supportive rehabilitation through immediate rewards and sanctions. This change in probation policy was in response to the opiate epidemic and mental health crisis.

Floyd County Community Supervision Grant, Partner with LifeSpring Health Systems, 2014: On behalf of the Floyd County Courts, I worked in partnership with Floyd County Community Corrections and LifeSpring Health Systems to obtain grant funding through competitive bid through the Indiana Department of Corrections to provide intensive community-based supervision behavioral healthcare, and addictions treatment. The one hundred eighty-one thousand (\$181,000.00) dollar award allowed Floyd County to better respond to the increasing number of offenders in need of mental health and addiction treatment service with hopes that other aspects of their lives will be improved. We continue providing this program with local funding.

**Honor and Remember Ceremony, Keynote Speaker, reflected upon the life of Sgt. Matthew Deckard, killed in action September 2005 from an improvised explosive device in Iraq and the bond shared between Gold Star families, and the community, Floyds Knobs, 2017**

**Veterans Dinner, Keynote Speaker, both addresses reflected on selfless sacrifice of veterans over the history of the country and the current day struggles that veterans and service members face today, American Legion Post 28, New Albany, 2016 and 2014**

**Vietnam Veterans Welcome Ceremony, Keynote Speaker, discussed the historical and current role that Vietnam Veterans have played in society and in the advancement of care and support for veterans of recent wars, American Legion Post 28, New Albany, 2015**

**Korean Veterans Ceremony, Keynote Speaker, reflected on the valor of the veterans of the forgotten war and their contribution to the strength of our nation, American Legion Post 42, Floyds Knobs, 2015**

**Ashton P. Goodman, American Legion, Keynote Speaker focused on key issues surrounding veterans today including homelessness, incarceration, mental health and substance abuse issues and women veterans, sponsored by the Indiana University Southeast Student Veteran Organization, New Albany, 2015**

**Child Abuse Prevention Vigil, Keynote Speaker, reflected upon the stories of our communities' most vulnerable citizens, our children, and giving them a voice of importance and strength also giving thanks to the dedicated professionals who are passionately advocating for them, sponsored by the Division of Family and Children, New Albany, 2015**

**Speaker, Press Conference, Sexual Abuse Awareness Month, informed the Southern Indiana and Greater Louisville area how the protection order law and the courts can reduce the sexual violence and abuse, sponsored by the Center for Women and Families, Louisville, 2014**

**Annual Veterans Day Luncheon Keynote Speaker, shared how my Gold Star Family found healing after the death of our son in helping other veterans heal from the invisible wounds of war, sponsored by Indiana University Southeast, New Albany, 2014**

**Esteem Makeover for Girls, Keynote Speaker, shared my personal journey as a girl growing up on the rough side of a small, rural town who became a judge even without a picture-perfect life to inspire confidence, sponsored by Open Door Youth, New Albany, 2014**

**National Annual Conference, Keynote Speaker, discussed how Veterans Courts are transforming the innovative way that courts in Indiana are responding to veterans in the court system to get the treatment they need, using the benefits that they have earned, Disabled American Veterans, Indianapolis, 2012**

**Memorial Day Ceremony Keynote Speaker, shared my family's personal story of loss and looked for ways in our everyday lives that we can remember or fallen heroes, sponsored by Floyd County Veteran Organizations, New Albany, 2012, Clarksville, 2016**



**Community presentations:** I am regularly invited to speak about our court system and issues affecting veterans, children, and the victims of violence involved in the court system to various groups in our community including Rotary, Leadership of Southern Indiana, government, church and service organizations, and corporate entities. Each year I participate along with area judges in the 5th grade law essay competition which involves elementary students in Clark and Floyd counties. I have been a frequent speaker for the National Day of Prayer Service at the Knights of Columbus. These presentations have helped to carry the message of justice and raised awareness how the community can access and be better served by the court.

**Working with the media:** When the courts and the community work together to seek solutions to societal issues, public trust is increased which is an important objective of the courts. Developing a positive relationship with the media furthers this end. I have issued press releases, held press conferences, submitted opinion editorials, welcomed all media to the courtroom to observe court proceedings or to view and record graduations, as permitted by law. I return their calls, afford the ease of access to information, and give prepared and thoughtful interviews.

**Awards:**

Public Interest Award, IU McKinney School of Law, recognizing alumni who are making significant contributions to public interest, 2016

Chairman's Impact Award, LifeSpring Foundation, honors a local leader who has made a difference in the southern Indiana community on behalf of individuals with mental illness and/or addictions, 2015

Proclamation received from the City of New Albany in recognition of those who support by their efforts the patriotic service and sacrifice of veterans in the community proclaiming July 3, 2015 as Veterans Supporters day

Proclamation received from the City of New Albany in recognition of the unprecedented toll that war has taken on those who have served our country proclaiming Monday, November 10, 2014 as Veterans Court Day

Public Service Award, Center for Women and Families, honoring individuals who have engaged in extraordinary public service in Southern Indiana and Greater Louisville area, 2014

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

I continue my commitment to improving access to justice to unrepresented litigants by recruiting and sustaining volunteer mentors, attorneys for prosecution and defense, and attorneys in the community, 2011-present.

I have drafted and published answers to frequently asked questions, implemented and supplied pamphlets, guidelines, and Initial Orders in Dissolution of Marriage cases to help hundreds of unrepresented individuals navigate the Floyd County court system. The court where I preside is assigned all cases involving unrepresented divorces and protection orders and a large portion of civil cases with unrepresented litigants, 2009-present.

**I provided pro bono legal advice and assistance to military service members in the Indiana National Guard and their families in advance of deployments with trusts and other legal matters that exceeded the assistance provided by the Judge Advocate General, 2007-2009.**

**I provided pro bono legal assistance to flood victims of the 1997 flood with the relocation to newly-constructed home sites outside of the flood plain, 1997.**

**I provided pro bono legal services receiving assistance through St. Elizabeth's Catholic Charities to young mothers unable to care for their unborn child with the adoption process, 1995.**

**I provided pro bono legal services as a Certified Legal Intern in felony and misdemeanor criminal court which included criminal investigations, conducting discovery, pretrial motions and evidentiary hearings, witness preparation, planning trial strategy, and conducting the trial. I participated through the Criminal Defense Practice Clinic at IU McKinney School of Law in conjunction with the Office of the Marion County Public Defender, 1993-1994.**

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

**Purdue Military Family Research Institute (MFRI): 2015 “Veterans Courts 101” at the Battlemind to Home Symposium and 2014 “Veterans Courts” the Lunch and Learn Series**

**New Albany High School and Prosser Technological School: 2015 “Pursuing Non-traditional Careers”**

**Floyd County Sheriff and Police Annual Training, New Albany: 2015, Protection Orders and the Protection Order Pilot Project which makes protection orders available through a public access terminal located in a safe zone near the jail, during weekends and holidays when the probability for family violence is greater**

**Indiana University Southeast, New Albany: 2014; 2013;2012, Criminal Law, guest lecturer**

**Ivy Tech, Sellersburg: 2013, Criminal Law for Law Enforcement, guest lecturer**

**The Center for Women and Families Staff Training, New Albany: 2011, the Protection Order Process**

**Indiana University Southeast, New Albany: 2001-2005, Business Law, a prerequisite course for undergraduate Business majors including such topics as: ethics and social responsibility, constitutional principles, torts, contracts, business crime or discrimination, securities, anti-trust and consumer protection**

**Indiana University Southeast, New Albany: 2000, Business Law, guest lecturer**

**I have taught/presented at continuing legal education topics for attorneys and judges on occasions, including:**

**Indiana State Bar Association:**

**2016 - “Commercial Courts Coming to a Courthouse Near You” (also for the Floyd, Clark, and Washington County Bar Associations)**

2016, 2015, 2014 - “Veterans Court” -Leadership Development Academy

2015, 2014, 2013 - “Veterans Court” Patriot Day CLE

Indiana Civil Rights Commission: 2015 - “Equal Employment Law” for attorney interested in Veterans issues and initiatives

I have taught/presented continuing judicial education topics on many occasions at various Judicial conferences at the Indiana Judicial College, including:

Indiana Supreme Court:

2016 - “Modernizing Indiana Courts: Commercial Court Open for Business a detailed overview of the rules, function and purpose of the Commercial Court to business leaders and corporate counsel across Indiana

2015-2016 - “Veterans Court Summit” for judges, attorneys, veterans, service providers throughout the state of Indiana

2014 - “Veterans Court” Law School for Legislators presented in the Indiana Senate Chamber of the Statehouse

2013 - “Veterans and Military Families” Law School for Educators presented to teachers nominated and chosen to attend by judges across the state

2012 - “Pioneer Justice” an overview of the research from courthouse records and historical writings in Clark, Floyd and Harrison at our state's beginnings and the laws affecting the status and relationship of people living during that era

2012 and 2013 - “Mental Health Issues and Veterans in Criminal Courts” and “Sentencing Considerations” Law School for Journalists at IU McKinney School of Law regarding the traditional and transformed approaches to addressing mental health in the courts

General Jurisdiction Training:

2017, 2016, 2015 - “Implicit Bias and Fairness in the Courtroom” addressing stereotypes and recognizing our subconscious bias and practicing ways to limit bias in exercising the role as judge

2016 - “Courtroom Demeanor” and “Bench Skills” illustrates methods and ways of practicing effective bench skills

Annual Judicial Conference:

2016 - “Jury Selection” covers the American and Indiana jury system, including what constitutes jury service and the available tools to assist courts, jury rules, deferrals, exemptions, and addressing juror challenges

2013 - “Pioneer Justice” this historical presentation was so well-received during the Supreme Court Lecture Series that it was chosen for the annual judicial conference, and drew a full house of judges who moon light as history buffs

2013, 2012, 2011, 2010 - “New Legislation” an annual summary update

**2012 - “Veteran Initiatives in Indiana” an overview of the court initiatives that involved veterans and the first time since Steven's death that I shared my family's personal journey of sacrifice**

**2011 - “Indiana Supreme Court History” and participated in a book-signing with Justices and some other contributing authors to publication mentioned earlier in the application**

**2011 - “The Sentencing Hearing and Sentencing Considerations” and “The Sentencing Decision & the Sentence on Appeal” both programs dealt with all aspects of the judicial process of sentencing, including exercising proper discretion, following the law and making an accurate record**

**Annual Clerk/Court Staff Conference: 2016 - “Jury Administrator's Round table covers the American and Indiana jury system, including the practical inner workings of dealing with juror concerns for the court staff perspective**

**Court Services Conference: 2015; 2014 – Veterans Courts covers the procedures of effective Veterans Court operations**

**City/Town Court Conference: 2013 - “Courtroom Demeanor” effective communication and bench skills inside and outside of the courtroom**

**New Judge Orientation: 2010 “Transition to the Bench, Employment and Personnel Issues”**

## **7. 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.**

**American Law Institute, 2015 – current, I am an elected member of the American Law Institute, the leading independent organization in the United States producing scholarly work to clarify, modernize and improve the law.**

**Floyd County Community Corrections Board, 2009-present; President 2012-2014, to assist in creating a positive change in the behavior of offenders in becoming rehabilitated and productive citizens by using evidence based practices, thereby recidivism in Floyd County, Indiana; as president I led the expansion of community supervision to include Veterans Courts and Intensive Probation supervision, including obtaining and implementing a \$181,000 competitive grant from the Indiana Department of Corrections awarded to provide on-site mental health and addiction counseling and Moral Reconciliation Therapy (MRT)**

**Indiana State Bar Association, 1995-current, to improve the administration of justice and promote public understanding of the legal system; I serve on the Military and Veterans Affairs Committee and have worked on the expansion of Veterans Courts and other initiatives to support greater access to a justice for attorneys and their families who have served their country in the military**

**Indiana Judges Association 2009-current, to promote a simpler, more clear and uniform administration of justice, preserve judicial independence, advocate for fair compensation and benefits and cultivate collegial judicial relationships; I serve on the**

**Civil Instructions Committee working on the drafting and revision of plain English civil jury instructions to enhance the jury system**

**American Judicature Society 2009-current, to secure and promote and an independent and qualified judiciary and fair system of justice**

**Sherman Minton American Inn of Court 2009 – current, membership allows judges and lawyers an opportunity to discuss the ethical and professional issues that they share. As judge I participate in the annual judicial update to discuss with members new rules and procedures that impact the practice of law.**

**Floyd County Bar Association, 1998-current; Secretary 2013-2016, to promote the legal system and the administration of justice in Floyd County, Indiana; through educational presentations we promote civility in the legal profession, provided mentoring activities for the local Girl's and Boy's Club and raised food for community food banks**

**Legal Services Organization of Indiana Board of Directors, 1997-1999; Secretary 1999, to insure equal access to the courts and provide legal assistance to low-income people facing legal problems**

**Clark County Bar Association, 1995-1998, to promote the legal system and the administration of justice in Clark County, Indiana**

- 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.**

**Indiana Bar Foundation, Board, 2013-present, Keystone Society Founding Member, 2016: a charitable organization dedicated to strengthening access to justice and appreciation for the rule of law in Indiana. To accomplish our mission, we gather and direct resources toward three areas: providing civic education to Hoosiers of all ages, assisting those who have difficulty accessing the justice system, and improving the legal profession. I serve on the Grants Committee and review scholarships for attorneys engaged in supporting public service representation.**

**Indiana Humanities Board, 2013-present: a nonprofit dedicated to promoting the public humanities by encouraging Hoosiers to think, read and talk through grants and programs for people to connect and converse. I serve on the Grants Committee and review grant applications for humanities enrichment programs across the state.**

**St. Elizabeth's Catholic Charities, 2012-2017; a human service agency which recognizes and has a deep and abiding respect for all life and provides comfort and quality service to those in need, fostering an attitude of self-sufficiency and resolving crisis situations by empowering others to regain a certain measure of control and order in their life. I have served on the adoption committee to expand the access of adoptive services in the region.**

**BPO Elks Lodge 2007-2017; Elks invest in their communities through programs that help children grow up healthy and drug-free, by undertaking projects that address unmet need, and by honoring the service and sacrifice of our veterans. Annually I have supported their Clothe-a-Child program and helped the Elks expand its mission to honor veterans by increasing awareness and participation with Veterans Courts.**

**American Legion Auxiliary, 2007-2017; an organization that in the spirit of service, not self, to support the American legion and to honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of our veterans, military and their families, both at home and abroad. For God and our country, we advocate for veterans, educate or citizens, mentor youth and promote patriotism, good citizenship, peace and security. I have supported their Girl's State program that promotes civic responsibility and leadership.**

**American Legion Riders, 2012-2017; an organization steeped in patriotic support who ride for God and country, the American Legion family and allied veterans everywhere. I participate in motorcycle rides to raise awareness and support issues for veterans.**

**Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, 2007-2017; an organization that honors dead military service members by helping the living**

**Tri Kappa Sorority, 2009-2012; an Indiana philanthropic organization that through charity seeks to benefit the community**

**Lady Knights of Columbus Cardinal Ritter Council 1221, 2007-2012; an organization that supports the Knights of Columbus Cardinal Ritter Council 1221 where my husband and father-in-law held positions of leadership**

**Frank C. Denzinger Memorial Law Enforcement Scholarship Advisory Board, 2007; the scholarship was established in the name of local law enforcement officer Frank Denzinger who was killed in the line of duty for the educational benefit of corrections and law enforcement officer seeking higher education at Indiana University Southeast**

**National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, 2004-2017; an organization that insures the political, education, social and economic equality of rights of all persons and to eliminate race-based discrimination of all persons**

**Business and Professional Women (BPW) New Albany, 2004-2014; the organization dedicated exclusively to the interests and advancement of working women**

**Business and Professional Women's Foundation, 2002-2009; an organization that fosters the success of working women through career advancement resources, work/life strategies and personal and professional connections; "to empower working women to achieve their full potential and to partner with employers to build successful workplaces"**

**One Southern Indiana (formerly Southern Indiana Chamber of Commerce), 1998-2008; an organization that cultivates a world-class environment which provides economic opportunity and prosperity for the people of Indiana and their enterprises**

- 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.**

**None**

- D. Describe your hobbies and other leisure activities.**

**My husband, Steve, and I share two adult children and four grandchildren, and we enjoy sharing in their church, sports, and Junior Reserve Officer Training Corp (JROTC) activities as often as we can. We have created many good memories during**

**camping trips. We enjoy community service work and since Steven's death we have committed to supporting other military and Gold Star families to honor their service and sacrifice. I enjoy going for a ride or a walk while listening to music, going to the gym, cooking for family, or reading a good book.**

8. 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.)

***In re the Marriage of Maria G. Wallingford v. Anthony J. Wallingford, 10C01-9606-DR-173; Decree of Dissolution of Marriage including name restoration entered September 1996***

- 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.

**No**

- 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.

**No**

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

**No**

9. 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).

**Robert M. Colone, Floyd County Public Defender's Office**

**Richard T. Mullineaux, Partner, Kightlinger & Gray Attorneys, LLP**

**Nicholas F. Stein, Attorney at Law, The Law offices of Nicholas F. Stein**

- 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).

**All of the Floyd County Judges and Magistrate c/o Honorable J. Terrence Cody**

**Honorable Roger F. Duvall, Senior Judge and former Scott County Circuit Court Judge and Prosecutor**

**Andrew R. Klein, Dean and Paul E. Beam Professor of Law, Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law**

- 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).

**Tiffany Hemmer, Attorney and Director of Administration, Indy Racing League, LLC**

**Mary Fondrisi, Partner, Smith, Carpenter Fondrisi & Cummins and Business Owner Rocky's Sub Pub**

**Denise Schafer, Investigator, Department of Homeland Security, Office of Inspector General**

10. 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.

**State Police release form on green paper attached to original application**

- 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.)

**Recent photo is attached to original and each copy**

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Date

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Applicant Signature

Maria D. Granger

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Printed Name

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