

SUPREME COURT OF JUDICATURE OF GUYANA

Application for Appointment as Puisne Judge

Closing Date for Applications:

November 20th, 2023

All referee forms in support of applications must be submitted directly by referees on or before the closing date for applications.

This form should be typewritten or handwritten clearly in **black** ink. If there is insufficient space on the form, please continue on a separate sheet. **You should complete all parts of this form, even if you have previously supplied some of the details requested.** This will help to ensure that our records are complete.

Please read the guidance notes before completing this Form.



JUDICIAL SERVICE COMMISSION

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APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO JUDICIAL OFFICE
in the
SUPREME COURT OF JUDICATURE

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| POSITION APPLIED FOR: | | | |
| Date available to commence work if offer of appointment is made: | <i>Day</i> | <i>Month</i> | <i>Year</i> |
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SECTION A – PERSONAL DETAILS

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| Title (<i>indicate with an 'x'</i>): | Mr. | Mrs. | Ms. | Other (<i>please state</i>) |
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| Last/Surname/Family Name: | | | | |
| First/Given Name: | | | | |
| Decorations/Honours/Titles: | | | | |
| Date of Birth: <i>(a certified copy of the biodata page of your Passport or a certified copy of your National Identification Card along with a certified copy of your Birth Certificate must be submitted with the Application Form)</i> | | | | |
| Business Address: | | | | |
| Business Telephone Number(s): | | | | |
| Business E-mail: | | | | |

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| Home Address: | |
| Personal Telephone Number(s): | Home: |
| | Cell: |
| Personal E-mail: | |
| Mailing Address: <i>(if same as business or personal, please indicate)</i> | |
| Please indicate with an 'x' the address to be used for correspondence relating to this application: | Business: |
| | Personal: |
| | Mailing: |
| Please indicate with an 'x' the email address to be used for correspondence relating to this application: | Business: |
| | Personal: |
| Please indicate with an 'x' your appropriate current status: | |
| | Judge: |
| | Commissioner of Title: |
| | Magistrate: |
| | Registrar: |
| | Deputy Registrar: |
| | Senior Counsel: |
| | King's Counsel: |
| | Attorney-at-Law: |
| | Other <i>(please state):</i> |

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| Nationality/Nationalities/ Primary Nationality: | | | | | |
| MARITAL STATUS: | | | | | |
| Single | Domestic Partnership | Married | Widowed | Separated | Divorced |
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| Spouse's or former spouse's names (in full, including birth name): | | | | | |
| Spouse's or former spouse's nationality at birth, date and place of birth: | | | | | |
| Spouse's or former spouse's present occupation, name and address of employer: | | | | | |
| CHILDREN | | | | | |
| Names (in full) | | | | Date of Birth | |
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| PARENTS | | | | |
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| Father's name <i>(in full)</i> : | | | | |
| Father's occupation: | | | | |
| Father's nationality at birth, date and place of birth: | | | | |
| Father's address: | | | | |
| Mother's name <i>(in full, including birth name)</i> : | | | | |
| Mother's occupation: | | | | |
| Mother's nationality at birth, date and place of birth: | | | | |
| Mother's address: | | | | |
| SIBLINGS | | | | |
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| <p>Give particulars of any ailment (physical, emotional, medical or mental) from which you have suffered/ are suffering:</p> | | | | |

SECTION B – EDUCATIONAL, PROFESSIONAL AND TRAINING HISTORY AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

*(Certified copies of certificates or official transcripts of all stated education qualifications **must** be submitted along with the Application Form)*

1.) FURTHER AND HIGHER EDUCATION

| Degrees/Diplomas/ Certificates <i>(List as many as relevant)</i> | University/College/ Institution/ Organization attended and addresses | Years attended | |
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2.) PROFESSIONAL AND LEGAL TRAINING

| Degrees/Diplomas/ Certificates <i>(List as many as relevant)</i> | University/College/Institution/Organization attended and addresses | Years attended | |
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3.) ADMISSION TO THE BAR

| Date(s) of Admission | Place(s) of Admission | Year Silk Taken <i>(if applicable)</i> |
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4.) PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Please give details of your professional experience since being called to the Bar, starting with the most recent.

| Role/Position Title | Chamber/Firm/Organisation and address | Years | | Particulars of Work | Reason for Leaving <i>(if applicable)</i> |
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5.) POSITIONS OF LEADERSHIP

| Role/Position Title | Chamber/Firm/Organisation and address | Years | | Particulars of Work | Reason for Leaving <i>(if applicable)</i> |
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6.) JUDICIAL EXPERIENCE

| Do you now hold, or have you held in the past any judicial appointments? | YES | NO |
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| If you currently hold a judicial position, please state the court(s) where you now preside or serve, duration of your appointment and a brief description of the scope of your work. | | |
| If you previously held judicial positions, please state the court(s) where you have presided or served, the duration of your appointments and a brief description of the work you have done. | | |

7.) EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITES

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| Please give details of the extracurricular activities and any organisations (if any) in which you engage. | |
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SECTION C – GENERAL

| CHARACTER | | |
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| Have you ever been convicted of or cautioned in relation to any criminal offence? | NO | YES <i>(please give details including dates)</i> |
| Have you ever been adjudged bankrupt, made a composition with your creditors, or have been sued to judgment for any debt, or are any such proceedings pending? | NO | YES <i>(please give details including dates)</i> |
| Have you ever had proceedings brought against you, or paid a penalty or made a composition in respect of failing to pay or any other default relative to any other form of tax or rates, or are there any such proceedings pending? | NO | YES <i>(please give details including dates)</i> |

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| <p>Have you ever had action brought against you for professional negligence without a matter being dismissed, or are any such proceedings pending? If any such action has been brought or is pending against you or your firm in respect of any matter under your supervision, please state under answer “YES”.</p> | <p>NO</p> | <p>YES <i>(please give details including dates)</i></p> |
| <p>Are you, or have you ever been subject to disciplinary proceedings of the Bar/Legal Practitioners’ Committee in respect of complaints regarding a matter involving you personally or under your supervision, without the matter having been dismissed, or are any such proceedings pending?</p> | <p>NO</p> | <p>YES <i>(please give details including dates)</i></p> |
| <p>Do you have any other legal proceedings pending against you?</p> | <p>NO</p> | <p>YES <i>(please give details including dates)</i></p> |

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| Do you serve as an Officer, Director, Advisor or Employee of any business? | NO | YES <i>(please give details including dates)</i> |
| Has your behaviour or conduct ever been criticized or been a subject of discussion in a written decision by any court? | NO | YES <i>(please give details including dates)</i> |
| Have you engaged or do you engage in political activity that is inconsistent with the independence, integrity or impartiality of the Judiciary? | NO | YES <i>(please give details including dates)</i> |
| Do you ever consume alcohol or other drugs, including prescription drugs, in such a manner that would affect your performance as a Judicial Officer? | NO | YES <i>(please give details including dates)</i> |
| <p>Have you engaged in publications of books and other materials?</p> <p>List publications for which you have done or have occupied a significant role, and describe your role:</p> | | |

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| <p>If you are a Judicial Officer, please list and describe your typical areas of specialization (e.g., constitutional, administrative, criminal, civil, commercial, family, constitutional, land law etc.) (if applicable)</p> | |
| <p>If you currently hold or have held <u>judicial office</u>, list the 10 most important cases over which you have presided or served. Indicate the name of each case, giving brief details of the nature of the matter, the names of Counsel who appeared and the final disposition of the case. Specifically indicate if the matter was appealed and the result of the appellate process. Provide information by which any written judgments could be accessed.</p> | |
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| <p>If you are an Attorney in practice, please list and describe your typical areas of specialization (e.g., constitutional, administrative, criminal, civil,</p> | |

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| commercial, family, constitutional, land law, etc.) <i>(if applicable)</i> | |
| Non-Judicial Officer - Please list, in chronological order commencing with the most recent, the 10 cases that you consider to be the most important in your career. Give the name of each case, names of Counsel, brief details of the nature of the matter and of final disposition. Please provide information by which any written judgments could be accessed. | |
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| Describe clients whom you represented during the last five-year period of your law practice. | | |
| Are you aware of anything in your private or professional life, which would be a source of embarrassment to yourself or the Judiciary of Guyana, if it became known, in the event of your appointment to Judicial Office? | NO | YES (<i>please give details including dates</i>) |

FURTHER INFORMATION

Please provide any other information which you consider may be relevant to your application for the position of Judicial Officer. It is important that you candidly assess your own suitability for appointment.

CONSULTATION/REFERENCES

Please provide the names, positions and professional addresses of three (3) members of the judiciary and/or the legal profession who you consider will be able to comment on your qualities, experience and suitability for appointment.

| Particulars | Referee 1 | Referee 2 | Referee 3 |
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| Name | | | |
| Occupation | | | |
| Business Address | | | |
| Tel. No. | | | |
| Email | | | |

SECTION D – DECLARATION

I _____ swear/affirm under the penalty of perjury that the information which I have given on this form is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that any misrepresentation may result in my disqualification even after appointment. I also understand and agree that, if offered employment, I will be required to undergo a pre-employment medical examination.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please note that completed application forms should be submitted, under confidential cover and hand delivered or sent by post, courier or email to reach the acting Secretary to the Judicial Service Commission by **20th November, 2023.**

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