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**DISTRICT JUDICIAL NOMINATION COMMISSION
AND OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
JOINT JUDICIAL APPLICATION**

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PERSONAL INFORMATION

- 1. State your full name.**

Meenakshi Brandt
Maiden Name Meenakshi Tripathi
My preferred name is Meena Brandt.

- 2. State your current occupation or title. (Lawyers: identify name of firm, organization, or government agency; judicial officers: identify title and judicial election district.)**

Public Defender II, Office of the State Public Defender, Judicial District 7, Davenport Office

- 3. State your date of birth (to determine statutory eligibility).**

December 6, 1985

- 4. State your current city and county of residence.**

Davenport, Scott County, IA

PROFESSIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL HISTORY

- 5. List in reverse chronological order each college and law school you attended including the dates of attendance, the degree awarded, and your reason for leaving each school if no degree from that institution was awarded.**

University of Iowa College of Law – 08/2012 to 05/2015 – obtained Juris Doctorate

St. Ambrose University – 08/2010 to 12/2011 – obtained Bachelor’s Degree in Business Administration

Scott Community College – 08/2008 to 05/2010 – obtained 54 Credits – transfer to a 4-year institution to obtain bachelor’s degree

Illinois Institute of Technology – 08/2003 to 05/2004 – 15 Credits – took time off to raise children

6. Describe in reverse chronological order all of your work experience since graduating from college, including:
- a. Your position, dates (beginning and end) of your employment, addresses of law firms or offices, companies, or governmental agencies with which you have been connected, and the name of your supervisor or a knowledgeable colleague if possible.
 - b. Your periods of military service, if any, including active duty, reserves or other status. Give the date, branch of service, your rank or rating, and present status or discharge status.

- a. Public Defender II and Public Defender I – 07/2016 to present
State Public Defender
332 N. Harrison St., Ste. 100
Davenport, IA 52801
Supervisor Attorney Derek Jones

Law Clerk/Provisionally Licensed Law Student in IL – 05/2014 to 06/2016
Morrison, Marquis, Campbell & Weng
AKA Kutsunis & Weng, P.C.
AKA David G. Morrison Attorney At Law, City Attorney for Rock Island, IL
1515 4th Ave. Ste. 301
Rock Island, IL 61201
Supervisor Attorney David Morrison

Summer Judicial Law Clerk – 05/2013 to 08/2013
Seventh Judicial District of Iowa
400 W. 4th St.
Davenport, IA 52801
Supervisor The Honorable Judge Cleve

Accounts Payable Specialist – 08/2011 – 05/2012
RSM McGladrey
201 N. Harrison St.
Davenport, IA 52801
Supervisor Colin Sanders (no longer with the firm)

b. Not Applicable

7. **List the dates you were admitted to the bar of any state and any lapses or terminations of membership. Please explain the reason for any lapse or termination of membership.**

April 26, 2016 – admission to the Supreme Court of Iowa

May 2, 2016 – admission to the United States District Court, Central District of Illinois – lapsed as my current employment does not require licensure in federal court

8. **Describe the general character of your legal experience, dividing it into periods with dates if its character has changed over the years, including:**

- a. **A description of your typical clients and the areas of the law in which you have focused, including the approximate percentage of time spent in each area of practice.**
- b. **The approximate percentage of your practice that has been in areas other than appearance before courts or other tribunals and a description of the nature of that practice.**
- c. **The approximate percentage of your practice that involved litigation in court or other tribunals.**
- d. **The approximate percentage of your litigation that was: Administrative, Civil, and Criminal.**
- e. **The approximate number of cases or contested matters you tried (rather than settled) in the last 10 years, indicating whether you were sole counsel, chief counsel, or associate counsel, and whether the matter was tried to a jury or directly to the court or other tribunal. If desired, you may also provide separate data for experience beyond the last 10 years.**
- f. **The approximate number of appeals in which you participated within the last 10 years, indicating whether you were sole counsel, chief counsel, or associate counsel. If desired, you may also provide separate data for experience beyond the last 10 years.**

July 2016 to present: In my current practice as a Public Defender II at the Office of the State Public Defender, I represent indigent clients who are accused of criminal offenses varying from Class A felonies to serious misdemeanors. These clients sometimes have substance abuse issues, mental health diagnoses, and come from a variety of educational, age, and cultural backgrounds. At times, my clients are combative and difficult to work with and I am required to handle their cases and work with them to find a resolution. My case load ranges from 170 to 240 cases at any one time. I routinely need to evaluate credibility of witness statements, draft and argue motions in court. I have resolved over 4,500 charges in my time at this office. In addition to my role as a Public Defender II, I am the law student intern coordinator for our office. I am responsible for interviewing, hiring, training and supervising the interns.

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- a. My typical client is an individual who has been accused of a crime. I started handling only misdemeanor cases and have worked my way up the ladder to Class A felonies. My clients have potential consequences that range from a small fine and suspended jail time all the way up to life in prison.
- b. All of my practice at the State Public Defender Office involves litigation, research, writing, and client counseling.
- c. 100% of my practice involves litigation in court.
- d. In my position as a Public Defender II, 100% of my practice is in criminal law as the office does not handle civil matters. Before my position at the State Public Defender Office I handled civil and administrative law issues, as detailed below.
- e. In the last 5 years:
Jury trials: 9 trials
 Sole counsel: 4 trials
 2nd chair / co-counsel: 5 trials: 3 of these trials were A felonies, 1 trial was a B felony, and 1 trial was a serious misdemeanor

Non-Jury trial:
 Sole counsel: 1 trial
- f. The State Public Defender has a separate appellate division and my office does not handle appeals.

May 2014 to June 2016: In my prior practice with David G. Morrison's firm and the City of Rock Island, I represented private clients, the City of Rock Island, and the Rock Island Police Department. My case load ranged from 60 to 80 traffic or misdemeanor cases at any time, 20 to 40 administrative law housing cases, Freedom of Information Act requests, and consultation with City of Rock Island. Consultation was on matters of contract law, constitutional law, tort law, jurisdictional issues, zoning law, personnel and human resources issues, compliance requirements, and civil litigation updates.

- a. My typical clients were City of Rock Island employees, council members, or police officers. I started handling misdemeanor cases in traffic court and doing research assignments on behalf of the City. I then began appearing in administrative law hearings and trying cases on behalf of the City. I was involved in the federal civil defense of police officers.
- b. My practice area consisted of approximately 65% of non court/tribunal appearances. This portion of my practice dealt primarily with creating advisory opinions and memorandums for the City of Rock Island personnel and City of Rock Island Police Officers. It routinely involved tax, housing, contract, indemnification, human resources, constitutional law and other matters.

- c. 35% of my practice involved litigation in court. This was administrative law litigation, civil rights defense litigation, and traffic court litigation. A large portion of this included civil motion and discovery practice for defense of federal claims of excessive force against Rock Island Police Officers.
- d. In this position, I engaged in 30% civil litigation, 55% administrative law litigation in MUNICES court, and 15% litigation in traffic court.
- e. In this portion of practice:
 - Jury trials: at least 5 trials
 - Sole counsel: 5 trials

 - Non-Jury trial: 0 trials
- f. This office did not handle any appeals.

Summer of 2013: While working as a judicial law clerk, I was able to assist multiple judges in the Seventh Judicial District. I researched, drafted memorandums, prepared draft rulings, and observed a variety of court cases. I was expected to complete between five to ten drafted memorandums or rulings a week, depending on the length or complexity of the issues. My experience during this time allowed me to delve into all areas of the law, including civil, contract, criminal, administrative, and family law.

- a. I did not have clients that I represented during this time.
- b. My practice area did not include any in court appearances.
- c. I did not undertake any litigation in this position.
- d. Of the work I did, I dealt with 70% civil litigation, 5% administrative law litigation, and 25% litigation in criminal court.
- e. In this portion of practice, I did not conduct any trials.
- f. In this position, I did not handle any appeals.

9. **Describe your pro bono work over at least the past 10 years, including:**
- a. **Approximate number of pro bono cases you've handled.**
 - b. **Average number of hours of pro bono service per year.**
 - c. **Types of pro bono cases.**

My current position at the Public Defender Office limits my ability to engage in pro bono work. I truly value the ability to give back to others. Instead of representing individuals without being paid (pro bono), I have focused my volunteer efforts in other

ways. I have been a Mock Trial coach for Sudlow Middle School, assisted with the Saint Ambrose University Mock Trial team and assisted with the Saint Ambrose University pre law program. I mentor law students through our intern and extern programs, and I volunteer. I have also taken on organization of the Scott County Bar Association Last Chance Continuing Legal Education Seminar since 2020. I have coordinated subject matter for presentations, contacted attorneys to act as speakers, arranged appropriate accreditation with the Office of Professional Responsibility, and set the schedule for the event. This has included coordinating attendees, venues, food, and technological requirements. Additionally, I have been involved in my children's school activities and regularly attended PTO meetings and volunteered in the schools, including the elementary school free meals program, reading in classrooms, and chaperoning field trips.

10. If you have ever held judicial office or served in a quasi-judicial position:

- a. Describe the details, including the title of the position, the courts or other tribunals involved, the method of selection, the periods of service, and a description of the jurisdiction of each of court or tribunal.**

Not Applicable

- b. List any cases in which your decision was reversed by a court or other reviewing entity. For each case, include a citation for your reversed opinion and the reviewing entity's or court's opinion and attach a copy of each opinion.**

Not Applicable

- c. List any case in which you wrote a significant opinion on federal or state constitutional issues. For each case, include a citation for your opinion and any reviewing entity's or court's opinion and attach a copy of each opinion.**

Not Applicable

11. If you have been subject to the reporting requirements of Court Rule 22.10:

- a. State the number of times you have failed to file timely rule 22.10 reports.**

Not Applicable

- b. State the number of matters, along with an explanation of the delay, that you have taken under advisement for longer than: NA**

- i. 120 days.**

ii. 180 days.

iii. 240 days.

iv. One year.

12. Describe at least three of the most significant legal matters in which you have participated as an attorney or presided over as a judge or other impartial decision maker. If they were litigated matters, give the citation if available. For each matter please state the following:

- a. Title of the case and venue,
- b. A brief summary of the substance of each matter,
- c. A succinct statement of what you believe to be the significance of it,
- d. The name of the party you represented, if applicable,
- e. The nature of your participation in the case,
- f. Dates of your involvement,
- g. The outcome of the case,
- h. Name(s) and address(es) [city, state] of co-counsel (if any),
- i. Name(s) of counsel for opposing parties in the case, and
- j. Name of the judge before whom you tried the case, if applicable.

STATE V. LUKE ANDREWS, FECR397406, District Court, Scott County, Iowa

My client was charged with attempted murder, carrying weapons on school grounds and assault with a weapon. The case garnered a large amount of media attention from the beginning. My client was twelve years old at the time of the offense. The State alleged that my client attempted to murder his teacher at North Scott Junior High School. The trial was held in District Court, but Mr. Andrews was transferred to juvenile court for sentencing. This case involved expert testimony regarding firearms, significant media presence, and was remarkable as the defendant was so young. In addition, it involved significant motion practice including media presence, research regarding expert testimony and possible mental health defenses. The case began in December of 2018 and concluded with a jury trial in July of 2019. My client was found not guilty of the most serious charge of attempted murder. He was found guilty of the lesser included offenses of assault with intent to commit serious injury, carrying weapons on school grounds, and assault with a weapon. I was co-counsel with another attorney in my office, Melanie Thwing. Julie Walton from the Scott County Attorney's Office was the prosecutor. The case was tried in front of the Honorable Judge Greve.

STATE V. ALAN CASSIAS, FECR382545, District Court, Scott County, Iowa

My client was charged with kidnapping in the first degree and sexual abuse in the second degree. The allegation was that the defendant sexually assaulted and kidnapped a woman. He and the woman were not strangers, but were instead in a prior relationship. The defendant fled capture on this case, as he was on federal probation. This case was noteworthy as it involved a significant amount of research involving (1) rape shield laws that limited the amount of information to be introduced to the jury regarding my client and the woman's relationship and (2) jury instructions regarding my client's flight from apprehension among other issues. This case began in spring of 2017 and ended in a jury trial in April of 2018. My client was found not guilty of the most serious charges of kidnapping in the first-degree charge and sexual abuse in the second-degree charge. He was found guilty of the lesser included charges of false imprisonment and sexual abuse in the third degree. I was co-counsel with another attorney in my office, Miguel Puentes. Julie Walton from the Scott County Attorney's Office was the prosecutor. It was tried in front of the Honorable Judge Lawson.

STATE V. TREVON LUCAS, FECR078440, District Court, Clinton County, Iowa

My client was charged with one count of sexual abuse in the second degree and three counts of sexual abuse in the third degree. My client was a juvenile at time and was waived up to adult court. He and another juvenile (who was adjudicated as a juvenile) were alleged to have sexually assaulted a juvenile at a house party that involved drinking and drugs. This case was significant as it involved many child witnesses and sexual assault experts. This case began in spring of 2020 and concluded in a jury trial in October of 2020. My client was found not guilty of the most serious charge of sexual abuse second degree charge. One of the counts of the sexual abuse third degree was dismissed at trial. My client was found guilty of one count of sexual abuse in the third degree. I was lead counsel and the only attorney on this case. Ross Barlow of the Clinton County Attorney's Office prosecuted this case and it was tried in front of the Honorable Judge Lawson.

13. Describe how your non-litigation legal experience, if any, would enhance your ability to serve as a judge.

My non-litigation legal experience has taught me to speak "non-legalese" when discussing the law. I have had the benefit of being able to help a wide variety of clients, who range in age, economic strata, education, and goals. Each of these clients, have required an individualized approach in communication to best help them. Throughout my law practice, I am striving to communicate clearly, effectively and efficiently.

I did not have the benefit of being born in this country, but I am lucky enough to have become a citizen at a very young age and grown up here. I have a lot of family

overseas and a large portion of that family has significant language barriers. My grandmother, who was an integral part in raising me, doesn't speak English very well. Since a very young age, I have been empowered to help her communicate and understand the world around her. When people do not understand what is happening it can be disheartening and lead to devastating consequences.

Throughout my practice, I have seen how impactful it is when judges engage parties and jurors so they understand the law, the legal process, and the ramifications. I continue to work on this skill set, as it is an ongoing need in my current practice and life in general. Having had the benefit of dealing with diverse clients and diversity in my own life, I know that I can bring that level of coherent, comprehensible, and efficient communication to the bench for the benefit of everyone I have the pleasure of interacting with.

- 14. If you have ever held public office or have you ever been a candidate for public office, describe the public office held or sought, the location of the public office, and the dates of service.**

Not Applicable

- 15. If you are currently an officer, director, partner, sole proprietor, or otherwise engaged in the management of any business enterprise or nonprofit organization other than a law practice, provide the following information about your position(s) and title(s):**
- a. **Name of business / organization.**
 - b. **Your title.**
 - c. **Your duties.**
 - d. **Dates of involvement.**

Not Applicable

- 16. List all bar associations and legal- or judicial-related committees or groups of which you are or have been a member and give the titles and dates of any offices that you held in those groups.**

Scott County Bar Association Executive Council Member, since May 2019 - present
Scott County Bar Association, CLE Committee, since June 2019 – present
Scott County Bar Association, Member, since May 2019 - present
Iowa State Bar Association, Member, since Spring 2016 – present
Criminal Law Immigration Group, Member, since Fall 2020 - present
Dillon Inn of Court, Member from 2013 to 2018

- 17. List all other professional, business, fraternal, scholarly, civic, charitable, or other organizations, other than those listed above, to which you have participated, since graduation from law school. Provide dates of membership or participation and**

indicate any office you held. "Participation" means consistent or repeated involvement in a given organization, membership, or regular attendance at events or meetings.

Blue Devils Softball Inc, 501(c)(3) organization for youth sports development
Fundraising Director 2017-2018
Treasurer 2018-2020
Sudlow Middle School Mock Trial Coach, 2018-2020
St. Ambrose University Mock Trial Assistant Coach, 2013-2016

- 18. If you have held judicial office, list at least three opinions that best reflect your approach to writing and deciding cases. For each case, include a brief explanation as to why you selected the opinion and a citation for your opinion and any reviewing entity's or court's opinion. If either opinion is not publicly available (i.e., available on Westlaw or a public website other than the court's electronic filing system), please attach a copy of the opinion.**

Not Applicable

- 19. If you have not held judicial office or served in a quasi-judicial position, provide at least three writing samples (brief, article, book, etc.) that reflect your work.**

Please see attached.

OTHER INFORMATION

- 20. If any member of the District Judicial Nominating Commission is your spouse, son, daughter, brother, sister, uncle, aunt, first cousin, nephew, niece, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, father, mother, stepfather, stepmother, stepson, stepdaughter, stepbrother, stepsister, half brother, or half sister, state the Commissioner's name and his or her familial relationship with you.**

Not Applicable

- 21. If any member of the District Judicial Nominating Commission is a current law partner or business partner, state the Commissioner's name and describe his or her professional relationship with you.**

Not Applicable

- 22. List the titles, publishers, and dates of books, articles, blog posts, letters to the editor, editorial pieces, or other published material you have written or edited.**

Not Applicable

- 23. List all speeches, talks, or other public presentations that you have delivered for at least the last ten years, including the title of the presentation or a brief summary of the subject matter of the presentation, the group to whom the presentation was delivered, and the date of the presentation.**

Presenter at St. Ambrose University Pre-Law Seminar/Day – 2017-2021

I discussed career opportunities with pre law minor college students. I spoke about post law school graduation career options, the law school admissions process, my personal experience in both private practice and the public sector.

Presenter at St. Ambrose University Summer Mock Trial Camp – Summer 2016, Summer 2017

I spoke with potential college students regarding trial skills, structuring opening statements, closing arguments, and direct and cross examinations. I led a workshop regarding entering evidence and use of experts.

Presenter at the Dillion Inn of Court – April 2017

I presented on the topic of Immigration and Criminal Law Consequences that impact defendants. I also went through the standard checklist for intake for defendants who are not United States citizens.

Co-Host of the Scott County Bar Association Last Chance Continuing Legal Education Seminar – December 2020, December 2021

I introduced and facilitated the presentations of speakers during the seminar both in person and via Zoom.

- 24. List all the social media applications (e.g., Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat, Instagram, LinkedIn) that you have used in the past five years and your account name or other identifying information (excluding passwords) for each account.**

Facebook – Meena Brandt

Twitter – meenatrip85

Snapchat - meenabee

Instagram - meenatrip

LinkedIn – Meenakshi Brandt

Reddit – meenabee

Tiktok - meenabuzzbuzz

- 25. List any honors, prizes, awards or other forms of recognition which you have received (including any indication of academic distinction in college or law school) other than those mentioned in answers to the foregoing questions.**

University of Iowa College of Law

Jurisprudence Award for Academic Excellence in Medical Tutorial for Law Students

Recipient of the Iowa Academy of Trial Lawyers Scholarship 2015

Trial Advocacy Director 2014-2015

Trial Advocacy Teaching Assistant 2014-2015
National Trial Advocacy Team Captain and Finalist at Regional Competition 2014-2015
Van Oosterhout Baskerville Competition for Appellate Advocacy 2013

St. Ambrose University

Folwell Award Winner for Outstanding Pre Law Student 2012
Student Speaker at Legislator's Breakfast 2011
Mock Trial Team Captain 2010-2012
First Place Attorney at Greater Midwest Regional 2011 (Mock Trial)
Second Place Attorney at Greater Midwest Regional 2012 (Mock Trial)
Outstanding Attorney at Iowa Cornshucker Invitational (University of Iowa), Fantastic Flyers Tournament (Lewis University), Golden Gavel Tournament (Elgin Community College) (Mock Trial)

- 26. Provide the names and telephone numbers of at least five people who would be able to comment on your qualifications to serve in judicial office. Briefly state the nature of your relationship with each person.**

Honorable Thomas G. Reidel, District Court Judge, Seventh Judicial District (563)-260-7707 – Practiced in front of Judge Reidel and served as a law clerk

Honorable Tamra J. Roberts, District Court Judge, Seventh Judicial District (319)-330-5416 – Practiced in front of Judge Roberts

Attorney Dion Trowers, Assistant Attorney General, of the Office of the Attorney General of Iowa (319) 331-0054 – Colleague and member of the Scott County Bar Association Executive Council

Attorney Andrea Jaeger of Keegan, Tindal & Jaeger (515) 339-0164 – Colleague and member of the Scott County Bar Association Executive Council

Attorney David G. Morrison of David G. Morrison Attorney At Law, City Attorney for Rock Island, IL (309) 732-6644– Former Supervisor and colleague

- 27. Explain why you are seeking this judicial position.**

I have wanted to be a judge since I was a middle schooler. It is a job that has always inspired me. Being able to shape and interpret the law is a responsibility that is humbling and powerful. Judgeship allows a direct opportunity to influence the law and outcomes for all people. I have strived to achieve that responsibility, because it would allow me to directly influence people and society. First and foremost, I am a community member who wants to impact people positively. I am raising my family in our community and I am a stakeholder who wants our community to thrive. I want this not only for my children, but everyone's children and everyone as individuals. Being part of a judiciary that embraces fairness, evenhandedness, and mindfulness is something that I want to be a part of.

I have always been unyieldingly passionate about the law. As a child, my family encountered the justice system as a byproduct of divorce and custody proceedings. It was difficult for everyone involved. I recall the judge being firm, knowledgeable, and a calming force in a tumultuous situation. As a result of this, in my junior high school years I became a peer mediator as part of a dispute resolution group between middle schoolers. In high school, college, and law school, I pursued mock trial. After college, I had a budding career in finance and many opportunities. But, it just did not feel right - it was not what I wanted. Despite having two young children at the time, I undertook law school at the University of Iowa. I commuted two hours a day, along I-80, to complete my degree while actively raising children and staying involved in my community, because I was passionate about being part of the justice system and hoped one day to become a judge.

Judgeship provides a position of authority and influence that allows me endless opportunities to do good and help people. In my current role, I have the pleasure of assisting indigent defendants, but it has limitations on the ability on the amount and types of people I can assist. This judicial opportunity is one of growth for me, but also for the community I want to grow, support, and strengthen. I want to be able to help people of all walks of life. Judges are public servants. I feel the best about myself when I can lead and influence people, help the community I live in, and I can act in service for others. Helping people is an integral part of who I am. I want the opportunity to serve more people – children who need assistance, people who have been wronged in contractual matters, persons who are dealing with difficult family law situations and anyone who needs it. I want to bring equity to people who are seeking it and engage all members of my community and that goal can best be fulfilled through a judicial position.

28. Explain how your appointment would enhance the court.

My appointment would enhance the bench, as I am goal-oriented, a strong multitasker, and a problem solver. In my current role, I routinely carry a caseload of over 175 charges a month. Of those, I typically close at least 70 per month (in my 5-year career I have closed over 4,500 charges). I know how to manage my caseload and I do it while balancing my personal life which includes mothering three children with busy schedules. I am accustomed to managing a broad spectrum of tasks and achieving multiple goals at the same time. An overloaded judiciary would benefit from skills like these. For example, COVID-19 has created a significant backlog in the court system. The skills that I have built up would be used to efficiently and effectively handle hearings and trials, researching, writing, and managing an ever-growing queue of cases. I have actively worked on growing these skills and they help me to achieve my goals in my personal and professional life. I would bring this ardor to the bench, if appointed. I take pride in all things that I do, and if given the opportunity I would take pride in serving our community on the bench.

My humility and respect for the court would also enhance the court. I am aware that serving as a judge is just that - an act of service. As a first-generation U.S. citizen, I

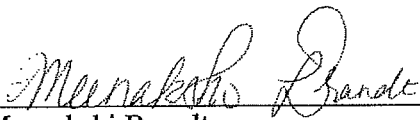
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know that our justice system is a pivotal part of our country. Judges are the arbiters for all persons in this system. I have had the pleasure of being able to work with many different types of people involved in the criminal justice system and I have had the pleasure of being able to represent all of those different stakeholders in achieving their diverse goals. I have pointedly developed skills to ensure that I am aware and mindful of a variety of goals.

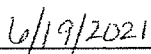
Character and integrity are attributes I exude and appreciate in the judiciary. I have always been a goal-oriented person with a dogged work ethic. Leveraging my intelligence, diligence, organization, and time management, I am able to achieve my goals and the goals of organizations I belong to. I am accustomed to meeting a variety of diverse deadlines on time, as I do regularly in all aspects of my life. When serving on the court the stakes are high and there are many people impacted. As a judge, I know that my ability to multitask, achieve goals, and problem solve will enhance my performance and help assist the Court in any challenges it faces.

29. Provide any additional information that you believe the Commission or the Governor should know in considering your application.

Alexander Hamilton noted that, "The first duty of society is justice." An opportunity to serve the Seventh Judicial District would be an opportunity to do justice for all persons in our community. As a member of our society, I strive to do justice in all things that I do and bring honor to our society. Thank you for considering my application for this position.



Meenakshi Brandt



Date