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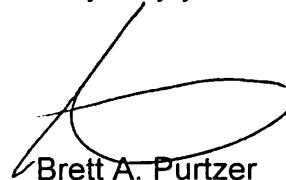
Judicial Qualification Committee Report - 2018

I was one of the co-chairs along with Zeb Madison for the Judicial Qualification Committee (JQC) for 2018.

This year, the JQC conducted two evaluations: Elizabeth Padula for Pierce County District Court Judge, Position 3, and Duane Christopher for Tacoma Municipal Court, Position 3. Both evaluation dates were well attended by the committee. The committee was very insightful regarding the questioning of both candidates, and, quite frankly, the committee as a whole was outstanding. The makeup of the committee is a diverse group of lawyers and non-lawyers that all had pertinent questions to ask of the candidates, and the candidates, themselves, were well prepared to answer. After the interviews and questioning ended, each member provided their insight into the candidate's qualifications, a vote was taken, and both candidates received exceptionally well qualified endorsements.

If it is of interest to incoming President Blanford, I would highly recommend that this committee be retained for an additional year as I believe it is an exceptional group and represents an excellent cross section of Pierce County attorneys. Given that an election year is approaching, I believe this is a very good group to further the evaluation process of upcoming candidates.

Very truly yours,



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