

31st Legislative District Democrats Candidate Questionnaire

1. Your name: Dominique' Jinhong
2. Candidate for: Pierce County Superior Court, Dept. 5 Party Affiliation: Non-partisan

3. Campaign information: Committee to Elect Dominique Jinhong for Judge

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4. If elected, what positive changes will you champion that will benefit the 31st LD?

I will ensure equal opportunity and access to all who seek justice.

5. What are the three most critical issues you expect to encounter in the office you are seeking?

Jail overcrowding, court efficiency issues, access to services by self-represented parties

6. Please give us an example of when you had to make a critical decision that, due to its impact on others, was difficult. Tell us why you made your decision and what, if any, actions you took to mitigate any negative results.

I recently decided a case involving a professional career firefighter who was diagnosed with stage 4 kidney cancer. He was not expected to live past the trial. This was his second bout of kidney cancer, but in the opposite side. After his initial nephrectomy, he had been cancer free for two decades. There was a strong argument that this second round of cancer was a recurrence of the first, which would have disqualified the firefighter for the pension he was seeking under the Industrial Insurance Act. In finding that his cancer was occupationally related, I reasoned that despite the merit of the opposing party's argument, the legislature had long decided that kidney cancer was covered as a presumptive occupational disease. Having tested cancer free for two decades, the firefighter was entitled to the pension after having met the prerequisites under the statute. In this case, there was no way to mitigate the result. Pensions in this context are not divisible. While it was clear the firefighter was not going to live long enough to actually use or enjoy the judgement, he could at least pass knowing his surviving family would be supported financially.

7. What methods will you employ to communicate with your constituency on a regular basis?

Unlike other elected officials, judges are prohibited from engaging in political or campaign activities outside of their election cycle. Despite this limitation, I believe that a good judge engages with constituents through community service and as an advocate for the judiciary. Of course, judges also interact directly with constituents in the courtroom, and I do so by making well-reasoned, timely rulings from the bench. I intend to keep doing so.

8. What other information would you like us to consider?


I have dedicated my career to the public service. I am a genuine servant leader and believe that I can best continue my work in the role of a superior court judge.

I declare under penalty of perjury the foregoing is true and correct.

Signed at

Tacoma, WA

Signature



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