

King County Democrats 2008 Judicial Candidate Questionnaire

Candidate Name	Hollis (Holly) Hill
Position sought	King County Superior Court, Position 22
Residence LD	43 rd
Are you the incumbent?	No
Campaign Information	
Campaign Name	Committee to Elect Holly Hill
Web page	www.hollyhillforjudge.com
Campaign Email address	reux@comcast.net or hrh@hollisrhill.com
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Campaign phone number	360-485-8383 or 206-420-2086
Campaign FAX	N/A

Candidate Background: Community service, education, employment and other relevant experience.
Which undergraduate and law schools have you attended? Include Graduation date, degrees.
<p><u>EDUCATION</u></p> <p>B.A., Vassar College, 1971 J.D., Northwestern University School of Law, 1974 Mediation Certificate Program, UW Law School, 1986</p> <p><u>BAR ADMISSIONS</u></p> <p>State of Washington, 1978 State of Illinois, 1974 Federal Courts of the Eastern and Western Districts of Washington and the Northern District of Illinois</p>

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EMPLOYMENT

1984- 2008	National Institute for Trial Advocacy: Northwest Program Director, faculty member and Team Leader for advocacy programs in Arizona , California, Colorado, Hawaii, Illinois, New York, Ohio, Texas and Washington, for clients including Perkins Coie; K & L Gates; Latham, Watkins; Mayer Brown & Platt; Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe; LeBoeuf, Lamb; Jones Day; Baker, Botts; Quinn, Emmanuel;Winston,Strawn; Oregon Criminal Defense Lawyers Association
2007-present	Judge Pro Tempore- King County District Court; Seattle Municipal Court
2008	Judge Pro Tempore- Lake Forest Park Municipal Court
1987-2007	Adjunct Faculty, Trial Advocacy, University of Washington School of Law
2002-2003	Legal consultant, Northwest Women's Law Center, Seattle, WA Providing advice and counsel and preparation of amicus curiae briefs regarding gender equity issues.
1987-1997	Frank and Rosen, LLP, Seattle WA Individual client representation in litigation of civil rights and employment matters primarily in King County Superior Court and in the Federal District Court for the Western District of Washington; representation of union members in grievance arbitrations; general labor and employment consultation.
1986-1987	Associate, Lane, Powell, Moss & Miller, Seattle, WA Commercial litigation; trial of criminal antitrust case.
1980-1986	Staff attorney, Equal Employment Opportunity, Seattle, WA Management and litigation of complex employment discrimination pattern and practice cases; counsel to and representation of agency employees.
1977-1980	Staff Attorney, Seattle King County Public Defender Representation of indigent criminal defendants in Municipal, District, Superior and Appellate Courts.

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- 1976-1977 Trial Attorney, Cook County Criminal Defense Consortium
Criminal defense litigation in the misdemeanor and felony courts of Chicago, Illinois.
- 1974-1976 Partner, Haas, Hill, Hurvitz & Taylor
Civil rights, family law and criminal defense litigation.

BUSINESS AFFILIATION

- 1995-2002 N2H2
Founder and Board member of a publicly traded internet filtering company which provided services to school districts, libraries, governmental agencies and private businesses to restrict access to sites including pornography, racial hate material, graphic violence, etc. This company was sold to a larger firm in 2002.

BAR RELATED ACTIVITIES

- Moot Court Judge, Seattle University Law School competition, 2008
- Moot Court Judge, University of Washington Opening Statement Moot Court Competition, 2008
- Judge Pro Tempore, Seattle Municipal Court; King County District Court, 2007-present
- Moot Court Judge, UW Law School Contract Negotiation Competition, 2006-2007
- Volunteer mediator UW Law School Mediation Clinic, 2007
- Volunteer mediator for Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, 2006-2007
- Hispanic National Bar Association Moot Court Competition Judge: 2006
- U. S. State Department funded Trial Advocacy Training Seminar, Kampala, Uganda, in conjunction with the Ugandan Law Society: 2005
- Trial Advocacy Training Seminar, Blantyre, Malawi, in conjunction with the Women's Bar Association of Malawi: 2003
- Coach, Seattle Preparatory School Mock Trial Team (Washington State Champions) at National Competition in Orlando, Florida, May, 2004
- William O. Dwyer Inns of Court- Executive Committee; Chair Membership Committee and founding member: 2002-2004; 2006-present
- American Bar Association-African Great Lake's Regional Organization for Children's Rights (AGROC): 2001
Meeting planner and participant in two stage conference in Chicago, Illinois and Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

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- University of Washington Professional Mediation Skills Certificate Training Program, 1995
- Northwest Women's Law Center-
Board of Directors: 1985-87
Legal Committee: 1985-89
Chair, Legislative Task Force: 1986-87
- Washington Women Lawyers-
Judicial Evaluation Committee: 1989-1990
- CLE Presentations: 1979-1997
ABA, WSBA, SKCBA, Northwest Women's Law Center, WSTLA, Washington Employment Lawyers' Association', Council on Education in Management, University of Washington Law School CLE Programs

PUBLIC SERVICE ACTIVITY

- Tree House
Board Member- 2005-present
Chair, Advocacy Committee: 2005-present
Member, Advocacy Committee: 2004-present
- Eastside District YMCA
Board Chair: 2002-2004
Board member: 2000-2004
Eastside District Policy Volunteer of the Year, 2003
Chair Chairman's Roundtable fundraising campaign: 2001
Member, Strategic Planning Committee: 2001
Member, By-Laws Revision Committee: 2000-2001
2004: Eastside District Policy Volunteer of the Year
- Leadership Tomorrow- 1999-2000
Competitive selection process leadership development program sponsored by Greater Seattle Chamber of Commerce and King County United Way.
In conjunction with Seattle Police Department initiated study circles providing forum for dialogue between police officers and community members on pertinent issues.
- Lakeside School Parent Association: Parent Peer Group Coordinator-1998-2000; Parent Representative- 1998; 2002; Co-Chair Annual Gala Fundraiser- 2003
- Stevenson School PTA Representative, 1996-1999
- YMCA of Greater Seattle
Public Policy Committee member: 2002-2005
- University Baptist Church Saturday Soup Kitchen
Co-coordinator: 1990-1997
- Ethnic Cultural Center Theater Board member: 1980-82

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Hours and types of pro bono work performed.

I do not keep track of pro bono hours. Examples of my work include designing and implementing trial advocacy programs for lawyers in Malawi and Uganda, advocating for foster children as Chair of Treehouse's advocacy committee and as a Board member, advocating for kids and families as a member of the YMCA's Advocacy Committee and as its Eastside District Board Chair. Over the course of my career I have done numerous types of legal work pro bono such as preparing an asylum brief for an El Salvadoran refugee and teaching courses on legal rights at a women's prison and at a drug rehabilitation center. Please Candidate Background for further information.

Have you ever been a prosecutor for any government entity? If yes, where and how long?

From 1980-1986 I was a trial attorney for the federal Equal Employment Opportunity where I brought actions in federal District Court to enforce the federal discrimination in employment laws.

Have you ever defended a person accused of a crime? If yes, where and how many cases?

Yes, I have represented criminal defendants in private practice in Illinois from 1974-1976 and in a federally funded criminal defense practice from 1976-1977 and I was employed from 1977-1980 by the Seattle King County Public Defender where I handled misdemeanors, felonies and appeals. I have handled over one hundred cases total.

Have you ever served as an arbitrator or Mediator? If yes, where and how many times?

I am a volunteer mediator for the federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and have been called to mediate 5 cases. I have completed the University of Washington Law School mediator certification course.

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How many times have you participated as a judge or attorney in:	
Municipal Court	Judge: 5; Attorney; 100+
District Court	Judge: 7; Attorney: 50+
Superior Court jury trials	Judge: 0; Attorney: 15
Arguments in Court of Appeals	2 cases in Illinois; 6 cases in Washington
Arguments in State Supreme Court	0
Federal District Court trials	4

What ratings and endorsements have you received?	
Municipal League	Interview scheduled for 6-17-08
King County Bar Association	Well qualified
Washington Women Lawyers	Highly Qualified
Loren Miller Bar Association	Well qualified
QLAW: the GLBT Bar Association	Well qualified
Latina/Latino Bar Association	Exceptionally well qualified
Joint Asian Judicial Evaluation Committee	Exceptionally well qualified

Which organizations and individuals have endorsed you in this race?

I have a growing list of endorsements, both organizations and individuals. Please note many organizations are just starting their endorsement processes. I have been endorsed by the Women's Political Caucus, 25 judges, a dozen elected officials including County Exe. Ron Sims, and two former US Attorney's John McKay and Kate Pflaumer, to name just a few. A complete list of endorsers is available on my website., www.hollyhillforjudge.com.

Which judicial candidates have you endorsed in the past five years?

N/A I have not previously sought election

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Have there ever been any successful claims made against you or your malpractice carrier? If "yes" please attach explanation.

No

List any complaints you have received through any Bar Association, Judicial Conduct Committee or Board, or private insurance carrier. (Attach on a separate sheet of paper.) None

What is your strongest area of legal expertise?

Litigation. I have tried jury and bench trials to verdict in Municipal, District, Superior and Federal District Courts and I have instructed law students and lawyers in trial advocacy for over twenty years.

What recommendations do you have for improving court system funding and administration?

Given the recent funding cuts, it may be necessary for the court system to look for new sources of revenue generation. I do not favor the courts paying for themselves because the people who come into the courts subject to assessments are often least able to pay. As funding reaches the crisis point the private sector may need to be engaged to pilot forward looking projects such as what may come from partnerships being formulated with the initiation of the Center for Children and Youth Justice.

What actions have you taken in the last five years on issues regarding access to the judicial system?

I have arranged for scholarships to trial advocacy seminars which I have taught for lawyers working in the non profit sector and I have provided trainings to public defenders and legal services lawyers. I have initiated a no cost seminar, then traveled to Colville, Washington to train lawyers representing low income people in civil and criminal cases so that the quality of the representation being provided would be improved.

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What recommendations do you have for increasing access to the judicial system (Civil and Criminal)?

The profession should continue to encourage lawyers and their firms to incorporate more pro bono representation into their firm billing requirements. Each Bar association should do its part in providing expanded legal clinic services following the model of the KCBA. Also, the Washington Young Lawyers program that provides legal services at a capped hourly rate should be expanded and young and older lawyers should be encouraged to participate. Finally the Bar should unite behind advocating for restored funding to legal services such as the Northwest Justice project and Columbia Legal Services.

If a sitting Judge, what committees have you been appointed to and what are the significant accomplishments of those committees or yourself? If not, which committee assignments would you seek? N/A

Have you reviewed the General Rule Definition of the Practice of Law, and the Practice of Law Board's Work? - Do you have comments or ideas? Would you be in favor of the proposed Legal Technician Rule? This rule allows trained, tested and licensed non-lawyers to provide specifically defined legal services without supervision by a lawyer. Please explain.

I have reviewed the Rule and the PLB's work. While I remain concerned about the failure of our profession to adequately serve the needs of our community I am not confident that the proposed Legal Technician Rule will have the desired effect of providing adequate low cost services in the family law area to those in need. The stakes in family law cases are high and litigants need to be well advised in the first instance or the cost in dollars and time to correct mistakes can be devastating to families. The current rule permits individuals with partial training to act in some matters independent of an attorney and with respect to other matters with unspecified levels of supervision. I also question how much cost savings there would be for the client given the cost associated with a supervising lawyer and given that that a Technician would need to have many of the office resources used by lawyers such as office space, research access, telephone, etc.

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Have you been appointed as a guardian or Guardian Ad Litem? If "yes", please give the details?

No

How have you promoted diversity within your staff?

As Program Director for the National Institute for Trial Advocacy I have directed scholarship money and teaching opportunities to minority lawyers. I have also made it a point to feature minority presenters in programs I have been responsible for.

What are the main messages of your campaign? What is your campaign plan? How many doors have you knocked on to date, pieces of mail planned, budgeting, staffing? What is the fundraising goal for your campaign? How much have you raised to date? Why will you win?

The main message of my campaign is that I bring over 30 years of broad legal experience to the bench. I've tried civil and criminal cases in Municipal, District, Superior and Federal District Courts and I have handled appellate matters. I serve as a Judge Pro Tempore in King County Courts. I have taught hundreds of lawyers how to conduct themselves in court. to handle all Bench. I am fair and highly regarded by my colleagues. My extensive legal career and life experiences equip me uniquely to manage the many challenges presented to Superior Court judges.

My campaign plan is to reach as many voters in King County through communication, attendance at legislative district meetings, events, and community forums.

The size of King County prevents doorbelling, although I hope to participate in community events throughout the County. We are still determining the target mail plan. I expect I will need to raise \$135,000 this election cycle. I have raised just about half of that. I have a combined paid staff and volunteer staff on my campaign. I've brought on a variety of young staff interested in the political process. I'm working with a campaign manager/consultant. The majority involved in my campaign are volunteers.

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I have read this questionnaire and understand and approve the content and all provided information.		
Printed Name	Hollis (Holly) Hill	Date 6-2-08
Signature	<i>Holly Hill</i>	