

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

Please complete this application by placing your responses in normal type, immediately beneath each request for information. Requested documents should be attached at the end of the application or in separate PDF files, clearly identifying the numbered request to which each document is responsive. Completed applications are public records. If you cannot fully respond to a question without disclosing information that is confidential under state or federal law, please submit that portion of your answer separately, along with your legal basis for considering the information confidential. Do not submit opinions or other writing samples containing confidential information unless you are able to appropriately redact the document to avoid disclosing the identity of the parties or other confidential information.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

- 1. State your full name.**

Patrick Hubert Tott

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

District Court Judge, Third Judicial District

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

May 18, 1967

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

Sioux City, Woodbury County

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.**

Creighton University School of Law; Omaha, Nebraska
August 1988 to May 1991
JD (Summa Cum Laude) May 1991
Class Rank 11/154

Creighton University; Omaha, Nebraska
August 1985 to May 1988
BSBA (Cum Laude) May 1989
GPA 3.69

- 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. 1. District Court Judge, Third Judicial District November 4, 2014 to present
620 Douglas Street Suite 210, Sioux City, Iowa 51101
Hon. Duane Hoffmeyer
 - 2. Partner, Buckmeier & Daane, P.C.; July 2014 to November 2014
701 Pierce Street, Sioux City, Iowa
James Daane
 - 3. Mental Health Judicial Referee, Sixth Judicial District – State of Nebraska
January 2006 to October 2014
No supervisor
 - 4. Sioux City Community School District; Extracurricular Activities Appeal Hearing Officer; August 2005 to October 2014
627 4th Street, Sioux City, IA 51101
No supervisor
 - 5. Woodbury County Judicial Magistrate; November 1999 to October 2014
407 7th Street, Sioux City, IA 51101
Hon. Duane Hoffmeyer
 - 6. Attorney, Sole Practitioner; November 1999 to July 2014
705 Douglas Street Suite 509, Sioux City, Iowa 51101
 - 7. Part-time Associate Juvenile Judge, Iowa Third Judicial District
December 1994 to October 2001
Hon. Brian Michaelson

- 8. Tribal Court Judge, Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska; Winnebago, Nebraska
July 1994 to October 1996
No supervisor; Thomas A. Fitch other Tribal Judge
- 9. Partner, Fitch & Tott; April 1994 to November 1999
112 E 19th Street, South Sioux City, NE 68776
Thomas A. Fitch, Partner
- 10. Associate Attorney, Eidsmoe, Heidman, Redmond, Fredregill, Patterson & Schatz
July 1991 to March 1994
1128 4th Street, Sioux City, IA 51101
Daniel D. Dykstra, Partner
- 11. Law Clerk, Levy & Lazer, Omaha, Nebraska;
March 1990 to August 1990
Michael Lazer

b. No military experience.

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.

State of Iowa
July 1991

United States District Court for the Northern District of Iowa
September 1992

State of Nebraska
September 1994

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.**

a. 1. July 1991 to March 1994. At the beginning of my legal career as an associate attorney with the Eidmoe Law Firm in Sioux City, I focused primarily on real estate, business and probate matters. This included drafting and reviewing contracts, wills, business formations, title examinations, will contests, collections, foreclosures, etc. My practice during this time was primarily office based with some courtroom experience involving contested matters regarding these areas of the law. From time to time I also assisted partners who focused on civil litigation with various aspects of their cases. During this time my practice would have been equally divided between these areas with my involvement in civil litigation being approximately 5 to 10%.

While with the Eidsmoe firm, my clients consisted primarily of private individuals, both large and small businesses, banks and credit unions.

2. April 1994 to November 2014. During this period of time my private practice was a traditional general practice of law. I focused primarily on criminal defense, family law, juvenile law, real estate, business formation and development, estate planning, guardianship and conservatorship matters and some civil litigation. During this time I would estimate that my time was devoted to these areas as follows: criminal defense 34%, family/domestic law 20%, Juvenile Law 25%, civil litigation 10%, probate/real estate 10%; administrative law 1%.

My typical clients during this time included private individuals, banks, credit unions, nonprofit agencies, privately retained and court appointed clients in criminal and juvenile court matters, small businesses, parties involved in real estate transactions, etc. I also served on two occasions as a Special Prosecutor for the State of Nebraska in Dakota County, Nebraska involving criminal matters. A significant client during this time was The Center for Siouxland which is a local non-profit agency helping low and underprivileged members of the community with a variety of services including transitional housing, guardianship and conservatorship services, financial counseling, food pantry, etc. I assisted The Center with hundreds of their clients in these areas at a low or significantly reduced fee.

