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To The Honorable Common Council of the City of Milwaukee:

I am pleased and honored to be able to submit my resume for the position of Municipal Court Judge for the City of Milwaukee. I believe that I am uniquely qualified for this position, with more than 24 years of experience in the legal community in Milwaukee in both the private and public sectors. I would ask that you consider my qualifications.

During my 9 years as an attorney in private practice I represented numerous individuals at the Municipal Court, Circuit Court and Federal Court levels. I understand the desire for an efficient and effective Court system to resolve disputes, and the absolute need for that system to operate professionally and impartially so that all citizens and all law enforcement professionals may feel confident that their voices will be heard and their concerns addressed.

For the last 14 years I have conducted pretrial conferences, pretrial hearings and full trials in more than 500 citizen complaints and disciplinary appeal matters involving members of the City of Milwaukee Fire and Police Departments. I have ruled on thousands of evidentiary matters and have issued written decisions which have been subjected to scrutiny in Milwaukee County Circuit Court, the Wisconsin State Court of Appeals and the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin. Not one of my rulings has ever been the basis for overturning any final determination made by the Fire and Police Commission. I am proud to say that I have received expressions of gratitude from citizens, department members and attorneys for treating each of them with respect and professionalism, regardless of the ultimate outcome.

Municipal Court is, for most individuals, the first contact with our legal system. That first contact can and does shape the opinions which people have of our City and the system of laws which shape our lives and guide our growth as individuals and as a community. My goal has always been to see that due process and fair hearing concerns have been met and that justice, to the extent that it can be done, is in fact done. I would ask that you consider my application for this position, and look forward to meeting with you in order to answer any questions you might have concerning my qualifications.

Thank you again for this opportunity.

Respectfully submitted,

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Objectives:

Serve as Municipal Court Judge in order to provide for an effective means of adjudicating and resolving municipal citations. Create an environment that is efficient, professional and worthy of the trust and respect of citizens and law enforcement personnel. Work with elected officials and community leaders in order to maintain the highest quality municipal court system in Wisconsin.

Experience: City of Milwaukee Fire & Police Commission. 1988 through present.

Attorney/Hearing Examiner Manage case load and conduct full evidentiary hearings in all contested citizen complaint and disciplinary appeal matters. Make all evidentiary rulings, meet all due process considerations and draft legal findings and decisions on behalf of Board that will withstand challenges on appeal. Assist City Attorney as necessary regarding pending litigation involving Board.

Private Practice Attorney. 1979–1988.

- Styler & Kostich. Milwaukee, Wisconsin. 1979-1982. Associate in trial practice law firm specializing in family law and criminal defense litigation. Conduct research, interview clients, manage case load and represent the interests of clients in civil and criminal matters in both Circuit and Federal Court systems. Successful court trials and jury trials at all levels.
- Solo Law Practice. Milwaukee, Wisconsin. 1982-1988. Manage office and provide full range of legal services with emphasis on family law, real estate and small business. Once again, successful representation at all levels.

Education:

Marquette University Law School Juris Doctorate 1979

Marquette University Baccalaureate (Anthropology) 1976

University of Wisconsin-Madison Undergraduate Studies 1972-1974

Additional:

UW-Milwaukee Outreach Program: Coursework in Management Relations Lecturer, Milwaukee Bar Association: Complaint Practice Before The FPC Lecturer, Milwaukee Area Technical College: Internal Affairs Investigations

Personal: Married 28 years to Kay. Two children, both at UW-Madison.