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April 10, 2002

City Clerk's Office ATTN: Ron Leonhardt Milwaukee City Hall, Rm. 205 200 E. Wells Street Milwaukee, WI 53202

Re:

Vacancy In Municipal Court By Judge Butler

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RONALD D. LEONHARDI

Dear Mr. Leonhardt:

I very much would like to be considered for the new vacancy in the Milwaukee Municipal Court, created by the Honorable Louis Butler being elected to the Circuit Court.

To complete the requirements of a letter of qualifications and resume, I have enclosed a copy of the completed Questionnaire I previously had submitted when applying for a vacancy in Milwaukee County Circuit Court.

Also enclosed are reference letters from clients, associates and friends which were written and provided when submitting my Questionnaire.

If additional information is needed, please contact my office. I will be happy to answer any questions.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

Frank J. Schird

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Enclosures: Judicial Selection Questionnaire

Reference Letters

cc: Honorable Louis Butler

## STATE OF WISCONSIN GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON JUDICIAL SELECTION QUESTIONNAIRE

This questionnaire must be filed with Chad Taylor, Legal Counsel to the Governor. Please use additional sheets, if necessary, to provide full and complete answers to every question. Actual receipt of an original questionnaire, together with twenty copies, is required by the deadline specified in the notice of judicial vacancy. Failure to do so will result in the Questionnaire not being considered.

I am applying for a vacancy in Milwaukee County Circuit Court, Branch 23 .

1.	Full Name:	Frank Joseph Schiro
2.	Office Address	1551 N. Prospect Ave., P.O. Box 510500 Milwaukee, WI 53203-0091
3.	Office Phone:	(414) 271–7776
4.	Residence Address:	5106 N. Santa Monica Blvd. Whitefish Bay, WI 53217
5.	Residence Phone:	(414) 962–9443
6.	Date/Place of Birth:	9/25/44 Rockford, IL
7.	If a naturalized citizen, date	and place of naturalization:
8.	<ul><li>a. Marital Status:</li><li>b. Name of Spouse:</li></ul>	Married Maria
	c. Name and Address of S	pouse's Employer: N/A
	d. Names and Ages of Chi Carina (Daughter) - Age	

9.	State with specificity the date of your admission to the Wisconsin State Bar and your occupational
	history since first being licensed to practice law: 1969
	1969 - 70 Milwaukee County Defender Project - Felony Trial Work
	1970 - 76 Asst. D.A. Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office
	1976 - 84 Salza & Schiro, S.C Private Practice - Civil and Criminal
	1984 - Present Law Office of Frank Joseph Schiro, Ltd General Practice, Criminal, Divorce, Family Law
10.	attained, if any:
	Northwestern University 1966 B.A. Sociology Major
11.	Law school or law schools attended, including dates of attendance and degrees awarded:  Marquette University Law School 1969 J.D.
12.	Honors, if any, that you deem relevant, received in law school:  Volunteer Legal Aid Society - Northside Office
13.	List foreign states in which you are licensed to practice, together with dates of admission to practice:
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14.	Are you actively engaged in the practice of law at the present time? Yes
15.	If you are currently engaged in the practice of law, what is the general nature of your practice?  Family, Criminal, Personal Injury/Accident, Employment/Workers Comp., Traffic, Contracts,
	Real Estate, Homestead Purchase and Sale, Landlord/Tenant, Domestic Abuse, and Civil Litigation
16.	If you are not currently engaged in the practice of law, but have been so engaged, indicate the general nature and duration of said practice:

17.	If you are connected with a law firm, corporate law department, or a governmental agency, please state its name and indicate the nature and duration of your relationship:  N/A
18.	Present professional partners or associates:  N/A
19.	List all public offices held, if any, whether elected or appointed, and dates: First Assistant District Attorney for Milwaukee County 1970-1976
20.	Have you ever held judicial office or have you ever been a candidate for such an office?  Submitted name for appointment years ago and again in June, 1999 and March, 2000  If so, give details, including the courts involved, whether elected or appointed, and the periods of service:  1999 - Milwaukee County - Not Appointed  2000 - Washington County - Not Appointed
21.	List membership in and any relevant activities in any professional organizations, including offices held and dates:  Current member of: The Milwaukee Bar Association, Wisconsin State Bar Association, American Bar Association, NTABA (National Italian American Bar Assoc.) - Current Board Member and Former Secretary Justinian Society of Wisconsin Lawyers - Current Board Member and Past President
22.	Activities in political campaigns and organizations, including offices held and dates:
23.	Activities in civic organizations, including offices held and dates:  See Attached
24.	Vocational interests and hobbies: Golf, Hunting, Physical Exercise, Reading

25.	a.	Is the present condition of your health such that you will be able to immediately assume the bench upon appointment? If the answer is "no", please explain:  Yes
	b.	Is there any health condition that will in any way prevent you from fulfilling your duties and obligations as a judge? If so, please describe:  No
	c.	Do you suffer from any condition of drug and/or alcohol use, abuse and/or dependency that will in any way adversely impact upon your ability to perform your duties and obligations as a judge? If so, please describe:  No
	d.	Do you suffer from any condition of mental or emotional illness that would in any way adversely impact on your ability to perform the duties and obligations as a judge? If so, please describe:  No
26.	any reas disc sign	we you disclosed all matters relating to your health, either mental or physical, which would in way impact upon your ability to perform your duties and obligations as a judge? If a sonable accommodation would permit you to perform your duties, please describe. If you have closed concerns that you may have in this regard, please state whether or not you are willing to authorizations permitting this Council to contact health care providers in order to ascertain ormation relative to your present fitness or position for which you have applied:  Yes
27.		ve you ever been significantly involved as an advocate in criminal or civil litigation?  – Both
		o, indicate the nature and extent of your experience and participation:
	Crim	inal - Inumerable jury trials in misdemeanors and felonies as prosecutor and defense attorney.
	Civi	1 - Multiple jury trials in State and Federal courts for P.I., Insurance, Family Law
28.	citat	ou have been an active advocate in any case reviewed by any appellate court, set forth the tion of any case you consider significant at the highest level at which it was reviewed:  Attached

29.	Have you been significantly involved as an advocate in administration proceedings? If so, indicate the nature and extent of your experience and participation:
	Administrative Hearins for Workers Compensation, Unemployment Compensation, Social Security and Equal Rights.
30.	What, if any, active business experience have you had outside the field of law?
31.	Have you ever been found to have been engaged in unprofessional conduct by the Supreme Court of Wisconsin, Board of Attorneys Professional Responsibility or any other court, agency of the same or Bar Association?  No
	If so, please state specific details as to date and disposition:
32.	Are you current in your obligations respecting mandatory continuing legal education?  My C.L.E. hours exceed the minimum.
	If the answer to this question is "no", provide full particulars on a separate page.
33.	Have you ever been convicted of either a misdemeanor or felony?  Many years ago - cited for Statue Climbing in Washington, D.C.
	If yes, please explain:
34.	Please list all traffic convictions, if any, within the past five (5) years:  None
35.	Have you timely filed your federal and state income tax returns in each of the last six (6) years: Yes (sometimes with extensions)
	If the answer to this question is "no", please explain:
36.	Have you been advised of, or do you know of any current deficiencies or disputes in your tax liability?  No
•	If the answer to the question is "yes", please explain:
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37.	Please list at least three (3) references. Indicate the names, occupations, addresses, and telephone numbers of such references:
	1. Joseph Campagna, Jr President of Italian Community Center (262) 783-6161
	714 N. 119th Street, Wauwatosa, WI 53226
	2. Additional References To Be Provided Upon Request
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38.	Are there any factors, not specifically included in this Questionnaire, which you feel are relevant to the consideration of your application for judicial appointment:
	See Attached
39.	In short resume, please indicate why you feel qualified to be a member of the judiciary:
	See Attahced
40.	I declare under oath that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, my answers to questions contained herein are true, correct and complete.
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	(date) (signature)
	(dilito)
	Subscribed and sworn to me before this day of 200_1.
	State of Wisconsin, County of Mulwaukee
_	My Commission expires: $4/37/03$
	Darbary Schnish (Notary Public)

Please remit original and twenty (20) copies to:

Chad Taylor Legal Counsel to the Governor Office of the Govenor P.O. Box 7863 Madison, WI 53707-7863

#### State of Wisconsin Governor's Advisory Council On Judicial Selection Questionnaire

#### Attachment:

- O.S.I.A. (Order Sons Of Italy) Current President and Founder of Filippo Mazzei Greater Milwaukee Lodge #2763, Current Member of Italian Community Center in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Current Member of La Societa'di San Guiseppe (Inner Council Member), Italian Heritage Invitational (Golf Tournament For Charities) Current President, YMCA Camp Matawa Current Board Member, Current Vice-President of Southeast Wisconsin Chapter of Wisconsin Deerhunters, Inc.
- 28. Scarpase v. Sears, 113 Wis. 2d 608, 335 N.W.2d 844 (1983)

Tieberg v. Tieberg, 137 Wis.2d 228, 404 N.W.2d 84 (1986)

Graefenhain et al v. Pabst Brewing Co., 620 F. Supp. 696 (ED Wis 1985), 827 F 2d 13 (7th Cir (Wis) 1987)

U.S. v. Russell J. Enea et al, 560 F. 2d 827 (1997)

Miller v. Miller, Court of Appeals of Wisconsin District II, Case No. 98-2886 (1999)

Cooper v. Cooper, Court of Appeals of Wisconsin District II, Case No. 00-1475 (1999)

Kruk v. Kruk, Court of Appeals of Wisconsin District I, Case No. 00-1771 (2000)

- 38. I am the last born, 1<sup>st</sup> generation, son to Italian-American parents, both who worked in factories to put me through school. My father immigrated to the USA from Italy. I have a deep respect for family, tradition, the rule of law, and the rights and principles provided in our Constitution and Declaration of Independence.
- 39. Judicial positions should be filled by persons with just hearts, nurtured by competence, integrity, experience, maturity, professionalism, and wisdom. In over 30 years of practice, I have uniquely acquired substantial court and jury trial experience in most all aspects of both criminal and civil litigation to provide a uniquely balanced background of professional experience in serving my clients best interests.

"We know that the law is good if one uses it properly." 1 Tim 9 (NIV Oxford)

I believe I can help use it properly to achieve justice.

#### WAIVER AND AUTHORIZATION

For the purpose of affording information to the Wisconsin Governor's Advisory Council on Judicial Selection and the present Governor of the State of Wisconsin in conjunction with my interest in appointment to the judiciary of the State of Wisconsin, I hereby authorize the said Council, Legal Counsel to the Governor and the present Governor of Wisconsin or their representatives, to seek and obtain any information, in addition to that furnished by me, which in their opinion may be required or deemed desirable in passing upon my qualifications for appointment to the judiciary. To that end, I hereby request and authorize any person or entity to furnish any such information as may be reasonably requested by the Wisconsin Governor's Advisory Council on Judicial Selection, the Legal Counsel to the Governor or the present Governor of the State of Wisconsin.

PLEASE SUBMIT A SIGNED COPY OF THIS FORM ALONG WITH YOUR APPLICATION **QUESTIONNAIRE** 

#### **NOTICE OF DISCLOSURE**

I hereby acknowledge that it is my understanding that, except where restricted from public disclosure by law, this application, and supporting data, when submitted to the Governor's Advisory Council on Judicial Selection, shall become a public record. I therefore understand that this means my name and the fact that I have applied to be appointed as judge could become public.

date)

PLEASE SUBMIT A SIGNED COPY OF THIS FORM ALONG WITH YOUR APPLICATION QUESTIONNAIRE

Governor Scott McCallum Office of the Governor of the State of Wisconsin P.O. Box 7863 Madison, Wisconsin 53707-7863

Attention: Chad Taylor

Legal Counsel to the Governor

Re: Judicial Appointment to the

Milwaukee County Circuit Court, Branch 23

Dear Mr. Taylor:

I recently became aware of the interest and application of Mr. Frank Schiro to fill the position of Milwaukee County Circuit Judge, Branch 23. I am writing to endorse his candidacy.

I have been associated professionally with Mr. Schiro for the past five years. In all manners, he is diligent, forthright and knowledgeable. As my attorney, he has always kept my best interest at the forefront while always keeping me focused on what was right and fair. He always took the time to explain the nuances of the legal profession with no detail too small. I have always valued his judgement and have frequently leaned on his advice when dealing with my personal as well as legal matters. He has always been the voice of reason, which is a trait I believe a Circuit Court Judge needs.

Over the years Mr. Schiro has become my friend. I have relied on his judgment and opinions for personal as well as business problems. My position allows me to deal with large corporations here in Wisconsin as well as internationally. I have dealt with attorneys in many states and multiple countries, as well as business executives from various corporations globally and have never found anyone that could outshine Mr. Schiro for ethics or common sense.

Mr. Schiro has been an Assistant District Attorney and in private practice with thirty years of experience. He has seen both the good and bad in people and would be uniquely qualified to fill this position. I have several friends whom have used Mr. Schiro for a variety of business and personal needs with all having spoken highly of his interpersonal skills and his command of the law.

Mr. Taylor, I am asking that you forward my opinions to the governor and ask him to appoint Mr. Frank Schiro to the position of Milwaukee County Circuit Judge. Not only will he bring honor and distinction to himself but to the citizens and voters of Wisconsin.

I am adding my home telephone number and would welcome any questions you may have regarding Frank Schiro. If need be, I would come to Madison personally should my schedule permit. I feel that this is too important a subject not to afford you the opportunity to review all facets of Mr. Schiro and to that end I would make myself available. You may call my home at 414/335-2225 if you need further assistance.

Best regards,

#### Bruce Greer 7133 Mount Pleasant Drive West Bend, Wisconsin 53090

Governor Scott McCullum Office of the Governor State of Wisconsin P.O. Box 7863 Madison, Wisconsin 53707-7863

Attention:

**Chad Taylor** 

Legal Counsel to the Governor

Re: Judicial Appointment to the

Milwaukee County Circuit Court, Branch 23

Dear Mr. Taylor:

I want to give my full support of Mr. Frank Schiro to fill the position of Milwaukee County Circuit Judge Branch 23.

Mr. Schiro is a member of the YMCA Camp Matawa Branch Board of Managers of the YMCA of Metropolitan Milwaukee where I am the Branch Executive. He is an active board member who gives his time and financial support for our programs and mission. His stepson also attends our summer resident camp, where I have seen the devotion Mr. Schiro has for him. His concern for the community, children and families is always first and for most in his volunteer work for the YMCA.

During the last two years I have had the opportunity of getting to know Mr. Schiro. I believe that he has the professional experience, high moral character and fairness to represent the people of Milwaukee County, and the State of Wisconsin as a Circuit Court Judge.

Please forward to Governor McCullum my support to appointment Mr. Frank Schiro as a Milwaukee County Circuit Judge.

Please contact me at 262 626-2149 if you have any questions or require more information regarding Mr. Schiro. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

**Bruce Greer** 

Governor Scott McCallum Office of the Governor 115 East State Capitol Madison, WI 53702

C/O: Law Offices Of Frank J. Schiro 1551 North Prospect Avenue Milwaukee, WI 53202-2367

June 6, 2001

Dear Governor McCallum:

This letter of recommendation is in support of attorney Frank J. Schiro. Attorney Schiro has informed that he is applied for a position as a judge in Milwaukee County. I could not more strongly recommend him for this position. Attorney Schiro possesses the experience, knowledge and fortitude that I believe all judges should have.

Attorney Schiro's knowledge of the law has been very impressive. Moreover, throughout my interactions with him, he has maintained a focused and a determined interest to serve justice. His ability to maintain this determined focus is rare. And I believe it is his ability to focus on justice which makes him an excellent and impressive attorney. No doubt he will maintain this focus as a judge in Milwaukee.

Additionally, attorney Schiro's work ethic has consistently exceeded my expectations. Attorney Schiro has made extra efforts to accommodate me. Many times over the course of the last couple of years, Attorney Schiro has indicated that he, "will be in the office on Saturday". I have even called his office late at night a couple of times expecting to leave a message on his voice-mail only to have him answer his phone—a pleasant surprise. His work ethic and his willingness to go the extra mile is deeply appreciated. As a judge, Milwaukee County can expect the same work ethic and willingness.

In sum Governor, I could not heap enough praise on Attorney Schiro. His experience, knowledge, work ethic and willingness make him an extraordinary attorney. All of these traits would not only benefit the legal system and the good people of Milwaukee County but also the good people of the State of Wisconsin.

Sincerely,

Mark D. Benish

733 Chapel View Road #5

Mark D. Band

Green Bay, WI 54311

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July 6, 1999

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Tommy G. Thompson, Governor State Capitol, Room 115 East Madison, WI 53702

RE:

Endorsement of Attorney Frank J. Schiro to fill the judicial vacancy of Milwaukee County retiring Circuit Court Judge Michael Barron

Dear Governor Thompson:

Attorney Frank J. Schiro is a former officer and current member of the Board of the National Italian American Bar Association and the Wisconsin Chapter of the Justinian Society of Lawyers. These members have the personal knowledge of the experience, intellectual capability and common sense possessed by Attorney Schiro. His character, dignity and temperament would make him an ideal member of the Milwaukee judiciary. He is also a former prosecutor in the Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office and currently handles both criminal and civil matters as a private practitioner. This gives him a background in both the public and private sectors which would make him a fine judge. We give him our highest endorsement and recommendation. Thank you very kindly.

Very truly yours,

F. WILLIAM RUSSO

President

Justinian Society of lawyers, Wisconsin Chapter

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777 N Jefferson Street Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202 (414) 273-7767 Fox (414) 273-7836

Thomas A. Fritz-Klaus (1990-1996)

June 21, 1999

Stewart Simonson Legal Counsel to the Governor Office of the Governor P.O. Box 7863 Madison, WI 53707-7863

In Re: Judicial Vacancy - Milwaukee County

Dear Mr. Simonson:

I am writing to strongly encourage you to recommend to the Governor the appointment of Attorney Frank Schiro to the judicial vacancy pending of Milwaukee County.

Attorney Schiro has countless years of legal experience in various different fields of law. He has served his community and our profession well, and would serve as judge with the utmost honesty and integrity.

I have known Attorney Schiro both professionally and personally for over 15 years, and consider him to be the most outstanding candidate for this position. Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

Karrill. Fritz-Klaus

#### JOE CAMPAGNA, JR.

714 NORTH 119<sup>TH</sup> STREET, WAUWATOSA, WISCONSIN 53226 ● 414-777-0796

July 2, 1999

TO: Stewart Simonson

Legal Counsel to Governor Tommie Thompson

State of Wisconsin

RE: Atty. Frank Joseph Schiro

Dear Mr. Simonson,

This letter is written in reference to the application by Atty. Schiro for the vacated position of County Circuit Court Judge. I would like to add my name as an enthusiastic advocate for his selection.

Atty. Schiro has demonstrated, over several years, not only an ability to prosecute and defend people, but he has done this with integrity, at all times. His excellent background of hard work and love for fairness and the law makes him a very able candidate, as far as I am concerned.

I have known him since he was in the District Attorneys' office, both professionally and as a friend. I admire his fervor for justice, truth, and equal treatment of all people, under the law.

In closing I might add that he has never been a "political" person per se, but he has quietly gone about his job of being the best at what he does. I hope the latter counts more than the former.

very Truly Yours,

Joe Campagna,

c.c. John Budzinski, Greg Gracz



# Justinian Society of Lawyers Wisconsin Chapter

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May 30, 2002

Alderman Michael D'Amato 200 East Wells Street Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202

As Chairman of the Judiciary Committee of the City of Milwaukee Common Council, let me take this opportunity to recommend two members of our organization for the position of Municipal Judge for the City of Milwaukee. The two candidates are Attorney Blaise DiPronio and Attorney Frank Schiro.

It might seem strange for an organization to endorse two people. It is our opinion that both of them are very well qualified. Each bring to the table a vast experience of the practice of law. They both have deep roots in the community. They each will serve the citizens of Milwaukee well.

Atty. DiPronio has a very diverse practice. He has had a lot of experience with individual clients who have the type cases that are heard in Municipal court.

Atty. Schiro has a great deal of experience in the criminal law area, including some time as an Assistant District Attorney under E. Michael McCann.

The position should be based on qualification and experience. The citizens of Milwaukee are fortunate to have two men of this caliber step up and show a willingness to serve.

Sincerely,

Honorable Anthony J. Machi

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President