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July 21, 2003

Milwaukee Common Council  
200 East Wells Street, Room 205  
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Dear Alderpersons,

I respectfully request your consideration of my application for appointment as Judge to Branch 1 of the Milwaukee Municipal Court. As a City employee with 13 years of service in three different positions, I look forward to the opportunity to continue to build my record of community service in the challenging and rewarding environment of the municipal court.

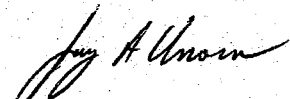
Over the past six years as an Assistant City Attorney, and two years as a Graduate intern, I have developed an intimate knowledge of the workings of the Milwaukee Municipal Court by appearing there on an almost daily basis. I am familiar with the statutes, ordinances and case law decisions that apply in these courts. During this time, I have participated in the procedures, policies and application of the law which allow the Municipal Court to process its phenomenal case volume, while still providing each defendant with an opportunity for his or her say in court. Many have said it is truly the people's court.

I would also bring to the bench my experience as a firefighter and paramedic. These positions provided practical lessons in dealing with the realities of our society. It was then that I witnessed firsthand the range of emotions that our community deals with everyday, from the joy of birth to the tragedy of death. I watched as unanticipated events would tear at the fabric of the community but then bring that same community together, to be even stronger. It was then that I learned of the satisfaction that one can achieve in a career of community service.

Involvement in church, ethnic, volunteer and neighborhood groups round out my background. I believe that all these experiences combined have instilled in me a sense of reasonableness, grounded in the community, that is a very important quality in any judicial candidate.

As you read the following resume and list of references, I believe you will find the qualities and expertise that the Council is looking for in its next Municipal Judge. I look forward to hearing from you in the near future to discuss my qualifications. Thank you for your careful consideration.

Sincerely Yours,

  
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## EXPERIENCE

- 7/97 to present **MILWAUKEE CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE** Milwaukee, WI  
**Assistant City Attorney**
- Represent the interests of the City in prosecution and appeal of Municipal Ordinance and traffic citations
  - Represent the City in Property Return and Unemployment Compensation Appeal hearings
  - Responsible for over 600 trials to the bench, 6 jury trials, 5 Court of Appeals briefs
  - FACE Committee member, an inter-governmental group focused on enforcement of the Federal Access to Clinic Entrances (FACE) Act. Other Departments participating in this Committee included FBI, Federal DOJ, WI DOJ, Milwaukee County Sheriff and City of Milwaukee Police.
  - Represent the Department of Neighborhood services in the prosecution of Building Code and Zoning violations
  - Member of the Truancy Abatement Task Force. Participated in the Task force chaired by Alderman Jim Bohl, focused on the truancy problem of Milwaukee youth.
  - Defend the constitutionality of ordinances
  - Member of the City Attorney's EEOC committee
- 7/95 to 7/97 **MILWAUKEE CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE** Milwaukee, WI  
**Graduate Intern**
- Assisted office of seven attorneys in the prosecution and appeals of municipal ordinance citations
- 7/88 to 5/91 **CLEARWATER FIRE DEPARTMENT** Clearwater, FL  
**Firefighter & Paramedic**
- Duties included emergency scene management, triage of those in need of medical assistance, providing medical treatment, evacuation coordination, relaying pertinent information to superiors and remote medical staff, fire suppression and prevention.
- 7/83 to 7/98 **MILWAUKEE FIRE DEPARTMENT** Milwaukee, WI  
**Firefighter (5 years), Paramedic (2 years)**
- Hired as a Firefighter, subsequently trained as an EMT and Paramedic
- ## EDUCATION
- 1997 **UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN LAW SCHOOL** Madison, WI  
Juris Doctor
- 1994 **FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY** Tallahassee, FL  
Bachelor of Science, Marketing & Multi-National Business Operations
- 1992 **ST. PETERSBURG JUNIOR COLLEGE** Clearwater, FL  
Associate in Science, EMS-Paramedic  
Associate in Arts, Business
- 1996 **MILWAUKEE AREA TECHNICAL COLLEGE** Milwaukee, WI  
Associate in Science, Fire Technology

## ACTIVITIES

### PROFESSIONAL

- Member American Bar Association.
- Member Milwaukee Bar Association.
- Participant Milwaukee Bar Association, Milwaukee Bar Municipal/Bench Bar committee.

### COMMUNITY

- Advisor for the Milwaukee Fire Department Pipe & Drums.
- Advisor for the Milwaukee Fire Department Honor Guard.
- Member St. Gregory's Church, Milwaukee
- Germanfest Volunteer
- Member Jackson Park Neighborhood Association
- Frequent donor, The Blood Center
- Member D'Lustig'n Wendlstoana (German cultural & dance group) Milwaukee, WI. 7/77 to present. Served on various committees and boards, as Second Dance Leader and competed in North American Bavarian dance competition
- Gulf Coast Enzianer Bavarian Club, St. Petersburg, FL. 7/88 to 5/92. Served as Vice President, Dance Leader, delegate to North American convention, various committees and appearance contract coordinator
- Explorer Post-Clearwater Fire Department, Boy Scouts of America 7/89 to 5/91. Served as an adult advisor for 16 to 21-year-olds who aspired to careers as EMTs, Firefighters, Police Officers or related fields.

### SCHOOL

- Wisconsin International Law Journal
- Participant Prosecutor/Defender program, UW Law School
- Student/Faculty Disability Committee, University of Wisconsin Law School. One of two student members of this committee
- International Business Society, Florida State University. Served as President and delegate to Business School Allocations Committee

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## REFERENCES

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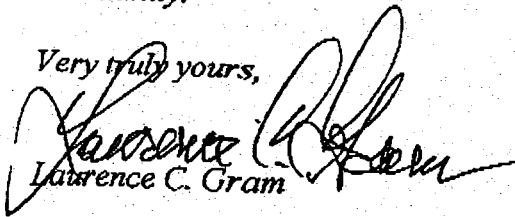
*Milwaukee Common Council*

*I am writing on behalf of Jay Unora, who has applied for appointment to the Milwaukee Municipal Court.*

*I have known Jay for over fifteen years in a number of capacities. I knew him when I served as president of a Bavarian dance club and Jay was one of our active dancers. I maintained contact with him when he moved to Clearwater, Florida. I owned a condo in an adjacent community and we continued to have frequent contact. Lastly, I knew him as a Circuit Judge in Milwaukee County and in his capacity as a practicing attorney.*

*I believe that Jay has the experience, the intellect, the demeanor as well as the good common sense to be an outstanding Judge and a credit to his profession and his community.*

*Very truly yours,*

  
*Laurence C. Gram*



# Circuit Court

Branch 33

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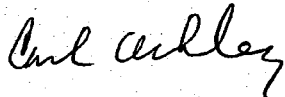
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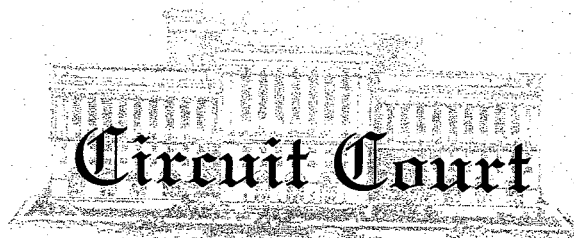
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Sincerely,



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