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Ronald D. Leonhardt
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CITY OF MILWAUKEE
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RONALD D. LEONHARDT
CITY CLERK

RE: Application for Milwaukee Municipal Judge Vacancy

Dear Mr. Leonhardt and Members of the Common Council:

Please accept my application for appointment as Judge of Milwaukee Municipal Court, Branch 2.

Municipal Courts are critical to our system of justice. Because Municipal Court is usually the only contact most people have with the justice system, it is important that people feel that they will get a fair hearing when they come before the Court, no matter how minor the charge. A fair hearing is important for both parties. A fair hearing is just as important to the police officer who wrote the ticket as it is to the citizen contesting it. Fairness to all insures that our court system will be viewed as just.

I believe that I have the experience, intellect, and temperament to be Milwaukee's next Municipal Judge. I am knowledgeable about trial procedure and evidence, having conducted numerous trials and motion hearings in Municipal, State, and Federal Courts. In addition, my ability to communicate in two languages will be invaluable in Municipal Court given that many of the people who come before the court are Spanish speakers. A copy of my resume is enclosed. Thank you for your consideration of my application.

Sincerely,


AMELIA RAMIREZ

enclosure

AMELIA RAMIREZ
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Education: University of Wisconsin - Law School,
Madison, Wisconsin, J.D., May 1985.

University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin,
B.A. Economics, August 1981.

Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
Masters in Education, Expected May 2003

Experience: Partner.

Ramirez & Edmonds LLC, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
Civil and criminal litigation with emphasis on bankruptcy, criminal, and
immigration law.
May 2000 - Present.

Public School Teacher

Audubon Middle School, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
Charter School with an emphasis on technology and communications. Sixth
Grade Language Arts/Reading.
August 2001 - Present.

Attorney/Advisor.

United States Department of Justice, Office of the United States Trustee,
Eastern District of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
Case responsibility: prepared and tried cases before the U.S. Bankruptcy
Courts; presided at §341(a) meetings of creditors under the Bankruptcy
Code and examined the debtors regarding legal and financial issues;
prepared and litigated appeals to the District Court for the Eastern District
of Wisconsin and the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals; supervised panel
trustees.
January 1991 - May 2000.

Associate Attorney.

Kahn & Flynn, S.C., Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
Civil and criminal litigation, business law. Emphasis on the drafting and
enforcing of computer software licensing agreements, litigation of dealership
agreements and employment contracts.
April 1990 - November 1990.

Assistant City Attorney.

City Attorney's Office, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Circuit Court and Municipal Court litigation. Case responsibility: city ordinance prosecution; health department and nuisance litigation; zoning and building code enforcement. Determined prosecutorial merit of cases; interviewed witnesses; prepared legal memoranda, motions, briefs and legal opinions at the direction of the Chief Prosecutor and the City Attorney; assisted in training of new staff members and trial counsel.

February 1987 - December 1988.

Associate Attorney.

Byrne Law Office, Wausau, Wisconsin.

Developed own clientele in the following areas: Bankruptcy, Probate, Corporations, and Contracts. Researched and prepared appeals to the District Court for the Western District of Wisconsin, the Wisconsin Court of Appeals. Circuit Court litigation in Marathon, Lincoln, and Portage Counties. January 1986 - August 1986.

Associate Director.

Community Law Office, Madison, Wisconsin.

Trained and supervised law student volunteers in the following areas: Consumer, Tenant-landlord, Small Claims, Pro Se divorce, and Immigration Law.

April 1984 - April 1985.

Law Clerk.

Legal Action of Wisconsin-Migrant Project, Madison, Wisconsin.

Provided legal services to migrant farmworkers in Central Wisconsin in the following areas: Social Services, Minimum Wage Pay under the Fair Labor Standards Act, and Unemployment Compensation Appeals.

June 1983 - August 1983.

Memberships:

State Bar of Wisconsin, Wisconsin Hispanic Lawyers' Association, Association for Women Lawyers, Board of Directors / Wisconsin Hispanic Scholarship Foundation, Inc., Milwaukee Teachers' Education Association, Wisconsin Education Association Council.

Personal: Bilingual/Bicultural in Spanish.

Interests: Reading, Running, Community Projects.

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