

**SB418 Questionnaire**  
**(NRS Ch. 293 and Ch. 293C)**

**Instructions:**

Pursuant to SB418 of the 2023 Nevada Legislative Session, this questionnaire is required by law when filing for judicial office for all non-incumbent judicial candidates.

If you are currently the incumbent, you may, but are not required to, complete this questionnaire if you so choose.

A judicial candidate may answer "Not Applicable" to any of the following questions at the candidate's sole discretion.

This form will not be reviewed or endorsed by an election official for completeness, but will be posted verbatim on the election official's website as presented and submitted by the candidate for judicial office. Therefore, please carefully review all questions presented to be answered.

**Incumbency**

Are you the incumbent in the office for which you are filing?

Yes:  No:

**Name and Licensure**

Name (as it will appear on the ballot): Catherine Wiersch

Bar Admission State, Year, and Bar Number (if applicable).

State	Admission Date	Number
Nevada	10/10/2018	14966

Have you ever been suspended, disbarred, or otherwise disciplined from the practice of law in Nevada or another state?

Yes:  No:

If yes, please complete the chart below.

State	Nature of Discipline	Date(s)	Reason

### Statutory Qualifications

*If you do not meet the qualifications iterated in the following questions, you may be ineligible to serve in the specified office.*

#### Supreme Court or Court of Appeals, NRS 2.020 or NRS 2A.020

Are you a qualified elector, defined in the Nevada Constitution, Art. 2 § 1 as a United States citizen who has actually resided in Nevada for at least 6 months and lived in the district or county in which the person will vote for the 30 days immediately preceding the election, in the State of Nevada?	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/>
Are you 25 years old or older?	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/>
Have you been a licensed attorney for at least 15 years, with at least two of those years in Nevada?	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/>
Have you been a bone fide resident of Nevada for the preceding two years?	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/>
Have you ever been removed from judicial office by the Commission on Judicial Discipline or the Nevada Legislature?	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/>

District Court, NRS 3.060

Are you a qualified elector, as defined in the Nevada Constitution, Art. 2 § 1 as a United States citizen who has actually resided in Nevada for at least 6 months and lived in the district or county in which the person will vote for the 30 days immediately preceding the election, in the State of Nevada?	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/>
Are you 25 years old or older?	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/>
Have you been a licensed attorney for at least 10 years, with at least two of those years in Nevada?	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/>
Have you been a bone fide resident of Nevada for the preceding two years?	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/>
Have you ever been removed from judicial office by the Commission on Judicial Discipline or the Nevada Legislature?	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/>

Justice Court, NRS 4.010

Are you qualified elector, as defined in the Nevada Constitution, Art. 2 § 1 as a United States citizen who has actually resided in Nevada for at least 6 months and lived in the district or county in which the person will vote for the 30 days immediately preceding the election, in the township in which you are running?	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/>
Do you have a high school diploma or equivalent?	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/>
Have you ever been removed from judicial office by the Commission on Judicial Discipline?	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/>
If you are running for justice of the peace in county with a population of at least 100,000, in a township with a population of at least 100,000, have you been a licensed attorney for at least 5 years?	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/>

Municipal Court, NRS 5.020

Are you a qualified elector, as defined in NRS 266.016 to mean a person who is registered to vote in this State and is a resident of the area to be included in the proposed city, as shown by the last official registration lists, in the city in which you are running?	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/>
Have you been a resident of the city in which you are running for at least 1 year?	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/>
Do you meet all the qualifications set forth in the city charter or prescribed by ordinance for the city in which you are seeking office?	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/>
Have you ever been removed from judicial office by the Commission on Judicial Discipline?	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> No: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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**Education and Employment**

List all colleges and law schools attended, include dates of attendance, and degrees awarded.

Colleges and Law Schools	Dates of Attendance	Degrees Awarded
1. <u>Univeristy of Nevada, Las Vegas</u>	1. <u>2001-2006</u>	1. <u>Bachelor of Arts, Criminal Justice</u>
2. <u>University of Dayton, Ohio</u>	2. <u>2015-2018</u>	2. <u>Juris Doctorate</u>
3. _____	3. _____	3. _____
4. _____	4. _____	4. _____
5. _____	5. _____	5. _____
6. _____	6. _____	6. _____

List any relevant employment (including any previous elected or appointed office or military service) for the last 10 years, including dates of employment, the position, and a brief summary of the nature of your responsibilities.

Organization, Position, and Dates	Responsibilities
Organization: <u>Eighth Judicial District Court</u> Position: <u>Hearing Commissioner</u> Dates: <u>11/2024-Present</u>	Charged with assisting the District Court Judges in overseeing probationers ordered into Mental Health and Co-Occurring Disorder Specialty Courts. Including, staffing discussions with the treatment team and Parole and Probation to discuss adherence with court ordered treatment plans. Additionally, charged with making recommendations in Civil Commitments Court's inpatient and outpatient calendars and MAT Prison Reentry Court.
Organization: <u>Clark County Public Defender's Office</u> Position: <u>Chief Deputy Public Defender</u> Dates: <u>10/2018-11/2024</u>	Provide legal representation to people accused of crimes, handling all stages of a criminal case from preliminary hearing, investigation, mitigation, addressing legal issues in motion work, trial, negotiations and sentencing. The last three years were focused on representing people in civil commitments and Specialty Court programs.

<p>Organization: <u>The Clarkson Law Group</u></p> <p>Position: <u>Law Clerk</u></p> <p>Dates: <u>3/2018-10/2018</u></p>	<p>Legal research and analysis of statutes including reviewing legislative history on bills and recommendations on statutory interpretation theories</p>
<p>Organization: <u>Rion, Rion and Rion</u></p> <p>Position: <u>Legal Research Assistant</u></p> <p>Dates: <u>5/2016-2/2017</u></p>	<p>While in law school, conducted legal research on Federal, state, and city laws and codes for litigation purposes.</p>
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**Prior Elected or Appointed Government Experience**

Have you ever held any elective or appointive public office in this or any other state? If yes, give details, including the offices involved, whether initially appointed or elected, and the length of service. Exclude political affiliation.

Yes       No

In November of 2024, I was appointed by the Eighth Judicial District Court as a Hearing Commissioner overseeing Civil Commitments, Assisted Outpatient Treatment program, and the EJDC Specialty Court Programs.

Have you been a candidate for any elective or appointive office, who was not elected or appointed? If yes, please list.

Yes       No

I applied for appointment as Hearing Commissioner overseeing Temporary Protective Orders and while I was not selected, I was pre-selected in the hiring process for future appointment.

**Conduct**

Have you ever been convicted of a violation of federal, state or local law, ordinance or regulation other than a minor traffic violation? If yes, please provide details of circumstances, charges, and dispositions.

Yes       No

Have you read the Revised Nevada Code of Judicial Conduct and are you able to comply if elected?

Yes       No

### **Candidate Statement**

Provide a candidate statement not to exceed 200 words in length.

Being a judge requires more than trial experience, and it's more than simply having the right temperament. Be assured, I possess both of those things. But I know from serving as Hearing Commissioner, a judge should also understand the full picture of the person who stands before the court—the law, the facts, and the circumstances that brought them there.

Henderson is one of the safest communities and a judge has an important role to play in maintaining that safety. We need a judge that will hold individuals accountable while address the underlying issues that contribute to crime. A judge can help protect public safety, strengthen our community, and ensure accountability that will lead to lasting justice.

I stand ready to serve as your next Municipal Court Judge.