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District Attorney Application

INSTRUCTIONS: To be considered, you must complete this application form. If you need additional space to answer any question, you may attach additional pages. Please note that if you try to fit a large answer into the limited space provided below, it may make your response unreadable, making it impossible to fully assess your application.

ATTACHMENTS: Attach the following documents to your application:

- Your resume;
- A cover letter;
- Two writing samples (10 pages or less each);
- Your answers to question 43;
- Your waiver, notice of disclosure, and affidavit; and
- Any necessary attachments (e.g., explanations requiring additional space).

SUBMISSION: Email this application and attachments to: **GovDAApp@wisconsin.gov**.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION: You may have individuals submit letters of recommendation on your behalf. The letters must be sent to GOVDAApp@wisconsin.gov. The letters must be received by the application due date.

NEXT STEPS: The Governor’s Office of Legal Counsel will review complete and timely applications. If you are selected for an interview, the Office of Legal Counsel will contact you to setup an interview. Applicants who are not selected will be notified.

County you are applying for: _____

Name (First Middle Last)		Date of birth (MM/DD/YEAR)	
Email address		Home phone	
Work phone		Cell phone	
Mailing address			
Home address			

Section 1: Personal information

1. Provide the following personal information:

Place of birth (City, State)	Gender
Wisconsin State Bar Number	Race

Maiden/alias/former name(s)	Dates used (MM/YR – MM/YR)

2. Are you a United States Citizen? Yes No

3. List each residential address you have had in the last 10 years:

Street address	City, State, Zip	Dates you lived at the address (MM/YR – MM/YR)

Section 2: Familial information

4. What is your current marital status: Married Not married

5. If you are married, answer the following:

Spouse's name (First Middle Last)	Date of birth (MM/DD/YEAR)
Date of marriage	Place of birth (city, state)

Spouse's maiden/alias/former name(s)	Dates used (MM/YR – MM/YR)

6. List your spouse or partner's three most recent occupations, beginning with their current or most recent employer:

Employer	Employer's address	Occupation / Job title	Dates of employment (MM/YR – MM/YR)

7. If you have ever been divorced, answer the following for each former spouse:

Ex-spouses' name (First Middle Last)	Date of birth (MM/DD/YEAR)
Date of marriage	Ex-spouse's occupation and employer

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8. If you have children or step-children, provide the following information:

Name of child	Age	State of residence	Occupation and employer

Section 3: Education background

9. List the name and location of each school you attended, beginning with high school:

Name of school	Location (City, State)	Dates attended (MM/YR – MM/YR)	Degree earned

10. List any scholarships, awards, honors, or citations you received during college, graduate school, or law school.

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11. While attending any secondary school or college, have you ever been expelled, suspended, placed on probation, or withdrawn from enrollment due to an allegation of academic dishonesty or because of conduct that harmed or could have harmed others? Yes No

12. If yes, provide the following information:

Name & location of school	Date conduct occurred (MM/YEAR)
Nature of conduct	Disposition / outcome
Details of incident	

Section 4: Professional background and experience

13. List each court and administrative body in which you have been admitted to practice:

Bar admission	Date of admission (MM/YR)

14. If any of your admissions listed above have lapsed, state when and why the admission lapsed.

15. List all your places of employment for the last 15 years, including periods of unemployment, beginning with your most recent employer.

Employer	Employer's address	Occupation / Job title	Dates of employment (MM/YR – MM/YR)

16. If you served in the military, provide the particulars of your service, including the dates of service, the branch of service, rank or rate, and type of discharge received.

17. Within the past 10 years, has your employment ended for one of the following reasons: you were fired; you resigned after being told you would be fired; you left by mutual agreement following allegations of misconduct or unsatisfactory performance; or you left for other reasons under unfavorable circumstances?

Yes No

18. If yes, provide the following information:

Employer	Employer's address
Specific reason for separation	Date of separation (MM/YEAR)
Explanation	

19. Provide the following information if, within the past 10 years, an employer investigated you or disciplined you due to actual or alleged misconduct:

Employer	Employer's address
Nature of allegation or misconduct	Disposition of investigation
Explanation	

Section 5: Legal practice

20. Describe the general character of your current legal practice.

21. Describe your experience in criminal law.

22. Describe up to three significant trials, appeals, or other legal matters in which you participated as a judge or lawyer in the past seven years. Explain your role, jurisdiction, name of judge and opposing counsel, dates of involvement, a brief description of your involvement, and why it was significant.

23. Provide totals for the following. Indicate if the number is an estimate.

Number of felony criminal jury trials you have first-chaired:	
Number of misdemeanor jury trial you have first-chaired:	
Number of civil jury trials you have first-chaired or co-chaired:	
Number of plea bargains you have negotiated:	

24. Describe your non-litigation legal experience.

25. Summarize any speeches or presentations you have given in the past five years about the law, including: the date of the speech or presentation and the organization to which you presented.

26. List any articles or publications you have authored about the law. Include a citation or hyperlink to each article or publication.

Section 5: Professional and public service

27. Identify your participation in professional associations.

Name of association	Offices held and committees served on	Awards, honors, or citations	Dates of participation

28. Identify your participation in civic and charitable organizations.

Name of organization	Offices held and committees served on	Awards, honors, or citations	Dates of participation

29. Do you currently belong to, or have you ever belonged to, any organization that discriminates on the basis of gender identity, race, religion, sex, or sexual orientation, through membership requirements or membership policies? If so, identify the organization, the dates in which you belonged to the organization, and what, if anything you did to change such requirements or policies.

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30. Identify all public offices to which you were appointed or elected.

Name of office	Elected or appointed?	Dates of service

31. Identify any awards or honors you have received in the past 10 years, which have not been listed elsewhere on this application.

Entity providing the award or honor	Name of the award or honor	Date received (MM/YEAR)

32. Describe any significant pro bono legal work or volunteer service you have performed.

Section 6: Business interests

33. If you or your spouse are a director, officer, or otherwise engaged in the management of any business entity, provide the following information:

Name of the business	Nature of the business	Duties you or your spouse perform	You or your spouse's intended involvement if you are appointed

Section 7: Previous partisan or non-partisan political involvement

34. List any position you have held in a judicial, non-partisan, or partisan political campaign, committee, or organization (e.g., treasurer, campaign manager, volunteer). Include dates of participation.

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35. If you have ever run for public office, provide the following information:

Office sought	Date of primary election	Date of general election	Outcome / percentage of vote you obtained

36. If you have ever publicly endorsed a candidate in the past ten years, provide the following information:

Name of endorsed candidate	Office sought by candidate	Year of endorsement

Section 8: Character and fitness

37. Answer the following questions. If you answer “no” to any of the following questions, you must attach a detailed explanation of why you answered no.

	Yes	No
a. Are you in good standing with each jurisdiction in which you are admitted to practice law?		
b. Are you current with your continuing legal education requirements in each state in which you are admitted to practice law?		
c. Are you free of any physical or mental impairment that in any way would limit your ability or fitness to properly exercise your duties in a professional manner?		
d. Have you met every deadline imposed by a court order or obtained an extension when needed?		
g. Were all of your taxes (federal, state, local) current as of the date of your application?		

38. Answer the following questions. If you answer “yes” to any of the following questions, you must attach a detailed explanation of why you answered yes.

	Yes	No
a. Has any tribunal ever held you in contempt or otherwise formally reprimanded or sanctioned you?		
b. Have you ever been disciplined, reprimanded, or sanctioned by any regulatory or licensing entity?		
c. Have you ever been party to a lawsuit, either as a plaintiff or a defendant?		
d. Have you ever been subject to an investigation by the Wisconsin Judicial Commission, the Wisconsin Supreme Court, the Office of Lawyer Regulation, the Crime Victim Rights Board, or any other equivalent entity in any jurisdiction?		
e. Have you ever been disciplined or reprimanded by a sitting judge?		
f. Has a tax lien ever been filed against you?		
h. Have you or your spouse ever been subject of any audit, investigation, or inquiry for either federal, state, or local taxes?		
i. Have you or your spouse ever filed for bankruptcy?		
j. Is there anything in your current or past financial situation that would affect your ability to serve as District Attorney?		

39. Are there any circumstances in your professional or personal life that might interfere or create a substantial question as to your qualifications to serve as District Attorney? If so, provide a detailed explanation.

40. Provide three references, two of which must be practicing attorneys or judges.

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Section 10: County involvement

41. Answer the following:

Do you currently reside in the county to which you are applying?	Yes	No
If no, are you willing to relocate to the county?	Yes	No
If yes, how long have you lived in the county?		

42. Describe your professional or personal involvement with the county to which you are applying.

Section 11: Additional information for consideration

43. Attach your answers to the following questions. Each answer must be 500 words or less.
- a. Why do you want to serve the people of Wisconsin as a District Attorney?
 - b. District Attorneys have significant discretion in how to charge and prosecute crimes within their jurisdiction. Describe your charging and prosecuting philosophy.
 - c. Describe your philosophy regarding alternative dispositions (e.g. deferred judgments) and restorative justice.
 - d. Wisconsin faces a variety of inequities in the criminal justice system. Please describe the inequities you see in the region to which you are applying and how you plan to address those inequities.
44. Attach two writing samples, no longer than 10 pages each.
45. Do you wish to request that your application remain confidential to the extent permitted by law? Please note that state law only provides limited protections. Also, a request for confidentiality will not adversely affect your application.

Yes

No

Waiver and Authorization

I hereby authorize the Office of the Governor or his staff to solicit information and records pertaining to me from any or all of the following sources:

1. My present employer.
2. My previous employers.
3. Any school, college, university, or other educational institution that I attended.
4. Any place of business.
5. Any governmental agency or political subdivision.
6. The Wisconsin Department of Revenue.

I further authorize any recipient of a request for information from the Governor or his staff to provide any such information as may be necessary to consider my application.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Printed name: _____

Notice of Disclosure

I acknowledge and understand that my application and its attachments will become public records once they are submitted to the Office of the Governor. I further acknowledge and understand that, while state law provides limited confidentiality protections, most of my application and its attachments are subject to disclosure to the general public under the Public Records Law.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Affidavit

I, _____, do swear that the information provided in this application is, to the best of my knowledge, true and accurate.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Sworn and subscribed to before me
this ____ day of _____, 20__

Notary Public, State of Wisconsin
My commission: _____