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Subject: Complex Litigation Court

Please consider this correspondence as my application to be considered as a judge for the new complex litigation program. I am not sure what you or the managing panel want by way of a resume. However, I would submit the following:

Before being elected, was in private practice for 16 years. From 1976 to 1982, I worked for an attorney who had a general practice which involved some civil litigation. In 1982, I opened my own office and did a combination of civil, criminal and office practice. The civil practice portion at first involved personal injury but as I became more established, I developed some business clients and handled their business litigation issues as well. If I had a medical malpractice case or products liability case, I generally would refer it to a larger firm in the Portland area in part because the time and expense of handling such cases was greater than I thought I could competently handle as a sole practitioner.

I was elected in 1992 and started as a District Court Judge in January, 1993. Early on, I started doing civil cases for both District and Circuit Court in Clatsop as well as Tillamook Counties. Since the Circuit and District courts were combined, and Clatsop being a smaller county, I have handled several civil cases which have been assigned to me. These cases have included medical and legal malpractice and product liability or cases involving multiple party construction defects or lien foreclosure matters. If you want to see some of the more complex civil cases I have handled that have resulted in written appellate decisions, you can review Hayes Oyster Co. v. Dulcich, 170 Or App 219 (2000); Wilson v. Walluski Western, LTD., 226 Or App 155 (2009) and Cullen and Cullen, 223 Or App 183 (2008). I am currently handling the Clatsop County Circuit Court Gearhart airplane crash cases that occurred August 2008, which are set for trial February, 2011. I have also presided over four murder trials, one of which involved two defendants, but I do not believe there are any written appellate opinions from those cases.

If you would like more information, please let me know. If you or the managing panel would like an application in a more resume-like form, you can also let me know and I will find a format to follow. If you would like some references, you can also let me know although I would expect the appellate judges and justices can advise you as to whether I would or would not be an appropriate candidate for the panel. I am not so much interested in traveling, although I completed a six day dependency case for Lincoln County last month, but if there is a complex civil case filed in Clatsop County, I would like to be considered to handle it rather than be required to do an exchange with another judge.