

1. What is your full name?

Craig Jon Foss

2. Does your campaign have a website or facebook page? If so, please list it.

No facebook or website. E-mail address is jacob0372@comcast.net

3. List the colleges and law schools you have attended, including your dates of attendance and degrees awarded.

St. Olaf College 1988-1992, BS, majors in mathematics and political science.
Hamline University School of Law, JD, 1992-1995.

4. List where you have been employed since graduation from law school, including dates employed, your position, and the nature of your employment responsibilities.

After I graduated from law school, I worked as a janitor at Dayton's for a year while looking for work. I then started my own firm doing criminal defense and working as a security guard on the weekends. In 1998, I was hired by Legal Services of Northwest Minnesota (LSNM). I represented clients in family law, Social Security law, unemployment law, housing law, consumer law, and medical assistance. In 2012 I was laid off. I did contract work for LSNM and court appointed attorney work from 2012 to 2015. I moved to St. Paul in October of 2015 and do court appointed attorney work.

5. Have you ever been convicted of a crime or publically disciplined by a lawyer or judicial standards board? If so, feel free to provide an explanation.

I have never been convicted of a crime or punished professionally.

6. What is/was the general nature of your practice? Indicate any areas of practice in which you concentrate or concentrated.

At LSNM I primarily did family law, Social Security law, and unemployment law. I currently do mostly family law.

7. What percentage of your practice is/was litigation?

At LSNM I did about 70 percent litigation. I currently do 100 percent litigation.

8. Why do you want to be an appellate judge?

I have found since I was laid off in 2012 that the demand for legally blind attorneys is not high. So I decided to see if I could get elected to a job.

9. What qualities do you believe are most important in an appellate judge? Explain how you have demonstrated that you possess those qualities.

I believe a judge should read the law and apply it to the facts of the case being decided. I do not believe a judge should bring his or her politics into the decision. In my legal career, I have represented pedophiles, wife abusers, children abusers, and many other unsympathetic clients. In all these cases, I zealously represented the client and argued for a fair application of the law.

10. Why do you believe that you are the best candidate for the appellate judge seat?

I do not know anything about the candidates running against me. I want to be elected as a Judge because I am unemployed and I want to work.