

MSBA Questionnaire for Judicial Candidates in Contested Races:

1. What is your full name?

Anthony L. Brown, but I use A.L. Brown

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

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

I graduated from Chicago State University, 2000 with a B.A. in Political Science with a minor in Speech and Philosophy.

I graduated from Hamline University School of Law in 2003.

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

All dates are approximations.

United States District Court, Law Clerk to the Honorable Michael J. Davis 2003-2004 (drafted bench memos and drafted orders and memorandums of law).

Robins, Kaplan, Miller & Ciresi 2004-2006 (Associate in the Business Litigation Department)

Educational Credit Management Corporation 2006-2011(conducted and managed civil litigation as in-house counsel)

Capitol City Law Group, LLC 2011-Present (general practice covering both civil and criminal representations).

State of Minnesota, Ramsey County Office of the Public Defender 2015-present (representing indigent clients in felony matters).

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.

Yes, I have been convicted of violating Minnesota's Driving While Impaired law.

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

My practice focuses on both criminal and civil law (specifically civil rights, consumer protection, and employment law). I appear in both state and federal courts, trial and appellate.

7. What percentage of your practice is/was litigation? 100%

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

I know that the job is a perfect fit for my skill set. I love of reading the law, I love writing the law, and enjoy big-picture-thinking.

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

I think the ability to communicate the law in a way that is easily understood by the least sophisticated of readers is a critical quality for a judge. I also think hard work and a determination not to cut corners in both legal reasoning and writing are indispensable to an appellate judge. And finally, an appellate judge must have the courage to tell its judicial colleagues on the lower court (or its own court) when its decisions are unlawful or unjust.

I have demonstrated excellence in appellate advocacy time and time again. I have prevailed on behalf of my clients in the Minnesota Court of Appeals, the Minnesota Supreme Court, the Eight Circuit Court of Appeals and even the U.S. Supreme Court.

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

I am committed to the rule of law and hard work. I am smart, thoughtful, resourceful and respectful. I have significant experience in the appellate courts, state and federal and will bring my experience in both criminal and civil law to the bench. Finally, I will have no compunction when it comes to correcting an error of the lower courts or pointing out the errors of my colleagues on the court of appeals.