

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 chose.

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): Melanie Bruketta

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

State	Admission Date	Number
Nevada	10-03-1994	5307

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 answer "no" to any of 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/>
Do you have a high school diploma or equivalent?	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"/>
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 checked="" 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"/>

Campaign Information

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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. Gonzaga University School of Law	1. 1991-1994	1. Juris Doctorate
2. University of Nevada, Reno	2. 1987-1991	2. Bachelor of Arts
3. Universidad del Pais Vasco	3. Spring 1991	3. Study abroad through UNR
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: Bruketta Law, LLC Position: Sole Practitioner Dates: Dec. 2023 to present	Legal contract work for Douglas County District Attorney which includes but is not limited to: representing staff in various Departments, legal research and interpreting state and federal laws, writing opinions, providing Open Meeting Law guidance, drafting and reviewing legal contracts, review and revise the Douglas County criminal code.
Organization: Carson City, NV Position: Human Resources Director Dates: June 2010 to Nov. 2023	Supervise personnel and oversee recruitment, benefits and personnel actions for payroll; analyze, interpret and apply Federal and State employment and labor laws; conduct employee investigations in accordance with Federal and State laws; write policies to comply with Federal and State laws; lead labor negotiations in accordance with State laws; participate in mediations and arbitrations; assist with EEO complaints; mediate disputes, and investigate harassment and Title VII complaints.

<p>Organization: <u>Carson City, NV</u></p> <p>Position: <u>Chief Deputy District Attorney</u></p> <p>Dates: <u>Feb. 2006 to June 2010</u></p>	<p>Perform legal research, interpret, and apply laws and court decisions; provide legal guidance and representation to City Departments, Elected Offices, and the Board of Supervisors; prepare and present evidence in delinquency cases, 432B cases, child support cases, civil cases, participate in arbitration, and mediation; negotiate labor contracts; plan, organize, assign, supervise, and evaluate the work of staff attorneys; review proposed legislation and provide advice regarding legal impact.</p>
<p>Organization: <u>Carson City, NV</u></p> <p>Position: <u>Deputy District Attorney</u></p> <p>Dates: <u>June 1995 to Jan. 2005</u></p>	<p>Prepare and present evidence in criminal actions, probation violations, and competency hearings; perform legal research, interpret and apply laws and court decisions; provide legal guidance and representation to City Departments and Elected Offices; interpret and apply laws in court decisions in preparation of cases; prepare legal briefs; draft and present ordinances and resolutions to the Board of Supervisors; prepare and review contracts; represent the City in labor negotiations; attend Board of Supervisor and committee and commission meetings; represent the City in arbitration, mediation and litigation of cases.</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

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

Yes No

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.

The justice court is an essential function of local government. Should a person interact with Carson City's court system, it will most likely occur at this level. A justice of the peace listens to a variety of different community concerns from misdemeanor criminal offenses to civil matters such as small claims and landlord/tenant disputes. The justice court also plays an important role in community safety by overseeing the issuance of protection orders and the community's specialty court programs.

A nearly life-long resident of Carson City, a mother of three who raised my family here, and a lawyer who devoted my career to working for the residents of Carson City. In addition to my dedication to this community, the skills I will bring to the office include compassion, integrity, critical thinking, and fairness. A graduate of Carson High School, the University of Nevada, Reno, and Gonzaga School of Law. Over my 28-year career working for Carson City, I practiced both criminal and civil law, working 15 years for the District Attorney's Office and 13 years as the City's Human Resources Director. Compassion for the law and the community are what I will bring as your next justice of the peace.