

**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): Laurie Trotter

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

State	Admission Date	Number
Nevada	2003	8696
California	2005	240153 (inactive)

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? <i>Not a population of 100,000</i>	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 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 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 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 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. <u>Gonzaga Univ. School</u>	1. <u>Grad. in 2003</u>	1. <u>Juris Doctor (J.</u>
2. <u>Joint Military Intelligenc</u>	2. <u>Grad. in 2000</u>	2. <u>M.S. in Strategi</u>
3. <u>Biola University</u>	3. <u>Grad. in 1989</u>	3. <u>B.A. in Arts</u>
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: <u>Nevada Attorney General</u> Position: <u>Senior Deputy Atty. General</u> Dates: <u>03/2019 to present</u>	Prosecute felony and misdemeanor cases in the various Northern Nevada counties for the Criminal Prosecution Division, Insurance Fraud and Workers' Compensation Insurance Fraud Unit. Cases include all types of insurance and workers' compensation fraud and other industrial insurance violations. Provide legal support and training to investigators. Draft charging documents, motions and other pleadings in Nevada's various courts. Appear in Justice Court and District Court on behalf of the State at bail hearings, motions hearings, preliminary hearings, and jury trials. Also served in the Financial Fraud Unit, prosecuted general fraud cases including securities fraud and elder exploitation. Served as special prosecutor on cases referred by the district attorney's offices.
Organization: <u>Nevada Dept. of Employm't</u> Position: <u>Senior Legal Counsel, ESD</u> Dates: <u>04/2016 - 03/2019</u>	Served as Senior Legal Counsel for Employment Security Division. Appeared on behalf of the Division in complex unemployment insurance tax cases as well as unemployment insurance eligibility cases appealed to the Office of Appeals, District Court, Court of Appeals, and Nevada Supreme Court. Provided legal counsel to the Division on legislative, policy, and legal issues. Developed legal strategy, responded to requests for potentially confidential information, and reviewed legal documents for adequacy and content. Drafted legal opinions and briefs, appeared in various courts statewide and orally argued matters on behalf of the Division. Supervised four employees including two paralegals and an attorney.

<p>Organization: <u>Trotter Law Offices, LLC</u></p> <p>Position: <u>Founder/Mgr. of solo law firm</u></p> <p>Dates: <u>10/2014 - 4/2016</u></p>	<p>As a solo practitioner, the scope of representation included criminal, civil, and administrative matters for both both private and public sector clients. Served as prosecutor for two Northern Nevada Indian Tribes. Complex criminal cases included murder, drug trafficking, fraud, violent crime, prisoner escape, burglary, child abuse, and sexual assault charges in the First, Second, and Third Judicial District Courts, tribal courts, and Justice Courts. Appearances and briefing also extended to appellate matters and post-conviction habeas corpus writs in the Court of Appeals and Nevada Supreme Court. Supervised two employees.</p>
<p>Organization: <u>Deputy District Attorney III</u></p> <p>Position: <u>Douglas County DA's Office</u></p> <p>Dates: <u>07/2008 - 10/2014</u></p>	<p>Prosecuted a broad range of felony and misdemeanor cases in Douglas County's East Fork Township Justice Court, Tahoe Township Justice Court, and Ninth Judicial District Court; duties included prosecuting adult criminal cases, child dependency and juvenile delinquency cases. Prepared charging documents, motions, appellate and post-conviction briefs. Provided training and legal guidance to law enforcement regarding issues such as search and seizure, the laws of arrest, and warrants. Served as</p>
<p>Organization: <u>Deputy District Attorney I</u></p> <p>Position: <u>Carson City DA's Office</u></p> <p>Dates: <u>10/2005 - 7/2008</u></p>	<p>Prosecuted felony and misdemeanor cases in the First Judicial District Court, Carson City's Justice and Municipal Court, and Juvenile Court. Duties included prosecuting adult criminal cases, juvenile and child dependency cases. Prepared charging documents, motions, and appellate briefs. Acted as 24-hour on-call deputy and provided training and legal support to law enforcement. Served as special prosecutor in Lyon County, NV.</p>
<p>Organization: <u>Georgeson, Thompson &amp; A</u></p> <p>Position: <u>Associate Attorney</u></p> <p>Dates: <u>8/2004 - 10/2005</u></p>	<p>Litigated cases on behalf of insurance companies and their clients in State and Federal Court, during all stages of claims resolution.</p>

**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

In 2023, I was appointed to serve on Douglas County's Board of Equalization. I currently serve on this Board, but if elected, I will no longer serve in this position.

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

Yes       No

In 2011 after Justice Court Judge Robey Willis resigned, I was among 13 candidates who applied for the open seat as Justice Court Judge in the Carson City Justice Court. I was one of three finalists selected by the panel to be interviewed by the County Board of Supervisors. I was not selected, Thomas Armstrong was selected by the Board of Supervisors.

**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.

Northern Nevada has been my home for more than two decades, and my roots in the Douglas County community run deep. After a clerkship with the Nevada Supreme Court, I spent six years with the Douglas County DA's office as a criminal prosecutor, handling a wide variety of criminal cases from traffic offenses to murder. A county resident for six years, I am active with my Minden-based church, volunteer as a home-school teacher in my neighborhood and enjoy horseback riding with friends.

I am part of a law-enforcement family, and believe accountability is an important component of the judicial system. My top priorities if elected will be protecting the safety of Douglas County's citizens, and zealously guarding the Constitutional rights of all of those who come before the court.

Douglas County's citizens are warm and friendly, and I share the rural values that help make this community a safe and enjoyable place to live and work. As one of the county's two Justice Court judges, it would be my honor and privilege to keep our standards high and continue the commendable results this community deserves and expects.