

Ramsey County Bar Association
Questionnaire for Judicial Candidates in Local Contested Races

1. *What is your full name?*

Timothy Thomas Mulrooney

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

www.JudgeMulrooney.com

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

University of Minnesota Law School, September 1991-May 1994, JD 1994

University of Notre Dame, September 1985-May 1989, Bachelor of Arts, 1989

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

2016-Present – Ramsey County District Court Judge, State of Minnesota

2008-2016 – Hennepin County Family Court Referee

2000-2008 – Attorney/Shareholder, Henson & Efron, PA – Family Law/Civil Litigation

1997-2000 – Attorney, Hennepin County Attorney's Office – Criminal Prosecution

1995-1997 – Attorney, Minneapolis City Attorney's Office – Criminal Prosecution

1994-1995- Law Clerk, Judge Richard B. Solum, Hennepin County

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

No. My background was checked prior to my appointment to the Ramsey County District Court.

6. *What is/was the general nature of your practice? Indicate any areas of practice in which you concentrate or concentrated. (Response limited to 150 words.)*

With 30 years of experience as a lawyer (16 as a judicial officer, including 8 as a judge), I have both practiced in and presided over most of the areas of litigation that come before the state district court.

As a judge I have worked in criminal, civil (including probate), juvenile delinquency, child protection, civil commitment and, currently, criminal treatment courts. From 2008 - 2016, I was a Hennepin County family court referee. As a lawyer at Henson & Efron, my primary area of practice was family law, with some civil litigation and pro bono criminal defense appellate experience. Early in my career, I was a criminal prosecutor for the Minneapolis City Attorney and Hennepin County Attorney.

As a judge, I have presided over every type of hearing including jury and bench trials, motions and specialty court hearings. As a lawyer, I argued cases to judges, juries and appellate courts.

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

8. *Why do you want to be a district court judge? (Response limited to 150 words.)*

I want to continue to serve the public and the people who come before the Court and to work for justice for everyone. I value the work I do on the Court, both on individual cases and committee work to improve our systems. I am committed to being a hardworking, engaged and fair judge. Litigation is about both process and outcomes: I want to continue to be part of a system that ensures litigants have an opportunity to be heard, feel heard, are heard and are provided clearly explained outcomes in their cases.

9. *What qualities do you believe are most important in a district court judge? Explain how you have demonstrated that you possess those qualities. (Response limited to 250 words.)*

A judge must be committed to the federal and state constitution and the law, be intellectually capable of drawing findings from evidence and applying legal principles to the facts, and have the experience necessary to make reasoned decisions, exercise sound judgment and manage heavy caseloads and court calendars. A judge must also be patient and a good listener, and remain aware of the impact of their decisions on the parties and the public. A good judge does more than decide individual cases; they also work on the committees that build on past progress and seek to improve our systems and the administration of justice. A judge must respect lawyers and parties and get along with the many Court Administration public servants who are essential to the operation of our courts. I have demonstrated these qualities in thousands of hearings, over the course of 8 years as a judge and 8 years as a judicial referee and through service on or as chair of multiple committees.

10. *Why do you believe you are the best candidate for this district court judge seat? (Response limited to 250 words.)*

I hope to be re-elected to the Ramsey County District Court based on my experience, temperament, commitment to my oath and my public service. I cherish Minnesota and Ramsey County and I care about the people for whom it is home. I am a tested and respected judge in every division of the Court. I have worked hard to improve imperfect areas of our systems. As a lawyer, my community service included work on the Arc Greater Twin Cities Board and my local community council; as a family court referee, I co-lead the establishment of an unbundled pro bono legal services program, co-chaired a

domestic violence coordinating council, and served on a fatality review team; and as a judge, I have chaired committees on pretrial justice, domestic violence, child protection and, most recently, mental health and the criminal/civil commitment systems.

As a lawyer, I accumulated extensive experience trying cases to juries and judges, arguing appeals before the Minnesota appellate courts, and practicing in the varied areas of criminal, family and civil litigation.

My experience, record of service and devotion to the advancement of our justice system support my candidacy to and continued service in this district court judge seat.