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Candidate Questionnaire

Instructions: Please complete both sides of this form (both pages if you received this via fax) and return it along with one color or black and white glossy photograph (preferably 4"X5") no later than 6 p.m. on Wednesday, August 21st to your League of Women Voters contact listed below. We would appreciate it if you could fax your completed form or email the information. Please list your name on the back of your photo if you send in a hard copy. You can also email us your photo in jpeg or tiff formats. Email responses to the questionnaire are preferred and early responses are much appreciated. Return to:

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CANDIDATE INFORMATION: This information will appear in the 2002 General Election Guide.
Candidate's Name (as it will appear on the ballot): Doug Schafer

Office/Position Sought: State Supreme Court, Position 4

Political Party (if applicable): Nonpartisan

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OTHER INFORMATION: This information will NOT appear in the Guide, but is useful to us in contacting your campaign.

Name of Campaign/Committee: Ethical Justice for Washington

Names and phone numbers of campaign officials:

Campaign Manager: Doug Schafer (the candidate), desk and fax #s above

Treasurer: Michele Parker [home phone deleted from web-edition].

Doug Schafer

Candidate's Signature

Early responses would be much appreciated. Don't forget your photo.
Thank you.

State Supreme Court

Instructions: Please write legibly or type your responses. We cannot accept responsibility for illegible responses, nor accept responses that exceed the word limit. If you use additional pages, please put your name on each page. The *Seattle P-I* reserves the right to edit for clarity (grammar, spelling and syntax).

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION: The biographical information requested should be brief. Complete sentences are not necessary. Please do not use any abbreviations. Please put the most important information first in case there is not enough room to include everything you list. The personal category may include information relating to your family, personal interests or other information about yourself you would like voters to know.

Education/degrees attained: J.D. (with honors; standing 6th of 256), 1978, University of Puget Sound (now Seattle University) Law School; B.A., 1971, University of Washington.

Work experience: Since 1989, self-employed as Schafer Law Firm (Tacoma) principally advising owners/managers of small business and individuals to plan and achieve their business and personal objectives in compliance with all applicable laws. Fall 1985 to Spring 1989, partner in the Tacoma office of Graham & Dunn (Seattle) advising small to large corporate (and some individual) clients concerning corporate, banking, securities, tax, executive compensation, pension and other employee benefits, and diverse other substantive matters. Fall 1978 to Fall 1985, associate and, in 1984, partner at Johnson, Lane & Gallagher (Tacoma) advising community and regional banks, small business owners, and individuals in the subject areas listed above.

Community experience/organizations: I have been an active ski patroller and first-aider for most of my adult life (though now retired), having held leadership positions in the Crystal Mt. Volunteer Ski Patrol and having been the snowboarding advisor for the Pacific Northwest Region (Western Washington) of the National Ski Patrol System. I served as a director of the American Red Cross Tacoma-Pierce County Chapter, a director of the Kiwanis Club of Tacoma, president and other leadership positions in The Mountaineers' Tacoma Branch. I participated in citizen advisory groups for Tacoma Public Schools and for Tacoma Public Utilities, have been a crime watch patroller in my neighborhood organization, and have helped coach youth athletics. I belongs to no exclusive or exclusionary clubs.

Endorsements: National Abortion Rights Action (NARAL); Citizens for Leaders with Ethics and Accountability Now (CLEAN); other organization endorsements may be forthcoming.

Personal: Age 53 with three outstanding sons, ages 18 to 22; recently divorced after a 25-year marriage. My family and I have sacrificed greatly from my obsession to restore integrity to our legal-justice system.

1. **What makes you the best candidate to serve as a state supreme court justice? At the end of your term, how would voters be able to determine whether you had done a good job? (50-75 Word Limit)**

The State Supreme Court adopts lawyer ethics rules that determine the culture of lawyers. Our Court in 1985 approved lawyers' rules that serve lawyers and their clients, but do **not** protect the public from client fraud and crime, like the Enron and WorldCom frauds. I will push changes to the rules to require or permit lawyers to prevent their clients' fraud and crime, and to assist victims harmed by their clients' use of their services.

2. What is the greatest obstacle to justice in Washington state? How will you work to improve the administration of justice and efficiency of the courts? (50-75 Word Limit)

Inadequate budget for the justice system is the greatest impediment to justice. I am not wedded to tradition and the status quo, like most seasoned lawyers are. I will suggest creative ways to offer justice in civil and criminal matters more efficiently and less expensively. For example, specialized administrative courts should address divorce, child custody, probate, and guardianship matters without the need for three or more lawyers per case. Courts should use technology effectively.

3. How do you respond to concerns that the current jury system is not representative because so many people get out of serving? If this is a problem, what should be done about it? (50-75 Word Limit)

Time is money, and a juror's time deserves at least the minimum wage. The Supreme Court might levy a judicial administration tax on the gross revenue of all lawyers to fund jury pay and other court overhead. Lawyers and clients who are the greatest users of the legal-justice system then would primarily be funding it. If lawyers and their clients were paying for jurors' time, they would find ways to not waste so much of it.

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