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1. Biography- Qualifications:

I have been practicing law for nearly 20 years. I am a graduate of the University of Denver, having earned a law degree as well as a master's degree in international business. After law school, I moved to Twin Falls with my husband and joined the law firm of Hepworth, Lezamiz & Hohnhorst, where I practiced for 13 years. My family and I moved to Rupert in 2010, and I started my own firm. I have a diverse civil practice representing people from all walks of life – individuals, small businesses, farmers, ranchers, our local hospital and community health centers. I have earned the prestigious AV rating from my peers and has been named a Mountain States Super Lawyer and Rising Star.

I have deep respect for my profession and spend time volunteering to strengthen Idaho's legal community. I serve as a mentor and presenter at the Idaho Trial Skills Academy, a new lawyer training program. I have also served as the President of the Fifth District Bar Association, the Theron W. Ward American Inn of Court, and the Idaho Trial Lawyers Association. In 2014, I was the recipient of the Idaho State Bar's Professionalism Award.

I have been married for 20 years. We have two active boys, ages 8 and 10. I enjoy spending time with my boys in numerous sports and activities, including football, taekwondo and piano. I am an active member of the St. Nicholas Catholic Church in Rupert and is a past president of the School Board of St. Nicholas Catholic School. I grill a mean beef brisket, enjoy a rocking chair on the back patio with my family. Warm October afternoons are my favorite thing about Idaho.

2. Why vote for me? My top priorities?

I understand that Justices are not personal policy makers and should not assume the bench with a personal agenda. Judicial restraint is crucial. I understand and respect the separation of our powers that the US and Idaho Constitutions establish.

I will add a fresh perspective to the Court. I have spent nearly twenty years working for people, representing clients from all walks of life. I understand the importance of treating people, and the law, with dignity and respect. I have never been afraid to climb in a

foxhole with the people of Idaho and have spent countless hours in the courtroom fighting to protect their rights.

I also add a unique rural perspective. I have practiced my entire career in the Magic Valley. I live in a small town and understand that a one-size-fits-all approach to court management does not always work for our rural communities. This is important because one of my top priorities is the implementation of technology.

We need someone on the Court who understands that some counties that face significant resource issues and apprehensive mindsets. The judiciary should ensure that administrative changes are viable in each county and should make the implementation of changes as sensibly as possible, respecting the uniqueness of each County.

Within the next five years, 55% of District Court judges in the state will be eligible for retirement. This could mean significant changes to the Idaho judiciary in a short period of time. To prepare for this, we must be actively attracting talent for the future judiciary. This is another top priority.

I also know that many are concerned that we have not had a woman on the bench for nearly ten years. While I certainly do not believe that a person should be chosen for a job simply because of their gender, I am the best qualified candidate and the fact that I am a woman is a plus. Including people with unique perspectives on the bench results in better decision-making and a more fairly-represented court that will enhance the public's trust in the legal system.

I ask for your vote on May 17th.