

Randy Judd

August 23, 2024

Justice of the Peace Court Selection Committee,

I am writing to express my interest in being appointed to the position of Cochise County Justice of the Peace, Precinct 3 as posted on the Cochise County website on August 20, 2024. I meet the criteria listed on the posting for appointment to this position as outlined in my resumé.

I have lived in St. David almost continuously since 1985. I enjoy living in this part of Cochise County and associating with the good people of Precinct 3. I want to do what I can to help this part of the county be the great place it has been for me and my family through the years.

I have great respect for the rights and happiness of those around me. The justice system helps to uphold and protect the rights of others and I enjoy being a part of providing that to those in need of that protection.

I believe my work and life experiences have helped prepare and qualify me to be appointed for the position to be vacated by Judge Bruce Staggs in November. I've watched Judge Staggs and the judges before him as they have carried out their duties with integrity, character, patience and respect for those who have come before them at Benson Justice Court. If appointed, I will do my best to continue that same legacy and example. It is my intention to run for this position at the time of the next election.

I thank the selection committee for considering me for appointment to the position of Cochise County Justice of the Peace, Precinct 3.

Sincerely,



Randy Judd

Enclosures

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OBJECTIVE

To continue a career in the justice system and serve the people of Cochise County with integrity by appointment to the position of Justice of the Peace, Precinct 3.

SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

- Legal Arizona resident living within Precinct 3, Benson Justice Court
- Registered to vote
- Able to read and write the English language
- At least 18 years of age ([REDACTED])
- Registered Republican
- Effective in respectful communication with peers and supervisors
- Accomplished in writing meticulous and thorough reports
- Experienced and proven in managing cases
- Competent in maintaining case records
- Comprehensive knowledge of Arizona Revised Statutes as well as search and seizure laws and rules of evidence
- Experienced in the process of obtaining and managing search warrant affidavits, search warrants and search warrant returns
- Experienced in serving civil process, to include injunctions against harassment, orders of protection, subpoenas, summonses, eviction notices and writs
- Experienced at being on-call 24 hours a day and understanding the need to be available
- Trained and experienced as a hostage negotiator which requires speaking with people in crisis calmly, professionally, and with respect

- Extensive experience in the justice court system as a witness in civil traffic cases and misdemeanor trials
- Over a year and a half of experience as a Cochise County Justice of the Peace Pro Tempore, conducting weekend initial appearances for all Cochise County Justice Court precincts
- Experienced in reviewing booking sheets, probable cause statements, victim's rights forms, citations, arrest warrants and extradition documents
- Experienced in setting court dates for arraignments, preliminary hearings, ERC hearings, warrant hearings and extradition hearings
- Experienced in setting bonds after reviewing probable cause statements and other arrest paperwork provided by law enforcement officers
- Working knowledge of the process to see defendants virtually and in person, when needed
- Great respect for the rights of all, provided by the United States Constitution

WORK HISTORY

I was hired by the Cochise County Sheriff's Office in September of 2002 and entered the Southern Arizona Law Enforcement Training Center in October of 2002. I received my certification as an Arizona State Certified Peace Officer in February of 2003 upon completion of 33 hours of law enforcement-related studies, and was awarded a program certificate from Pima Community College in law enforcement on May 30, 2003.

I retired from the Cochise County Sheriff's Office on September 30, 2022. I began the hiring process for becoming a Cochise County Justice of the Peace, Pro Tempore in September of 2022. I was sworn in as Cochise County Justice of the Peace, Pro Tempore on December 8, 2022. I am currently working as a bookkeeper and tax preparer since October of 2022 at DeSpain Accounting.

EDUCATION

- St. David High School; St. David, Arizona; 1990-1994
- Pima Community College; Tucson, Arizona; 1997-1999
- Eastern Arizona College; Thatcher, Arizona; 2000-2002
- Pima Community College; Tucson, Arizona; 2002-2003

Beginning in 1990, I attended St. David High School in St. David, Arizona until I graduated in 1994.

In 1997, I enrolled in Pima Community College in Tucson, Arizona with the intent to pursue a degree in elementary education. After completing 45 hours of general studies courses, I transferred to Eastern Arizona College in 1999 to complete a degree in education. It was then that I realized a desire to enter the field of law enforcement and applied to the Cochise County Sheriff's Office.

AWARDS/COMMENDATIONS

- CCSO Letter and Certificate of Commendation – 2008
- CCSO Unit Citation - 2008
- VFW Post 6271 National Law Enforcement Officer Gold Medal Award – 2008-2009
- VFW District 7 Law Enforcement Award – 2008-2009
- Letter of Commendation from CCSO and Cochise County Attorney's Office – 2014

COMMUNITY/CIVIC CONTRIBUTIONS

- Red Cross blood program leader
- Represented the Cochise County Sheriff's Office in making presentations to groups of cub scouts, in addition to participating in career day at St. David Schools
- Involved with the Boy Scouts of America as an adult leader from about 2003 to 2019. Volunteered with Troop 423 as scoutmaster, assistant varsity coach, venturing advisor and merit badge counselor. Also served as Roundtable Commissioner for Northern Cochise County
- Participated in Benson Shop With A Cop from 2019 to 2022
- Supported the San Pedro Valley Little League Association in the past as an assistant coach
- Past assistant middle school basketball and baseball coach for St David Schools
- Served as secretary on the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System local board
- Served a full-time mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Colorado from 1995 through 1997 and continue to remain actively involved in the church

REFERENCES

- Kyle Merrill

[REDACTED]

- Trevor Shumaker

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- Dustin DeSpain

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- Lincoln Dahl

[REDACTED]

- Jacob Kartchner

[REDACTED]

- Michelle Owens

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CONCLUSION

I have great respect for the rule of law, the integrity of the criminal justice system and the constitutional rights of all. I am grateful to be considered for the position of Cochise County Justice of the Peace, Precinct 3. If given the opportunity to serve in this position, I will be dedicated and do the job to the best of my ability, with professionalism and integrity.