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PHYSICAL QUALIFICATION - Judiciary

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The physical and mental requirements of Judiciary appointments are in principle that the appointee be currently capable, and in the foreseeable future of efficient service without evidence of mental emotional instability.

The following are required medical findings:

I. Eyes - (a) vision required in only one eye

(b) 20/40 near and far vision required in better eye, with our without correction.

II. Ears - no hearing loss of greater than 30 decibels at the 500, 1000 and 2000 Hz levels or adequate hearing as corrected by a hearing aid.

III. Speech - clear, discernable speech.

The following conditions are disqualifying:

I. EEN & T

(a) Eyes - Chronic retinitis, poorly controlled glaucoma, bilateral cataracts.

(b) Ears - severe tinnitus, Meniere's Disease.

(c) Nose - chronic disabling sinusitis.

II. Cardiovascular System

(a) Hypertension exceeding 160/100 with medication.

(b) Congestive heart disease requiring digitalis and diuretics.

(c) Myocardial ischemia manifested by angina, dyspnea, fatigue, postive stress testing or a history of 2 or more myocardial infarctions.

(d) Aberrant Conduction - i.e., left bundle branch block, chronic paroxysmal tachycardia, etc.

(e) Peripheral vascular disease: arterial manifested by pain, blanching, etc. Venous by symptomatic venous dysfunction manifested by painful varicosities, edema, ulceration and skin discloration.

(f) Cerebral ischemia or hemorrhage manifes by ataxia, neurological deficits or two or more episodes of cerebral thombosis or hemorrhage.

(g) Blood and allied disorders such as Leukemia, Lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease, multiple myeloma, etc.

III. Musculo-skeletal

(a) Moderately severe symptomatic arthritis.

(b) Disc disease manifested by muscle spasm, radiculitis, etc.

(c) Chronic low back syndrome.

IV. Respiratory

(a) Moderately severe restrictive or obstructive lung disease manifested by x-ray or pulmonary function tests.

(b) Chronic, moderately severe bronchitis, recurrent pneumonia, moderately severe asthma.

V. Gastro-intestinal

Ulcers manifested by frequent exacerbation, obstruction, bleeding, dumping syndrome, etc., chronically severe colitis, chronic pancreatitis, chronic hepatitis, cirrhosis, etc.

VII. Neurological

Progressive neurological disorders such as Parkinson's disease, Huntington's chorea, poorly controlled epilepsy, disabling cephalgia.

VIII. Endocrine

Diabetes with complications, symptomatic adrenal insufficiency, etc.

IX. Malignancy

A history or finding of a malignancy within the last two years except for non-invasive, non-metastisizing skin malignancies.

X. Current emotional or mental instablility

XI. Miscellaneous

Any other condition that is disabling or potentially disabling in the foreseeable future.

PLEASE COMPLETE (A) OR (B) BELOW.

(A) I certify that _____ meets the above physical and mental requirements for appointment to the Federal Judiciary.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

(B) I certify that _____ does not meet the above physical and mental requirements for appointment to the Federal Judiciary.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Comments: