



## CITY OF KIRKLAND

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### MEMORANDUM

To: City Council  
From: Dave Ramsay, City Manager  
Date: November 3, 2005  
Subject: Municipal Court Judge

#### RECOMMENDATION:

That City Council, by motion, confirm the appointment of Michael J. Lambo as Kirkland's Municipal Court Judge.

#### POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Under RCW 3.50.040, the City Council must confirm the appointment of the Municipal Court Judge. Subject to the confirmation by Council, the appointment will be for a four-year term beginning January 1, 2006.

#### BACKGROUND DISCUSSION:

As the Council is aware, the current Kirkland Municipal Court Judge, Judge Albert Raines, notified the City he would not be seeking reappointment when his term expires on December 31, 2005. In September, the City began a selection process for Municipal Court Judge and received 57 applications. Seven applicants were interviewed by two panels of six members. The panelists were Judge Douglas Smith, Shoreline District Court; Judge Albert Raines, Kirkland Municipal Court; Mitch Wasserman, City Administrator, City of Clyde Hill; Londi Lindell, City Attorney, City of Mercer Island; Margaret Yetter, Court Administrator, Kent Municipal Court; Tim Milios, a private criminal defense lawyer; Sara Roberts, prosecutor for Shoreline, Woodinville, and Lake Forest Park; Robin Jenkinson, City Attorney, City of Kirkland; Marilynne Beard, Director of Finance & Administration, City of Kirkland; Tracy Jeffries, Court Administrator, Kirkland Municipal Court; Trish Kinlow, Judicial Support Supervisor; and Annette Dixon, Probation Officer, Kirkland Municipal Court. After receiving the input of the panelists, Lynn Stokesbary, Bill Kenny, Marilynne Beard, Robin Jenkinson and I interviewed the top finalist.

I recommend that Michael J. Lambo be confirmed as the Kirkland Municipal Court Judge. He was highly rated by our panels and we received strong recommendations as well. Currently, he has a private practice in the City of Kirkland. Mr. Lambo has been a lawyer since 1984 and has had experience as a trial lawyer in his 18 years of private practice and three years as a prosecutor. Mr. Lambo has significant experience serving as a judge pro tempore. Mr. Lambo also served as a Bellevue Police Officer for 11 years prior to attending law school. A copy of his resume is attached.

It is anticipated that Michael J. Lambo will take his oath of office and begin serving as the Kirkland Municipal Court Judge by January 1, 2006. He will be employed as a .85 FTE.

Attachment

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September 24, 2005

City of Kirkland  
Rod Lank, Human Resources Department  
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Kirkland, WA. 98033

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HUMAN RESOURCES

Re: Application: Kirkland Municipal Court Judge Position

Dear Mr. Lank:

This letter is in response to the advertisement on the City of Kirkland Web site. The position in Kirkland requires extensive knowledge of criminal law, rules of evidence and trial practice. The position also requires the energy and ability to run a court and interact as part of a team with staff and city officials. This position is very appealing to me since the court's needs match a great deal of my background.

During my tenure with the King County Prosecutor's Office, I supervised the attorneys and staff in all eleven King County District Courts at the time. While in this supervisory position, I authored a 183-page trial guide, placed in each court for use by new prosecuting attorneys. Later, I practiced mainly in the area of criminal defense, but also handled Personal injury and family law matters, drafted wills, reviewed contracts and represented Respondents in Juvenile court. Presently, I have a busy private practice that routinely requires my presence in several different courts in the same day.

I have tried many cases to the bench and jury as both prosecutor and defense counsel. These have included complex murder, rape, and assault matters, as well as misdemeanor and gross misdemeanor driving, domestic violence, theft and drug possession matters. I have chaired criminal law CLE's and successfully argued before the Court of Appeals on many occasions. During the past fifteen years, I have sat as a pro-temp judge in different King County District Courts, as well as Bothell, Kent and Kirkland Municipal Courts.

Enclosed with this letter is my resume that highlights my experience and accomplishments, including:

- 11 years as a Bellevue Police Officer
- 3 years as a Prosecuting Attorney
- 18 years as a private practice trial lawyer
- Significant experience as a judge, pro-temp

This is a very exciting opportunity. My intent is to wind down my practice so I can devote 100% of my time and energy to the court. I believe I would be an excellent judge. I am certain that I would be a good representative for the City of Kirkland and would be able to contribute to the Court and City in a very positive way.

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to meeting with the interview panel to discuss my qualifications and this employment opportunity.

MICHAEL J. LAMBO, P.S.



Michael J. Lambo

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Enclosure

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**CURRICULUM VITAE**

**PRESENT POSITION:**

- November 1987 – Present: **Michael J. Lambo, P.S., Attorney at Law (Private practice)**
  - Primary emphasis on Criminal Defense where I represented clients throughout the State of Washington in Municipal, District and Superior Courts.
  - Conducted many bench and jury trials involving DUI, Domestic Violence, Theft, Assault, Drug offenses, Rape and Vehicular Homicide.
  - Experience includes representation in Juvenile Courts, administrative hearings with the Department of Licensing and drug seizure matters.
  - Represented clients in personal injury, divorce, landlord-tenant and protection order matters.
  - Drafted Wills and performed Guardian ad litem services in probate matters
  - Successfully briefed and argued cases before the Court of Appeals, Division one and two, including *State -vs- Hoke, 72 Wn. App. 869, 866 P.2d 670 (1994)*

**EMPLOYMENT HISTORY:**

- November 1984 – November 1987: **King County Prosecutor's Office, Dep. Prosecuting Attorney**
  - Primary emphasis on criminal prosecution of misdemeanor, gross misdemeanor and felony matters in King County District and Superior Courts.
  - Bench and Jury trials included DUI, Assault and Theft, Robbery, Kidnapping, Domestic Violence, Rape, Child Rape, Drug offenses and Murder.
  - Supervised all 11 King County District Courts before moving to the felony trial team.
  - Produced and authored a 183-page prosecutor's misdemeanor Trial Guide.
  - Assisted in starting "Drug Unit."
  - Selected for trial team in Special Assault Unit
  - Successfully briefed and argued many cases in the Court of Appeals, Division one.
- October 1970 - July 1980/July 1983 - November 1984: **Bellevue Police, Police officer/Detective**
  - Responsible for enforcement of all municipal and state laws within the City of Bellevue
  - Selected to serve as under-cover narcotics Detective for approximately two years
  - Received several letters of commendation from the chief of police and supervisory staff
  - Promoted to Field Training Officer
  - Promoted to Detective - Investigated crimes ranging from theft and Burglary to Rape and Homicide.
  - Returned for one year following law school (1983 – 1984).

**OTHER LAW-RELATED EXPERIENCE**

- Judge Pro Temp - King County Dist. Courts; City of Kirkland/Bothell/Kent.
- President of the Criminal Law section of the Washington State Trial Lawyers Association (WSTLA)
- President of the Criminal Law Section of the Washington State Bar Association.
- University of Puget Sound, School of Law, Moot Court Judge
- Participated in caucus committees with Washington Traffic Safety Commission

## **EDUCATION:**

- Juris Doctorate, Gonzaga University, School of Law, 1983
- B.A., Political Science, Seattle University, 1979

## **BAR AFFILIATIONS:**

- Washington State Bar Association, 1984
- Federal District Court, Western District of Washington, 1985
- United States Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit, 1985.

## **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES HAVE INCLUDED:**

- Washington Association of Prosecuting Attorneys
- Washington Foundation for Criminal Justice
- Washington State Bar Association - Executive Board, Criminal Law Section
- King County Bar Association
- Washington Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers
- East King County Bar Association – Executive board
- Washington State Trial Lawyers Association - Executive Board, Criminal Law Section

## **LECTURES AND PUBLICATIONS:**

- 183 page prosecutor's misdemeanor Trial Guide – K. C. Pros. Office - 1985
- CLE Chairperson & Speaker, *Criminal Defense: Taking the Offensive*, WSTLA.- 1991
- Started and edited "Overruled," Washington State Bar Association's Criminal Law Section's quarterly news periodical – 1993
- CLE Chairperson & Speaker, Criminal Domestic Violence program, - 1994
- CLE Speaker - Three-day Certificate Program – *DUI Defense Skills Certificate Program* – University of Washington - 1995
- Authored several articles concerning criminal law issues - WSTLA Trial News

## **COMMUNITY NON-LAW ACTIVITIES:**

- Volunteer parent assistant coach - Girl's softball - Northshore
- Volunteer parent assistant coach - Girls Golf Team - Inglemoor H.S.
- Member of Inglewood Golf Club
- Licensed Real Estate Agent

## **REFERENCES**

Robert B.C. McSeveney, Judge/Co-Chair, Board for Judicial Administration,  
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Douglas Smith, Judge, Shoreline District Court, 18050 Meridian Ave. N. - Shoreline, WA. 98133  
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