



City of Rochester Hills
CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

NAME Laura M. Ivezaj COUNCIL DISTRICT 4
DATE 07/29/16 ROCHESTER HILLS RESIDENT FOR 23 YEARS
OCCUPATION Legal

INTERESTS/REASONS/QUALIFICATIONS

I am currently a law student at Thomas Cooley Law School, with interest to practice municipal law. I have always been interested and involved with local government. I will be taking classes regarding property, zoning and municipal law. I have been assisting as a volunteer with the city, Mayor Bryan Barnett and 52-3 District Court for many years. Specifically, I assisted in the process of establishing the Sister City relationship between Rochester Hills and Tuz, Montenegro. I have also assisted in local campaigns. In summer 2014, I was given the opportunity to intern for Judge Julia A. Nicholson at 52-3 District Court. After the conclusion of my internship I returned to give presentations to the public as it pertains to prescription drug abuse and the effect it has had on our community. I would like to be a member of the zoning board, because it would allow me the opportunity to stay involved in the community and to further my passion for municipal law/city government. I am currently employed as a paralegal at Secrest Wardle, a mid-sized law firm specializing in insurance defense and municipal law.

BOARDS/COMMISSIONS/COMMITTEES ON WHICH YOU HAVE SERVED (LIST MUNICIPALITIES AND DATES)

ELECTIVE OFFICES THAT YOU HAVE HELD

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

First Year Law Moot Court
Oakland County Young Republicans
St. Paul's Albanian Catholic Church Youth Group

PERTINENT EDUCATION

THOMAS M. COOLEY LAW SCHOOL
Juris Doctorate Candidate - May 2019

SAGINAW VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY
Criminal Justice/Pre-Law/Sociology Major - August 2014
- Cumulative GPA: 3.2, Criminal Justice GPA: 3.54
- Deans List: Winner 2012, Fall 2012, Winner 2013, Fall 2014, Winner 2014.

HOBBIES/INTERESTS

I work with different police departments and Community Coalitions to research and prepare presentations for the public as it pertains to current drug epidemics effecting our community. Additionally, I am a volunteer soccer coach for the Rochester Soccer Club and Rochester High School. I enjoy and look forward to staying involved in the community in any way that I can.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

I am fluent in the Albanian language. I have volunteered in many local campaigns. I have also volunteered for the Rainbow Connection, a non-profit organization, located in Rochester, MI.

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LAURA MARIE IVEZAJ, B.A.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

SECRETST WARDLE (November 2014-Present)

Litigation Paralegal/Legal Assistant –Troy, MI

- Develop cases by drafting discovery requests/discovery responses;
- Review and analyze responses to discovery and initiate further actions;
- Discuss with clients and insurance companies progression of cases; and,
- Summarize medical, police, employment, education, counseling records.

52/3 DISTRICT COURT (August 2014-November 2014)

Criminal, Civil and Pre-Sentence Investigation Clerk – Rochester Hills, MI

- Perform a wide variety of legal clerical responsibilities including entering case information on the Judicial Information Systems (JIS), maintaining court files, mail processing, as well as alpha and numerical filing.
- Process and evaluate drug/alcohol test results from various agencies to determine whether or not to refer defendants' drug and alcohol testing results to the Judges'.
- Serve as a court liaison communicating proper procedures with various drug testing agencies, Oakland County's Pretrial Supervision Unit and the public.

52/3 DISTRICT COURT (May 2014-August 2014)

Judicial Intern to the Chief Judge- The Hon. Julie A. Nicholson - Rochester Hills, MI

- Assist the research attorney in drafting judicial opinions on a variety of criminal and civil cases.
- Research, write memoranda, attend trials and present to the Judge.
- Prepare/organize dockets and check-in the public for the docket.
- Accessing defendant's criminal history and probation/bond drug testing results for the Judge to review in time for sentencing.

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ADDITIONAL SKILLS/EXPERIENCES

- Fluent in the Albanian Language.
- Volunteer with the North Oakland Community Coalition: researching community issues, collecting data and presenting same to the community.
- Volunteer with the Rainbow Connection: an organization fulfilling wishes of children with life-threatening illnesses.
- Assist in campaign elections and re-elections of Judges/local officials.