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**Jones has high caliber willingness and ethics**

To the Editor:

I recently learned that William C. (Bill) Jones is seeking election to the position of Circuit Court Judge for the 6th Judicial District of the Oregon Judicial Department (Umatilla and Morrow counties). It is with honor that I submit a brief observation on his competency to successfully perform that service.

When I served as the Staff Judge Advocate of the 9th Infantry Division (Motorized) at Fort Lewis, Washington, Bill served as my Deputy for several years. Bill's service was performed in a superb manner. I know that he has held many other responsible positions in the Army and, in every instance, proved his willingness to make the needed sacrifices to see that the mission was accomplished. I know his professional and personal ethics to be of the highest caliber. His outstanding record of service in the Army stands as a testament to his success

in serving our great nation.

In addition, I have kept up with Bill's service in his beloved Oregon since leaving the Army. Bill has held responsible positions in your judicial system and there is no doubt in my mind that he has performed all of those duties in an admirable manner. On a personal level, both Bill and his wonderful wife, June, are native Oregonians and active in their church and community. I am proud of their success in raising a family of wonderful children that every person could wish for.

All of these attributes demonstrate Bill's outstanding capacity to succeed in positions of great trust and responsibility. To that end, I am proud to urge the voters in your area to elect Bill Jones to the office that he is seeking. He will make a great judge.

(s) Col. Charles E. Bonney (USA, retired)  
Dripping Springs, Texas

**Hill already has experience as a judge**

To the Editor:

I believe that this race for Circuit Court Judge is one of the most important in the May Primary. I think that Dan Hill is the best candidate for the job, and here is why:

Dan has by far the most judge experience of any of the people running. He has been a Municipal Court Judge for the City of Hermiston for eight years, making decisions on traffic, domestic violence and driving under the influence cases. He has been a part-time Circuit Court Judge for

Umatilla and Morrow counties for three years. This is the same court that he is running for now. None of the other candidates have that type of judicial experience.

We need a judge who will not need to be trained. We need a judge who has already sat on a large number of cases in this district. Dan has already had a large number of his decisions upheld by the Oregon Appellate Courts, with very few reversals. None of the other candidates can say that.

Experience as a judge in this area is what really sets Dan Hill apart from the other candidates. Please elect Dan as your next Circuit Judge.

(s) Ed Summers  
Hermiston

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**Experience**

- Circuit Judge, pro-tem.
- Practicing Attorney for nearly 17 years.
- Former Municipal Court Judge.
- Former Army Prosecutor & City Prosecutor.
- Judge Advocate for Oregon Army National Guard.



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**Jones sets benchmarks in every facet of his life**

To the Editor:

To the citizens of Umatilla and Morrow Counties,

I am very proud to endorse Bill Jones as Circuit Court judge for the 6th Judicial District of the Oregon Judicial Department (Umatilla and Morrow counties). Bill definitely has the experience and knowledge to make a difference in the judicial system of Oregon, and I can think of no one better qualified to sit the bench of the 6th judicial District at this time.

I first met Bill and June at Fort Bliss, Texas in the early '70s where he served as my Executive Officer in an Army hawk missile battery. Bill was new in the Army at that time but was not new to law, having already begun his pre-law training. Bill's professionalism and extraordinary "common sense judgment" coupled with his pleasant manner and fine sense of humor started a friendship that has lasted for 30 years.

Bill's confident professionalism and easy-going manner are not only reflected in his work but also in his wonderful family. His lovely wife June and he have raised three tremendous children in Bill III, Tevor and Emily. Together they have held this happy, healthy family on

**Jones has strong interest in the welfare of children**

To the Editor:

I am supporting and voting for Bill Jones for Circuit Court Judge. Bill is dedicated, hard working, and committed to doing what is right. He has a long and amazing background in the legal system that has prepared him very well to be a fine Circuit Court Judge.

Also of great importance to me is Bill's strong caring interest in the welfare of our children, particularly underprivileged children. He has been a youth sports coach, an Assistant Boy Scout Master and merit badge counselor, a Sunday School teacher, a Mock Court Trial Competition organizer and judge, and he is a volunteer with the SMART Reading

**Hill, an Eagle Scout, best qualified candidate**

To the Editor:

Loyal, helpful, friendly. You may have heard these words with the Scout Law, and this year you have an opportunity to put an Eagle Scout on the bench for Umatilla and Morrow County who believes in the Scout Oath and Law.

Dan Hill, Eagle Scout and Circuit Judge, pro-tem, with 10 years of judicial

course for 34 years, making notable contributions to their community, its organizations and people. They are active contributors in health care, where Emily works; local law enforcement organizations; scouting; and in support of other local businesses. I know for sure that Bill still loves fishing a good trout stream as he did when we worked together in the Army.

Bill has set a benchmark for all of us in every facet of his life. He is professionally competent, setting high standards in judgment based on his many years of experience. He sets a great example as a husband, father and community contributor. Finally, Bill is the kind of friendly easy-going man it takes to make persuasive arguments stick in the legal and political environments.

I strongly endorse Bill in his quest for the Circuit Court seat of Umatilla and Morrow counties and I know that the good people of the State of Oregon are lucky indeed to have Bill, June and their family as community members.

(s) Jim Adamson  
NASA Astronaut (retired)  
Woodbine, MD

Program. He wrote and has revised the Supplemental Local Court Rules for the 6th Judicial District. The Standard Parenting Plan is an important part of these rules. This Plan is designed to protect the interests of children whose parents are divorcing, and also to protect the interests of the divorcing parents themselves. He is also a member of the Family Law Advisory Committee, which among many other things, periodically reviews and seeks to improve the local court rules.

Please join me and my family in voting for Bill Jones for Circuit Court Judge.

(s) Merrill Hilde  
Elementary School Teacher  
Pendleton

**Jones has experience, integrity and strong values**

To the Editor:

Bill Jones is the best qualified candidate for Circuit Court Judge. I have worked with him as an attorney for Umatilla County, practiced law in the judicial district, which he administers, and known him for many years.

Bill had a distinguished career as a litigator and law professor for the military for 22 years, was an effective Umatilla County counsel for five years and a very successful Trial Court administrator for five years in our region. Bill is largely responsible for many of the improvements and expansions that you have seen in our local courthouse in recent years and are anticipating in Hermiston.

He has been an effective administrator for our judicial district.

Bill has volunteered in this community in a long list of charitable and service organizations. He has also served on several statewide law and law enforcement commissions. He is particularly involved with children and youth programs in our community.

I know Bill as a man of integrity, courtesy and respect. He will use his experience, integrity and strong values to excel as our judge. Please join me in voting for Bill Jones for Circuit Court Judge in the upcoming election.

(s) Nancy Kerns  
Pendleton

**Jones would be asset as Circuit Court Judge**

To the Editor:

Bill Jones, the trial court administrator for the 6th Judicial District, is a candidate for 6th Judicial District Circuit Court Judge this fall. Bill served his country as an Army Air Defense Artillery Officer and a Judge Advocate for over 22 years. Bill was under my direct supervision during part of his time as a Judge Advocate. I also know of Bill's contributions to the Army when he did not work directly for me.

Bill was an excellent lawyer and Army officer. As a department Chair and Dean of the Army's Law School in Charlottesville, VA, I selected Bill to serve on the faculty of the school. Such assignments in the Army are highly sought after and selection is a mark of distinction. Bill was highly regarded as a law teacher and his work showed exceptional legal scholarship and ability. Bill subsequently worked for me at the Headquarters for the US Army Europe during the time that the Berlin Wall came down. The legal issues facing the Army were difficult and required innovative legal thinking and talents. Bill's guidance and advice to the Commanding General and me

were instrumental in forging the Army's legal relationship to a unified Germany. Bill was recognized by his fellow judge advocates as an excellent lawyer.

Most voters in Umatilla and Morrow counties know a little of what Judge Advocates do in the military from movies and television shows. While the movies and television may glamorize the legal work of judge advocates, it is a very demanding and fast paced practice of law that demands exceptional legal knowledge, the ability to reach and make difficult decisions and integrity. These are the same traits needed as a Circuit Court Judge. Bill displayed these talents while serving on active duty.

Bill Jones has a superb reputation as a lawyer for the Army. The qualities he displayed while in active service are the same qualities needed as a Circuit Court Judge. Bill Jones will be an asset to the citizens of Umatilla and Morrow counties as a Circuit Court Judge.

(s) Thomas M. Crean  
Colonel, US Army (Retired)  
Judge Advocates General's Corps  
Springfield, VA

**Hill has understanding of area background**

To the Editor:

In the May Primary election, one of the most important races will be for Circuit Court Judge, position number three. I am voting for Dan Hill of Hermiston, who I think is the most qualified candidate.

I have lived in this area all of my life. I happen to think that it is very helpful for a judge to understand and have a background in this area. Dan Hill is a lifelong resident of this area. He graduated from Hermiston High School and then from Oregon State University and Willamette Law School. He has had a private law practice in Hermiston for a number of years. He has served his country as an officer in the Army JAG Corps.

I am not saying that being from this area is the most important qualification. However, I believe that, of all

the candidates for this important office, Dan has the most experience as a judge and a lawyer. He has also been involved in his community, serving on the Umatilla County Planning Commission and the Blue Mountain Community College Board. The fact that he has Eastern Oregon "roots" is just one more reason to select him as our next Circuit Court judge.

Dan Hill has the ability to listen to people, which is important for a judge in a courtroom. And don't just take my word for it. I'll bet if you ask the lawyers and others involved in our local court system who is the most qualified candidate, they will tell you that it is Dan Hill.

When your ballot comes in the mail, please mark your vote for Dan Hill for Circuit Court Judge.

(s) Marvin Key  
Milton-Freewater

**Vote for Hill, experienced and knowledgeable**

To the Editor:

It is a pleasure to recommend Dan Hill for your vote for Circuit Court Judge. Seldom does a candidate have the range of experience and knowledge of the area, as does Dan Hill. With a rural background, an excellent legal education, an outstanding

military experience, and as an attorney in private practice, as a prosecutor and as judge, he has the tools to do a great job as Circuit Court Judge. Dan Hill has my unqualified support for Circuit Judge.

(s) Ron and Penny Gauette  
Hermiston

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Marcus and Lisa Collier