



# CITY OF SAN CLEMENTE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE APPLICATION

1. Name: William E. Hanrahan

2. Do you live in San Clemente? (Note: City Residency is not necessary for this Committee) Yes (beginning 5/24/2022)

3. What is your occupation? Retired Judge

4. Please explain why you would like to serve on the Public Safety Committee.  
I recently retired from a long career in public service. I wish to contribute to the community in which my wife and I will be residing as permanent residents. (Beginning 5/24/2022)

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5. Please explain your background and experience in the public safety field.  
Served as Assistant District Attorney in Milwaukee, WI for 10 years. Experience includes crimes: misdemeanor-felony. Headed the domestic violence unit for 3 of those years.  
Asst. Attorney General for 9 years. Prosecuted serial sex offenders, white collar crime, head of elder abuse unit. Taught crim law/procedure at Sheriff and Police academies, and at Marquette Univ. and Edgewood College. Circuit Ct Judge for 13 years, 10 as presiding criminal judge, 2 as Chief Judge of district. Head of the federal immigration court in San Francisco for 14 months. Had enough. Retired.

6. What is your educational background?

High School/Colleges Attended	Major Field of Study	Degree?
Univ. of Wisconsin - Green Bay	Urban Studies	B.S.
Hamline Univ. School of Law, St. Paul, MN	Law	J.D.

7. Please explain any experience that you have in community, governmental, charitable or educational affairs.  
Served on dozens of committees, boards, and projects over the course of my career.  
As the Chief Judge for the 5th Judicial District in Wisconsin, a 6 county region, I regularly interacted with the Wisconsin Supreme Court and legislature, along with my duties supervising 33 state circuit court judges, 45 municipal judges, and numerous court commissioners. As a prosecutor, I was consistently involved with numerous citizen groups, including groups agitating for tougher penalties, as well as community groups advocating for reform. Prior to law school, among other jobs, I worked in a youth gang diversion/housing restoration program where I taught building trades to court-ordered delinquents.

8. Please describe your understanding of the principal roles and responsibilities of the Public Safety Committee.  
An advisory committee assembled to provide assistance to decision-makers regarding issues of public safety. Best practices include having a wide array of individuals, representing various related backgrounds, that are able to freely exchange ideas and work together collaboratively, always keeping the best interests of the community in mind.

9. The Public Safety Committee meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 3:00 p.m. Please explain any challenges, if any, you may have in meeting this commitment.  
None.

10. Please use the space below to explain any other factors about yourself that you would like for the Councilmembers to consider as they review your application.  
I am no longer a judge. I am most grateful for having had the opportunity to dramatically impact the lives of the people that appeared before me on a daily basis. Now, I find that the best use of my experience is to continue to embrace the challenges of securing public safety while working together with other professionals and citizens toward this common goal.