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# VOTERS' PAMPHLET

Containing Statements in behalf of

Candidates for Nomination for

## Nonpartisan Judiciary Offices

at the

### PRIMARY ELECTION, MAY 15, 1942



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**EARL SNELL**  
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## **FOREWORD**

This pamphlet, which contains the statements of candidates for nomination for judiciary offices who have paid the publication charges prescribed by section 81-2503, O. C. L. A., is mailed to voters who are registered other than as Republicans or Democrats. Such electors are authorized to vote the separate Nonpartisan ballot only, at the Primary Election. None but registered members of the two major political parties may vote the general nominating ballots at the May 15th election since such election, except as it concerns nonpartisan offices, is strictly a Republican and Democratic Primary.

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EARL SNELL,  
Secretary of State.

**EDWARD B. ASHURST**

**Candidate for Nomination for Judge of the Supreme Court, Position No. 2  
(Nonpartisan Judiciary Ballot)**



**MY FELLOW CITIZENS:**

I hereby announce my candidacy for the office of Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of Oregon, position number two, and if elected I shall strive to fuse stability with progress, and I shall strive, as I have ever striven, to interpret the laws of our land in accordance with America's progressive conception of social justice ideals the practical application of which hath enabled us to become a great nation and a free people.

Ours is a nation conceived in liberty and which hath for its foundation a constitution ordained and established for the purpose of providing for the common defense, for the purpose of promoting the general welfare, and securing the blessings of liberty unto the people of this nation and to their posterity.

This constitution, which is the embodiment of the hopes and aspirations of our race, should not be simply like unto a marble Galatea but it should be something which those who interpret

the laws of our land should quicken into life for the promotion of social justice and the general welfare, and to insure the security and repose of the humblest citizen of the land as well as the merchant prince and the captains of industry.

If elected I will strive to render helpful and intelligent service unto those whose sons sleep tonight upon the tented fields in foreign lands and who while standing as living ramparts of American valor are facing the iron storm of war that this nation which exemplifies man's noblest conception of social justice and human liberty shall live.

More than a quarter of a century has passed since I lit my first camp fires on the desert wastes and amidst the somber shades of the giant forests of Oregon. Since then I graduated from the College of Law of the Willamette University, engaged in the active practice of law, served as Deputy District Attorney, District Manager of the Home Owners Loan Corporation, and as Judge of the thirteenth Judicial District of Oregon.

Very respectfully yours,

**EDWARD B. ASHURST.**

**JAMES T. BRAND****Candidate for Nomination for Judge of the Supreme Court, Position No. 2  
(Nonpartisan Judiciary Ballot)**

I am now serving as one of the justices of the Supreme Court under appointment of the Governor a year ago. I am just getting broken in to the job of working in harness with the other justices and am anxious to continue my service on the court under election by the people.

I am fifty-five years old; was born in Ohio; have lived 27 years in Oregon and have a wife and two children. I attended the public schools, graduated from Oberlin College and Harvard Law School, served as a Ranger in the U. S. Forest Service in 1910 and 1911 in Oregon, practiced law in Coos County for thirteen years; was City Attorney of Marshfield for ten years. For a year and a half, after the collapse of the Oregon Dairymen's Co-op League, I devoted most of my time to the legal work of reorganizing the dairy industry in the local communities and finished the job. I served for many years on the Marshfield

School Board and in 1927 was appointed to the Circuit Court for the second judicial district, comprising Coos, Curry, Lincoln, Benton, Douglas and Lane Counties. I have served one year as President of the Oregon Bar Association and three years on the Board of Governors of the State Bar. After being elected three times and having served for fourteen years as Circuit Judge, I resigned to try my hand at the work on the Supreme Court. I find that work tremendously hard, tremendously important and tremendously interesting.

I respectfully solicit the support of the electorate on May 15th, and I again pledge my most sincere efforts to do justice according to law.

JAMES T. BRAND.

**GEO. R. DUNCAN**

**Candidate for Nomination for Judge of the Circuit Court, Third Judicial  
District, Marion County, Position No. 1  
(Nonpartisan Judiciary Ballot)**



I was admitted to practice law in Oregon in 1925 immediately following my graduation from Willamette University Law School, and have engaged in active practice continuously since that time. This practice has been general and has provided me with experience in all branches of the law, and particularly the law covering estates and guardianships, land titles, contracts and accounting, municipalities and taxation. Am also admitted to practice in the United States District Court. The experience gained by holding city, county and state offices, has been valuable, and I served in the 1939 and 1941 sessions as State Representative from Marion County. I am married; am 45 years of age. A Veteran of the first World War.

The office which I am seeking is one of great importance to all citizens, and I realize the difficulties which constantly face a Judge in his efforts to do justice to the opposing sides in legal controversies presented for his decision, for in very few cases are the facts clearly in favor of one litigant or the other. A knowledge of the law is essential but of no less importance is the desire and ability to examine both sides of a controversy with equal diligence, free of personal bias toward the persons involved. Established rules must be followed and precedents examined, but law and human justice do not stand still and when the reason for a rule no longer exists the rule should be changed. Unnecessary law suits are to be discouraged, but litigation once brought into court should be decided as rapidly as possible to avoid needless expense to the parties and to the taxpayers.

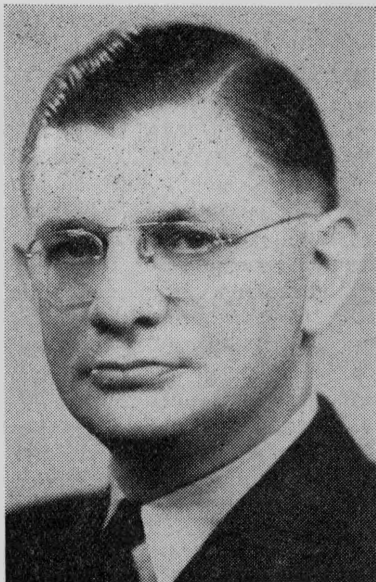
I pledge an unbiased attitude toward all litigants regardless of circumstances, and a fair and impartial consideration of all facts that may come before me. Strict attention to business.

GEO. R. DUNCAN.

**HERMAN E. LAFKY**

**Candidate for Nomination for Judge of the Circuit Court, Third Judicial District, Marion County, Position No. 1**

**(Nonpartisan Judiciary Ballot)**



I am 45 years of age, married and have two sons. Since my admission to the practice of law in the Courts of Oregon, in 1932, I have had ten years of varied and successful practice, in the State and Federal Courts of Washington and Oregon. As a farmer, soldier, lawyer, and citizen, my qualifications, ability, integrity, patriotism, and fearlessness in fighting for the right, have never been questioned. If nominated and elected, I shall faithfully abide by the time honored rules of Judicial Ethics, and shall insist that the attorneys coming before this Court, likewise follow the established rules of Legal Ethics. Without fear, favor or prejudice, justice will be administered fairly, with a decent consideration for the public safety, and the interest of the taxpayers. This Court will be a reasonable facsimile of the other Circuit Courts of Oregon.

cuit Courts of Oregon. Criminal convictions and lawyers will not be permitted to defeat justice by continued delay, nor by a reduction in the sentence. There will be no pampering, or promiscuous paroling of criminal repeaters, or persons convicted of vicious crimes.

I will reduce the time, expense, and red tape involving estates and guardianships.

Damage suits will be forced to quick and speedy trial, with a minimum of expense to the litigants and the taxpayers. I shall insist that there be maintained in this Court, the atmosphere of dignity and decorum customarily associated with our Judicial System.

I respectfully submit to the voters of Marion County, my training, experience, and qualifications for the office of Circuit Court Judge, and solicit the support and vote of all citizens, in order that the operations and administration of this Court may have the honorable position in our democratic system of Justice, which our Constitution and Laws intend and provide.

HERMAN E. LAFKY.

(This information furnished by Herman E. Lafky.)

