

**BUCKS COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
MERIT SELECTION OF JUDGES COMMITTEE
Candidate Questionnaire**

Election Date: / /

Notice: A candidate who chooses not to answer any question in whole or in part is requested to set forth the reason(s) for not answering so as to minimize or eliminate any adverse inferences that may otherwise be drawn.

I. PERSONAL DATA

1. Name and Address. State your full name, home address and any other name by which you have been known.

2. Age.

3. Business Activities.
 - (a) In the past ten years, have you been engaged in any occupation, business or profession, other than the practice of law or holding of judicial or other public office? If yes, state details, including name, address, description of activity and dates.

 - (b) Are you currently an officer or director or otherwise engaged in the management of any business enterprise?
 - (1) If yes, state the details, including the name of your enterprise, the nature of the business, the title or other description of your position, the nature of your duties and the term of your service?

 - (2) Is it your intention to resign such positions and withdraw from any participation in the management of any such enterprise if you become a judge? If no, state reasons.

II. EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND AND PUBLICATIONS

4. Education. State each trade school, college and/or law school attended, including the dates of attendance and the date and type of degree awarded.

5. Teaching. Have you taught any law related courses after your admission to practice? If yes, state the name and address of the institution and the name and substance of the course taught and the date when it was taught.

6. Publications. Are there any publications or articles of which you are the author or a contributing author? If yes, state the name and date of the publication or article and the publisher. Include any CLE publications and seminars.

7. Honors. State any honors, prizes or awards or other forms of recognition which you have received (including any indication of academic distinction in college or law school) other than those mentioned in answers to the foregoing questions. Include any lectures delivered or symposia in which you have participated in the past five years.

III. LEGAL EXPERIENCE

8. Current Professional Occupation.

(a) State the name and address of your principal office.

(b) Describe your present professional position.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | firm | <input type="checkbox"/> | sole practitioner |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | partner or shareholder | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | associate | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | public defender | <input type="checkbox"/> | district attorney |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | other (describe) | | |

(c) How long have you practiced law in Pennsylvania?

9. Courts.

(a) State all the courts in which you have been admitted to practice, including dates of admission.

(b) Have you ever been disciplined by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court Disciplinary Board or a disciplinary agency in any other jurisdiction? If so, please explain the circumstances.

10. Employment History. State chronologically your legal experience after graduation from law school, including:

- (a) whether you served as clerk to a judge and, if yes, the name of the judge and the court and the date of your clerkship;
- (b) whether you practiced alone, and, if yes, the addresses and dates of your solo practice;

- (c) the dates, names and addresses of law firms or offices, companies or governmental agencies with which you have been connected and the nature of your connection with each;
- (d) any other relevant information.

11. Areas of Practice.

- (a) What has been the general character of your practice?
- (b) State by percentage the approximate amount of time you spend in your practice in the following areas:

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| <input type="text"/> Business | <input type="text"/> Criminal |
| <input type="text"/> Domestic | <input type="text"/> Estates |
| <input type="text"/> Civil Litigation | <input type="text"/> Real Estate |
| <input type="text"/> Municipal | <input type="text"/> Other (specify) |

12. Litigation Experience. With respect to the past five years:

- (a) How often have you appeared in a court proceeding?
- (b) What percentage of your appearance in court was in:

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| <input type="text"/> federal courts | |
| <input type="text"/> state courts of record | |
| <input type="text"/> administrative hearings. | |
- (c) What percentage of your litigation was:

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| <input type="text"/> civil | <input type="text"/> criminal. |
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- (d) What percentage of the cases in 12(a) above were:

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| <input type="text"/> jury | <input type="text"/> non jury |
| <input type="text"/> arbitration | <input type="text"/> administrative hearings. |
- (e) If part of your practice has been before appellate courts in the past five years, identify the appellate courts before which you have practiced.

13. Judicial or Public Office Experience.
- (a) Have you ever held judicial office? If yes, give dates and details, including the courts involved, whether elected or appointed, periods of service and a description of the jurisdiction of each of such courts with any limitations upon its jurisdiction.
- (b) Have you ever held public office other than judicial office? If yes, give details, including the office involved, whether elected or appointed, and the length of your service, giving dates.
14. Other Relevant Information. Please provide any other information such as military experience, membership in professional organizations or community involvement which you would like the committee to consider.

IV. CHARACTER INVESTIGATION

15. Criminal Convictions. Have you ever been convicted of a misdemeanor or felony offense in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or any other jurisdiction? If yes, state the details.
16. Authorizations. I agree to authorize, as indicated below, the Bucks County Bar Association Merit Selection of Judges Committee to solicit disciplinary and/or conviction information about me from the entities stated below and agree to execute the authorizations attached hereto authorizing the entities, as indicated below, to release all information to said Committee.

| <u>Entities</u> | <u>Granted</u> | <u>Denied</u> |
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| (1) Disciplinary Board of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania and any other jurisdiction stated in Paragraph 14 | _____ | _____ |
| (2) Federal or State governmental agencies | _____ | _____ |

Signature/date

CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

The undersigned certifies that all statements made in this questionnaire are true, complete and correct to the best of his/her knowledge and belief and are made in good faith and done so with the understanding they will be made public.

Date

Candidate

Revised and adopted by the ad hoc Merit Selection Committee, November 2000.

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