

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

Election Date: 5/19/09

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.

Wallace (Skip) H. Bateman, Jr.
521 Clover Lane
Perkasie, PA 18944

2. Age.

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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.

Adjunct Faculty, Bucks County Community College, 1995-present

- (b) Are you currently an officer or director or otherwise engaged in the management of any business enterprise?

No

- (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.

Widener University School of Law, Wilmington, DE, Juris Doctor 1982
LaSalle University, Philadelphia, PA, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, Cum Laude, 1979

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.

1985-1986	Allentown College	Criminal Law
1990-1994	Philadelphia Paralegal Institute	Corporations & Partnerships Civil Litigation
1995-Present	Bucks County Community College Adjunct Faculty, Paralegal Program	Corporations Civil Litigation Business Law

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.

Bucks County Bar Association President's Award 2004
Bucks County Bar Association Arthur B. Walsh, Jr. Pro Bono Award 2004
Bucks County Council, Boy Scouts of America, numerous awards
Law and Politics Magazine, PA Super Lawyer

III. LEGAL EXPERIENCE

8. Current Professional Occupation.

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

Judge, Bucks County Court of Common Pleas
Courthouse, Doylestown, PA

- (b) Describe your present professional position.

firm
 sole practitioner
 partner or shareholder
 associate
 public defender
 district attorney
 other (describe) Judge

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

Since 1982

9. Courts.

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

Supreme Court of Pennsylvania – 1982
Supreme Court of New Jersey – 1982
U.S. District Court for Eastern District of PA – 1983
U.S. District Court of NJ – 1994
U.S. Court of Appeals, Third Circuit - 1989

- (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.

No

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;

No

- (b) whether you practiced alone, and, if yes, the addresses and dates of your solo practice;

No

- (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;

1987-2008 – Grim, Biehn & Thatcher, Perkasio, PA

2006-2008 – Solicitor, Bucks County Sheriff's Office

1987-2008 – General Counsel, Bucks County Council, Boy Scouts of America

1982-1987 – Bucks County District Attorney's Office, Doylestown, PA

- (d) any other relevant information.

Disciplinary Board of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania 1995-2001

Board of Managers, Bucks County Juvenile Court

11. Areas of Practice.

- (a) What has been the general character of your practice?

Litigation

- (b) State by percentage the approximate amount of time you spend in your practice in the following areas:

<u> </u>	Business	<u>40</u>	Criminal
<u>10</u>	Domestic	<u> </u>	Estates
<u>30</u>	Civil Litigation	<u> </u>	Real Estate
<u> </u>	Municipal	<u>20</u>	Other (specify)
			Workers' Compensation
			Orphan's Court
			Health Care

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

- (a) How often have you appeared in a court proceeding?

Almost daily

Pro Bono 1991-1992, Member; 1996-1998, Chair; 1998-1999, Member;
2001-2002, Member
Legislative 2003-2006, Committee Member
Leadership Conference 2002-2003
Military Assistance 2003-2004, Chairperson

Sections:

Criminal Law 2001-2003
Child Advocacy 2001-2002

Continuing Legal Education – Presenter and Course Planner for numerous Ethics Programs


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.

No

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




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.

3/3/09
Date


Candidate

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

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