

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

Election Date: 5/19/09

Completed questionnaire must be returned to the BCBA Merit Selection Committee on or before 3/17/09

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.

Brian T. McGuffin 70 Barley Court, Langhorne, PA 19047

2. Age. 48

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.

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- (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?

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- (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.

We would most likely sell the building.

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.

1982 Graduate of La Salle University, B.A. Degree in Political Science

1985 Graduate of Temple University School of Law, J.D. Degree.

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.

Taught Constitutional Law at Olney High School in Phila. as part of the Temple LEAP Program during my 3rd year of Law School.

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.

I was one of the original Assistant Editors of the BCBA Newsletter, the "Writs", and have been a regular contributor. While many of the articles have been human interest, I've written on subjects such as Ethics, The New DUI Law, Expungements, Lawyer Advertising and others.

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.

Numerous Academic Awards and NHS membership at Bishop Egan High School
Recipient of Acme Markets College Scholarship as I worked my way through College and Law School

Magna Cum Laude Graduate of La Salle University

Earned Dean's List Honors in first year at Temple University School of Law

Guest Panelist in Ethics Seminars through BCBA

Guest Panelist in BCBA's former local cable television program regarding DUI

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

8. Current Professional Occupation.

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

Drexler & McGuffin, 260 W. Street Road, Warminster, PA 18974

(b) Describe your present professional position.

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

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

I started at the Bucks County Public Defender's Office in January of 1986.

9. Courts.

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

PA Courts in December of 1985. I originally passed the bar and was admitted into NJ, but have since allowed my status to become inactive because I don't maintain a full time office in NJ.

(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;

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

My partner, Elliot Drexler, has been semi-retired since July 1, 2009 and is now working part-time. For all practical purposes, I am now in a 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;

Bucks County Public Defender's Office 1986 - 1988 Connolly, Chandor & McAndrews, - Associate, 1988 - 1991
Chandor, Connolly, Schwartz, Drexler, Lyons and McGuffin, - Admin. Partner Warminster Office 1991-1998
Drexler & McGuffin, Managing Partner, 1998 - Present

- (d) any other relevant information. Please see attached Resume.

11. Areas of Practice.

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

For the first 4-5 years of my career, I was primarily a Criminal Defense attorney. Now, I have a General Practice.

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

20% Business	35% Criminal
20% Domestic	10% Estates
15% Civil Litigation	___ Real Estate
Municipal	___ Other (specify)

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

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

Including Preliminary Hearings, Traffic matters, Pre-Trial matters and Pleas and Sentencings and Domestic matters such as Support and Custody, and Unemployment Hearings, I estimate at least 3 or 4 court appearances per week.

- (b) What percentage of your appearance in court was in:

<u>>5%</u> federal courts
<u>.85%</u> state courts of record
<u>.10%</u> administrative hearings.

- (c) What percentage of your litigation was:

<u>40%</u> civil	<u>60%</u> criminal.
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- (d) What percentage of the cases in 12(a) above were:

<u>>5%</u> jury	60% nonjury
15% arbitration	20% 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.

Early in my career I argued in Superior Court a number of times, in the last 5 years, my appellate cases have been primarily with the Unemployment Compensation Board of Review.

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.

NO.

- (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.

In late 2008, I was asked to serve as Chairperson of the Middletown Twp. Vacancy Board.

I recently resigned that position to avoid any possible appearance of impropriety with my candidacy.

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.

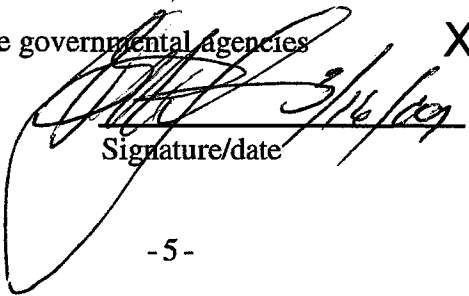
I have been actively involved in BCBA, having served as Chairperson of the Criminal Law Section in the past, and, on the Board of Directors twice, and with the "Writs" and helping to coordinate the Golf Outing. I've also helped with Law Day and the Mock Trial Competition. Please see attached Resume regarding Coaching LAA and CYO and Today, Inc.

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.

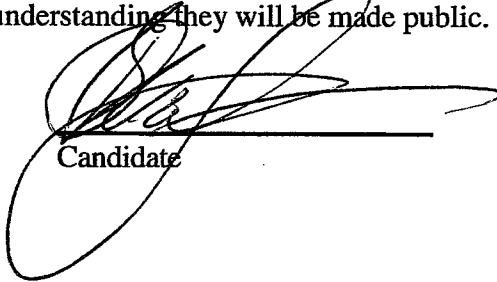
<u>Entities</u>	<u>Granted</u>	<u>Denied</u>
(1) Disciplinary Board of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania and any other jurisdiction stated in Paragraph 15	<u>X</u>	_____
(2) Federal or State governmental agencies	X	_____


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.

3/16/09
Date


Candidate

Revised and adopted by the ad hoc Merit Selection Committee, January 2009.

Brian T. McGuffin, Esq.

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Candidate for Common Pleas Court Judge

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Summary of Qualifications

Practicing Attorney with 23 years diverse experience representing individuals, corporations and government entities before numerous Courts and Administrative agencies including:

- Courts of Common Pleas and District Courts throughout the five-county Philadelphia area
- All aspects of Juvenile Court matters in Bucks and Montgomery Counties
- Common Pleas and Uninsured/Underinsured motorist arbitrations
- Appellate Practice before the Pennsylvania Superior Court
- PA Unemployment Compensation (UC) Referee hearings and UC Board of Review
- PA Human Relations Commission with concurrent EEOC jurisdiction
- Pennsylvania Workers Compensation and Social Security Administration hearings
- Supervised and coordinated litigation in U.S. District Court, Eastern District of PA
- PA-Dot Administrative hearings
- PA Probation and Parole Board
- Mental Health Procedure Act hearings
- DEP and EPA matters

Biographical Information

Lifelong Bucks County resident. Raised in Bristol Township; Middletown resident since 1987. Worked my way through college & law school at Acme Markets, Levittown; recipient of Acme Markets College Scholarship. Married for 22 years to Renee, a Bristol Township School District teacher. Father of 3 children; ages 18, 16, & 12.

Education

Bishop Egan High School, Fairless Hills, PA - National Honor Society - Academic Awards
La Salle University, Philadelphia, PA - B.A. Degree - Political Science - Magna Cum Laude
Temple University School of Law, Philadelphia, PA - Juris Doctor Degree - Dean's List (1983)

Professional Experience

Managing Partner	Drexler and McGuffin, Warminster, PA	1998-present
Administrative Partner	Chandor, McAndrews, Schwartz, Drexler, McGuffin & Lyons, Doylestown, PA	1988-1998
Public Defender	Bucks County Public Defender's Office	1986-1988

Areas of Practice

Criminal Litigation: Representation in all stages of the Criminal Process including: Pre-Arrest, Bail conferences and arraignment, Preliminary hearings, Pre-Trial conferences, Jury and Non-Jury trials, Suppression hearings, Juvenile Proceedings, Pleas, Sentencings in Felony and Misdemeanor offenses.

Civil Litigation: Representation of Individuals and Corporations in various matters, including: Contract enforcement actions, Commercial/Residential real estate, Employment matters, Personal injury

Business Law: Representation of Manufacturing/Service/Automobile/Real Estate entities including: Incorporations, Partnership and Operating Agreements, Business Planning, Employment Law, Contracts, Leases, Franchise Agreements, Commercial Litigation.

Family Law and Estates: Representation of individuals and their families in Divorce, Custody, Support, Equitable Distribution and Protection from Abuse matters; Wills, Probate and Estate Administration, and Guardianships.

Professional & Community Involvement

Board of Directors - *Bucks County Bar Association*. Chairman; Criminal Law Section.

Assistant Editor/Contributor to Bar Association Newsletter *Writs*

Pro bono representation through Legal Aid in Protection from Abuse cases

Board of Directors - *Today, Inc.*, Newtown, PA

Participant/Volunteer; Greater Warminster Chamber of Commerce, Greater Warminster Rotary Coach; Baseball, Softball, Basketball - Langhorne Athletic Association, St. Andrew CYO