

**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. **Gary B. Gilman, 1228 Evergreen Road, Yardley, PA 19067**

Age. **57**

2. 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. **No**

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

(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? **547 East Washington Avenue Associates – Partnership which owns the real estate and building which houses our law firm.**

(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. **Yes**

## 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.

**University of Pennsylvania Law School; 1973-1976. J.D.**

**University of Pennsylvania Graduate School of Education; 1972-1973.**

**M.S.Ed.**

**University of Pennsylvania College of Arts & Sciences; 1969-1972. B.A. (cum laude)**

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. **No**
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. **No**
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.  
**Master, Bucks County Inn of Court; 2004-present**  
**AV Peer Review rating, Martindale-Hubbell**  
**Pennsylvania "Super Lawyer"; 2004, 2005, 2007, 2009**  
**Lecture on Voir Dire, Civil Litigation Section, Bucks County Bar Association; December 2005**

## LEGAL EXPERIENCE

8. Current Professional Occupation.
- (a) State the name and address of your principal office.  
**Stief, Gross, Sagoskin, Gilman & Classetti**  
**547 East Washington Avenue**  
**Newtown, PA 18940**
- (b) Describe your present professional position.
- firm  
 practitioner  
 partner or shareholder  
 associate  
 public defender  
 district attorney  
 other (describe)

- (c) How long have you practiced law in Pennsylvania?  
**32 years (and counting)**

9. Courts.

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

**United States Supreme Court; 1987  
Third Circuit Court of Appeals; 1979  
Eastern District of Pennsylvania; 1979  
Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, 1976  
Bucks County Court of Common Pleas; 1976**

- (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;  
**Yes. Honorable Edmund V. Ludwig, Bucks County Court of Common Pleas; 1976-1977**

- (b) whether you practiced alone, and, if yes, the addresses and dates of your solo practice; **I have never practiced solo.**

- (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, Assistant Public Defender; 1977-1979**

**Office of Attorney General, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Tort Litigation Unit – Eastern Regional Chief, Senior Deputy Attorney General; 1979-1985**

**Wapner Newman & Associates – Associate Attorney 1985-1988**

**Steif, Gross, Sagoskin, Gilman & Classetti – Partner; 1988-present**

(d) any other relevant information. 11.

Areas of Practice.

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

**Broad variety of litigation experience throughout my legal career, with focus on civil law since 1979, representing plaintiffs as well as defendants. Significant experience in criminal law, 1977-1979; and some experience in domestic relations law, 1988-1990.**

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

	Business		Criminal
	Domestic	___	Estates
<b><u>100%</u></b>	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?

**Dozens of court appearances, including numerous jury trials.**

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

<b><u>5%</u></b>	federal courts
<b><u>95%</u></b>	state courts of record
___	administrative hearings.

(c) What percentage of your litigation was:

<b><u>100%</u></b>	civil	___	criminal.
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(d) What percentage of the cases in 12(a) above were:

<b><u>90%</u></b>	jury	___	nonjury
<b><u>10%</u></b>	arbitration	___	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.

**Substantial appellate experience in Office of Attorney General and in Public Defenders Office. No appellate cases above trial court level in the past five (5) years.**

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. **No, other than the Office of Attorney General–appointed position; 1979-1985, and Chairperson, Lower Makefield Township Citizens Traffic Commission – appointed position; 2006-present.**

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. **Substantial involvement in Bucks County community for past twenty (20) years. Member of Board of Directors and Executive Committee of Bucks County Network of Victim Assistance (NOVA); 1997-2002; my law firm assisted in founding and has been a substantial supporter of the Bucks County Hero’s Scholarship Fund for more than a decade; Coach of youth athletic teams; 1995-2007; supporter of numerous Bucks County charitable causes; Chairperson of the Lower Makefield Township Citizens Traffic Commission.**

**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.

Entities \_\_\_\_\_ Granted Denied

(1) Disciplinary Board of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania and any other jurisdiction stated in Paragraph 15        X        \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Federal or State governmental agencies        X        \_\_\_\_\_

Jay B. Korman      2/16/09  
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.

2/16/09  
Date

Gary B. Gilman  
Candidate – Gary B. Gilman

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