

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

Candidate Questionnaire

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.

Christopher J. Serpico
[REDACTED]
Doylestown, PA 18901

2. Age

60

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.

No.

- (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.

No.

- (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. N/A

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.

Villanova University School of Law J.D. 1983
1980-1983

LaSalle University B.A. 1980
1976-1980 Major: Political Science/Public Administration

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.

LaSalle University, Philadelphia, PA.
2006-2008
Principles of Criminal Law; Constitutional Law; Organization of Courts

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 have been a regular contributor to THE WRITS, the quarterly publication of the BCBA, since 2004. During that time I have authored over 50 articles which have appeared in that publication.

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.

Graduated Cum Laude from LaSalle University.
Moot Court Finalist at Villanova University School of Law.
Chairman: Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency Task Force
On Funding Alternatives for Crime Victims.
Central Bucks Family YMCA Service Award.

Lectures/Presentations:

Moderator/Panelist: Changes in the Immigration System, Bucks County Bar Association, (October, 2017)

Moderator/Panelist: Criminal Justice Reform in Bucks County-A Dialogue on the Issues, League of Women Voters-Bucks County Bar Association (April, 2017)

III. LEGAL EXPERIENCE

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

Yes, Law Office of Christopher J. Serpico, Esq.

101 Mechanics Street, Doylestown, PA 18901 (1999-2002)
99 East Court Street, Doylestown, PA 18901 (2002-2016)
76 East State Street, Doylestown, PA 18901 (2016-Present)

(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 District Attorney's Office
Assistant DA (1983-1985)
Deputy DA (1985-1986)
Chief Deputy DA (1986-1988)

Power, Bowen and Valimont, Doylestown, PA
Associate (1988-1993)

Boylan and Serpico, Doylestown, PA
Partner (1994-1999)

(d) any other relevant information.

I have served as both sole arbitrator and third arbitrator in dozens of UM/UIM matters over the years, and have been a frequent panelist in Bucks County Arbitration Court.

11. Areas of Practice.

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

1983-1988 I began my career as a prosecutor and in that position I tried dozens of cases, including homicides and major felony matters. I also participated in drafting appeals and appeared as an oral advocate several times in Pennsylvania Superior Court. I also served as Chief of the Investigating Grand Jury.

1988-1993 At the law firm of Power, Bowen, and Valimont, I worked primarily in the insurance defense section where I represented the insured of several national insurance carriers that the firm was hired to defend. I also was one of the primary members of the firm's criminal defense practice.

1994-1999 With the law firm of Boylan and Serpico, I continued to represent individuals in criminal court, while also developing a practice in wills and estates; personal injury matters; and commercial litigation.

2000-Present As a sole practitioner, I have developed more of a general practice, while continuing to emphasize cases involving criminal defense.

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

<u>5</u> Business	<u>70</u> Criminal
<u>5</u> Domestic	<u>15</u> Estates
<u>5</u> Civil Litigation	Real Estate
Municipal	Other

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

(a) How often have you appeared in a court proceeding?
On average, about five times per month.

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

0 Federal courts
100 State courts of record
0 Administrative hearings.

(c) What percentage of your litigation was:

15 civil 85 criminal.

(d) What percentage of the cases in 12(a) above were:

25% jury 60% non-jury
15% arbitrations administrative hearings.

(5) 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.

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.

Although I have never held public office, I was selected by the Democratic voters of Bucks County to be their nominee for public office as County Commissioner (1999); State Representative (2000); and State Senator (2006).

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.

Central Bucks Family YMCA
Chief Volunteer Officer-Board Chair, 2015-2015
Board of Directors, 2010-2016

Bucks County Bar Association
President, 2009
President-Elect, 2008
Treasurer, 1995-1996
Secretary, 1993-1994
Member, Board of Directors, 2006-2010, 1992-1996
Member of Following Committees: The Writs; Budget and Bar Property;
Lawyer Referral; Entertainment; Legislative; Long Range Planning;
Bench-Bar; Lawyers Concerned for Lawyers; Merit Selection of Judges

Pennsylvania Bar Association House of Delegates
Delegate, 2013-2015

Bucks County Children and Youth Advisory Board
Board Member, 2010-2015

Villanova Law School Alumni Board of Advisors
2000-2007

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Bucks County
Member, Board of Directors, 1986-1990

Big Brother, 1984-1990

Community Conservatory of Music
Member, Board of Directors, 1992-1997

Town and Country Players
Actor-Singer, 2004-Present

State Street Players
Actor-Singer, 1986-Present

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Pre-Cana Instructors
2001-Present

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Cantor
2005-Present

Doylestown Athletic Association
Coach, Referee
1995-2005

IV. CHARACTER INVESTIGATION

15. Criminal Convictions. Have you ever been convicted of a misdemeanor or felony offense in the commonwealth of PA 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	X	
(2) Federal or State governmental agencies	X	

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

February 4, 2019

Christopher J. Serpico

¹ Revised and approved by the Ad hoc Merit Selection Committee, November 2000.