

- (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.

Western New England University School of Law, 1984-1987, JD
University of Connecticut, 1979-1983, BA

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.

Legal Teaching Experience (Various dates)

Pennsylvania District Attorney's Association (Ethics, Asset Forfeiture)
Pennsylvania Attorney General's "Top Gun" Program (Asset Forfeiture)
Bucks County Police Training Center (Asset Forfeiture, Search Warrants)
Bucks County Bar Association (Ethics, Practice Before the Bucks County District 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.

N/A (other than CLE handouts regarding Asset Forfeiture)

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.

Recognition: Joseph J, Haggerty Memorial Lodge, Fraternal Order of Police, Endorsement for election to the Bucks County Court of Common Pleas. Recognized for being "a stalwart in his support of law enforcement in Pennsylvania and the county of Bucks in particular." January 2019

Distinguished Graduate Award, East Haven High School Alumni Association, November 2017

Recognition for public service by Palisades High School, June 2016

Recognition by Bucks County Bar Association for service as President, December 2004

Recognition by Western New England University School of Law Student Bar Association for service as President, May 1987

III. LEGAL EXPERIENCE

8. Current Professional Occupation.

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

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Ottsville, PA 18944

- (b) Describe your present professional position.

firm sole practitioner

partner or
shareholder

associate

public defender district attorney

other (describe) Judicial

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

Admission to PA Bar in 1987. Judicial clerkship with the Honorable Edward G. Biester, Jr. 1987-1988. In 1988 began over 21 years of service in Bucks County DA's Office.

9. Courts.

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

BAR ADMISSIONS

Pennsylvania	1987
Connecticut	1987
United States District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania	1989
United States Court of Appeals, Third Circuit	2000
Washington	2010
United States Supreme Court	2018

- (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;

Honorable Edward G. Biester, Jr., Bucks County Court of Common Pleas, 1987-1988

Honorable Diane E. Gibbons., Bucks County Court of Common Pleas, 2010

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

N/A

- (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 District Attorney - Chief Deputy District Attorney (final title), 1988-2010

Bucks County Controller's Office, Pennsylvania Opens Record Law Specialist, 2011

Bucks County District Judge, Magisterial District 07-3-03, 2011 – present

United States Attorney's Office, Special Assistant United States Attorney, 2002 - 2008

- (d) any other relevant information.

Intern, Connecticut State's Attorney's Office, Summer Summer1986

Intern, Office of the Public Defender (via law school legal clinic), Hampden County (MA) 1986-1987

11. Areas of Practice.

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

Not specifically engaged in a "practice."

District Judge 2011-present;

District Attorney's Office, 1988-2010.

(While I have had to preside over many aspects of law, I believe question 1(b), relating to "practice," does not apply to my service).

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

_____ Business

_____ Domestic

_____ Civil Litigation

_____ Municipal

_____ Criminal

_____ Estates

_____ Real Estate

_____ Other

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

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

Past five years: As a District Judge, I have presided over numerous district court proceedings (including, but not limited to, preliminary arraignments and bails, preliminary hearings, civil trials, truancy hearings, landlord-tenant hearings, non-traffic criminal trials).

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

_____ Federal courts
_____ State courts of record
_____ Administrative hearings.

- (c) What percentage of your litigation was:

_____ civil _____ criminal.

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

_____ jury _____ non-jury
_____ 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.

Yes. District Judge, District Court 07-3-03, 2011- present
Elected: 2011
Re-elected: 2017

From the Bucks County government website:

Bucks County has 18 magisterial district courts located throughout Bucks County inclusive of the 18 judges and approximately 113 judicial clerks. Magisterial district courts are responsible for adjudicating all traffic and non-traffic citations as well as processing criminal and private criminal complaints inclusive of arraignments

and preliminary hearings, the handling of civil and landlord tenant complaints up to a jurisdictional limit of \$12,000 as well as parking violations.

The Bucks County district courts handle approximately 130,000 cases annually, receipt approximately \$16,000,000 and process approximately 10,000 criminal cases annually.

Magisterial district judge's jurisdiction in criminal cases includes parking violations through other summary and misdemeanor and felony offenses including the initial phases of murder offenses. All misdemeanor and felony violations are more commonly called court cases. These categories of cases are filed in the district courts where they are preliminarily arraigned and afforded a preliminary hearing. At the conclusion of the preliminary hearing the charges are dismissed, waived to court or held for court and referred onto the Court of Common Pleas.

Magisterial district judges, as officers of the Pennsylvania Unified Judicial System, may administer oaths and affirmations and take acknowledgements. They also have authority to perform marriages. It is up to the individual judge's decision whether he or she wishes to perform marriage ceremonies as there is no legally prescribed form for a wedding ceremony so religious services and vows conform to the secular content in which they are used

- (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.

Appointed Assistant District Attorney by District Attorney.
Years of service: 1988 - 2010

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.

Attended and successfully completed a weeklong Family Law mediation certification program.

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.

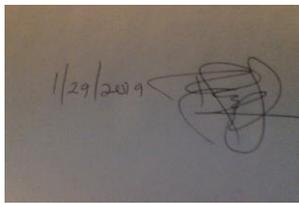
N/A

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

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