

**ALLEGHENY COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION JUDICIARY COMMITTEE
PERSONAL DATA QUESTIONNAIRE
FOR LAWYER APPLICANTS**

I am seeking a rating for the following court:

- Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas
- Pennsylvania Commonwealth Court
- Pennsylvania Superior Court
- Pennsylvania Supreme Court
- United States District Court for Western District of Pennsylvania
- United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit

1. State your full name: Giuseppe GC Rosselli

Have you ever been known by any other name? If so, please list.

- No, I have not been known by any other name.

2. Office address (include zip code):

- 660 Lincoln Avenue, Suite 107, Pittsburgh, Pa 15202
- 564 Forbes Avenue, Suite 1002, Pittsburgh, Pa 15219

Office telephone (include area code): 412-281-8008

Name of law firm, if associated: Law Office of Giuseppe GC Rosselli

3. Date and place of birth: 1/29/1975 Allentown, Pennsylvania

4. Are you a naturalized citizen? If so, give date and place of naturalization:

- N/A, as I am a natural born citizen.

5. Family status:

- a) Are you married? If so, state the date of marriage and your spouse's full name, including maiden name, if applicable:
 - I am married to Brandi Michele Rosselli, formerly, Brandi Michele Tarr. We were married on June 9, 2001.
- b) Have you been divorced? If so, state the date, the number of the case and the court: I have not been divorced. No.

6. Have you had any military service? If so,
- a) Give dates, branch of service, rank of rate, and present status:
 - N/A
 - b) Have you ever been rejected or released from any of the armed services for reasons other than honorable? If so, give details:
 - N/A
7. List each college and law school you attended, including dates of attendance, and the degrees awarded and, if you left any institution without receiving a degree, the reason for leaving. List scholastic honors:
- Earned J.D. at the University of Pittsburgh School of Law, 1997-2000
 - Earned B.A. at Allentown College, known now as DeSales University, 1993-1997
 - Lehigh County Community College, 1992-1993
8. List all jurisdictions in which you have applied to take a bar examination, have applied for admission or have been admitted to practice. Include dates of admissions and if not admitted, give application dates and explain the outcome.
- Pennsylvania 2001
9. Describe chronologically your law practice and experience after your graduation from law school, including:
- a) Whether you served as clerk to a judge and, if so, the name of the judge, the court, and the dates of the period you were a clerk:
 - N/A
 - b) Whether you practiced alone and, if so, the addresses and the dates:
 - 2016-Present Law Office of Giuseppe GC Rosselli, 660 Lincoln Avenue, Suite 107, Pittsburgh, Pa 15202
 - 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:
 - Karsh & Lancaster, L.L.C., 1031 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa 15219 (2001-2007)
 - Sheets & Rosselli, L.L.C., 304 Ross Street, Pittsburgh, Pa 15219 (2007-2008)
 - Sheets, Rosselli, Horowitz & Collins, L.L.C., 304 Ross Street, Pittsburgh, Pa 15219 (2008-2009)
 - Collins, Rosselli & Horowitz, L.L.C., 4275 Clairton Blvd, Pittsburgh, Pa 15236 (2009-2010)
 - Rosselli & Horowitz, L.L.C., 4275 Clairton Blvd, Pittsburgh, Pa 15236 (2010-2012)
 - Rosselli, Horowitz, Fryncko & Abramovitz, L.L.C., 50 South 7th Street, Pittsburgh Pa 15203 (2012-2014)
 - Rosselli & Abramovitz, L.L.C., 50 South 7th Street, Pittsburgh, Pa 15203 (2014-2016)
 - Law Office of Giuseppe GC Rosselli, 660 Lincoln Avenue, Suite 107, Pittsburgh, Pa 15202 (2016-Present)

d) Any other relevant particulars:

10. With respect to your practice:

a) What has been the general character of your practice, dividing it into periods with dates if its character has changed over the years?

Although I have been a criminal defense attorney for my entire 20-year career, it can be divided into three separate and distinct periods:

2001-2006

I was an associate attorney with a Criminal Defense Firm. My job was primarily research and writing. I did not do much trial work. Although I contributed in the process and preparation, I was usually not lead counsel. I was intimidated by it. I wasn't sure if I could do it. I had significant self-doubt during this period of my career. During this time, I learned to manage an office. I developed my research and writing ability. I learned to listen. I developed my communication skills. My confidence developed slowly while I became more comfortable with my voice. I started to build a very modest client base.

2006-2016

In 2006, I made the decision to start a partnership with another criminal defense attorney. This was the start to a number of partnerships, all of which were flawed for various reasons. Despite the difficulties during this time, I began to embrace the courtroom. I started taking on more complex cases. I found my confidence. I built a thriving client base rooted in trust, honesty, hard-work and compassion. During this period, I began to see how all of the dots connected. There was a recognition that my actions in a courtroom have a profound effect on our community. A large portion of my practice was centered on working with young addicts and trying to provide a foundation that they could build upon toward sobriety. Sadly, there were a lot of failures during this period. I stopped counting the number of client's that died by overdose. During a 14-month period, I attended 14 overdose funerals. It was exhausting.

Despite the failures, my devotion to serve never wavered and was occasionally renewed during this period. There are true success stories. I wish for more.

2016-present

In 2016, I made the decision to start my solo practice. The amount of significant trial work increased. I completed multiple homicide representations during this period. I feel that I am a strong advocate with a strong voice. I have developed relationships from law enforcement to activist. I have represented, passionately, both during this period. My desire to learn continues to be strong and my willingness to extend outside of my comfort zone is evident by the completion of this application. I have learned humility and an acceptance of responsibility. I believe the last 4 years have been a culmination of multiple lessons learned, and I am only now ready to take the next step and serve my community on a greater scale and in a public position.

b) Describe your typical clients and mention the areas, if any, in which you have concentrated your practice:

I am a criminal defense attorney. My clients have been individuals charged with criminal offense in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

11. With respect to the last five years:

- a) Did you appear in court regularly, occasionally, or not at all? If the frequency of your appearances in court has varied during this period, describe each such variance, giving the dates thereof:
 - I appear in court regularly at all levels and jurisdictions of the criminal justice system including but not limited to:
 - Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County (and all surrounding Counties of Western Pennsylvania, including Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, Clarion, Fayette, Indiana, Jefferson, Lawrence, Mercer, Venango, Warren, Washington, and Westmoreland
 - Outlier Counties of Pennsylvania including, Blair, Cambria, Centre, Chester, Montgomery and Philadelphia.
 - Every Magisterial District in Allegheny County.
 - Most Magisterial Districts in Western Pennsylvania
 - United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania

- b) What percentage of these appearances was in:
 1. Federal courts:1%
 2. State courts of record:99%
 3. Other courts:

- c) What percentage of your litigation was:
 1. Civil: 1%
 2. Criminal:95%
 3. Family: 4%

- d) State the number of cases in courts of record you tried to verdict or judgment (rather than settled), indicating whether you were sole counsel, chief counsel or associate counsel:
 - Providing a specific number of cases that qualify is difficult as I have not tracked my trials, especially non-jury trials, over the course of my 20- year career. However, I have tried to be as accurate as possible based on the information I have available to me today. I have counted 50 clients whose cases have been litigated to judgement. However, I am confident that there are a number of cases, that I have failed to remember, that are not included.

- e) What percentage of these trials were:
 1. Jury: 40%
 - 5 as Lead Counsel
 - 4 as Co-Counsel
 - 11 as Associate Counsel

 2. Non-jury:60%

13 as Lead Counsel
1 as Co-Counsel
16 as Associate Counsel

12. Summarize your experience in court prior to the last five years, indicating as to that period:

- a) Whether your appearances in court were more or less frequent: Same
- b) Any significant changes in the percentages stated in your answers to question 11(b), (c) and (e): No significant changes.
- c) Any significant changes in the number of cases per year in courts of record you tried to verdict or judgment (rather than settled), as sole counsel, chief counsel or associate counsel.

No significant change other than as my career progressed, I took the lead on more complex cases.

13. Describe five of the most significant litigated matters which you personally handled and give the citations thereto, if the cases were reported. Give a capsule summary of the substance of each case and a succinct statement of what you believe to be the particular significance of the case. Identify the party or parties whom you represented and describe in detail the nature of your participation in the litigation and the final disposition of the case. Also state as to each case a) the dates of the trial periods; b) the name of the court and the judge before whom the case was tried; and c) the individual name, address and telephone numbers of co-counsel for each of the other parties;

Commonwealth v. L.J.
CC No. 201711082
1709 WDA 2018

- Litigated from September of 2018-August of 2020
- Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County Judge Beth Lazzara.
- ADA Matthew Wholey and Diana Page.

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L.J. was charged with criminal homicide, in addition to other related offenses, regarding the shooting death of L.E, at Silky's Gentleman's Club located in McKees Rocks, Pennsylvania. After a physical altercation inside of the club, Mr. E, shot J.G., a known associate of Defendant J. After falling to the ground, a firearm that Mr. G possessed, fell from his person. The Government alleged that Mr. J picked up that firearm and shot back and struck at Mr. E, resulting in Mr. E's death.

The issues presented in this case included severance of charges, suppression of an identification, the exclusion of prejudicial evidence, self-defense, defense of others, habeas corpus relief, discovery, warrantless searches, search of cell phone data, interlocutory appeals, bail on homicide cases and Rule 600.

Mr. J's case was thoroughly litigated during pretrial motions. A copy of Mr. J's Omnibus Pretrial Motion and Supplemental Omnibus Motion are attached hereto.

At the conclusion of all hearings related to pretrial motions, Judge Beth Lazzara suppressed the identification of Mr. J on two grounds. First, Judge Lazzara held that Mr. J's parole agent could

not make an in-court identification based on the unduly suggestive nature of the identification process. Second, the Court held that the parole agent could not testify because the existence of a parole agent represents that the accused had a prior conviction, a fact that the jury should not be permitted to hear pursuant to Pa.R.E. 404.

Based on the Court's ruling, the Commonwealth filed an Interlocutory Appeal to the Superior Court. The Superior Court affirmed. The Commonwealth was forced to withdraw the charges.

This case was significant for a number of reasons. The direct significance is that Mr. J is able to breathe free air. He will not be caged in a cell for the balance of his life. He will be present to raise his children and attempt to break a cycle of poverty and violence from which he comes.

This case is significant because it highlights the importance of pre-trial efforts to find a positive resolution.

This case is significant because I was told that my argument was meritless, by lawyers whose opinions I still trust. But I spotted the issue, believed in the issue, litigated the issue and had confidence that I was correct in the face of doubt from peers.

Commonwealth v. APJ
CC No. 201104298

- Jury Trial began on May 29, 2013
- Sentenced on August 26, 2013
- Judge Jill E. Rangos
- DDA Rebecca Walker
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APJ was charged with criminal homicide related to the death of TW. APJ was 16 years old at the time of the murder. It was a gruesome killing. I acted as co-counsel in this matter. I handled questioning of a number of witnesses but most importantly I handled the sentencing. Under normal circumstances, there is no suspense at sentencing where a conviction of first-degree murder is entered, as life imprisonment always follows. However, because APJ was 16 at the time of the murder and the United States Supreme Court ruling in *Miller v. Alabama*, (finding mandatory prison terms of life without parole for juvenile offenders as unconstitutional) was law. Accordingly, an individual determination that considers a number of factors like the juvenile's age, maturity, home environment and possibility of rehabilitation must be made before sentence can be imposed. It was reported that Akeem's sentencing was the first local case of its kind since the Supreme Court's ruling. Akeem was sentenced to 60 years to life.

This case is significant to me, not because it was the first case of its kind, but because during preparation for trial, it was clear that Akeem was a child. A child convicted of a heinous act, but a child nonetheless. He liked to play video games, ride bikes and hang out with friends. Watching a 16-18-year old child carry the weight of a homicide trial was profound. Watching the mother of a 17-year old murder victim grieve with grace, was equally profound. The effect of my representation of APJ will always remain with me.

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania v. AJ
CC No. 20139821

- Jury Trial began on May 14, 2015
- Judge Kevin Sasinoski
- ADA Russ Broman (deceased)

Mr. J was charged with possession of a firearm without a permit, aggravated assault, person

not to possess a firearm, fleeing and eluding police and carrying a loaded weapon. Mr. J was shot in the back by police during this incident. Police alleged that Mr. J was shot because he pointed a firearm at police.

The case was tried by jury and Mr. J was convicted of fleeing and eluding. The jury was hung on all other charges.

The retrial was scheduled and Mr. Jefferson, unable to cope with the stress of continued litigation, accepted responsibility. He pled guilty and was sentenced to 4-8 years. He served his sentence without incident and now is gainfully employed and present raising his child.

This case is significant, in part, because of the private DNA expert called by the Commonwealth. The Allegheny County Crime Lab could not make a positive DNA match to a firearm located nearby Mr. J in a wooded area. However, the private DNA expert did. Despite the testimony of the DNA expert, the jury did not convict.

It is also very significant to me personally because I watched the criminal justice system break Mr. J. I watched him contemplate prison months before the birth of his child. We did the math together to estimate when he could be released and how old his child would be when released if he accepted a plea. I watched him give up.

Prior to Mr. J's case, I did not have a full appreciation for the emotional weight being carried on the shoulders of those who walk into our courtrooms.

Commonwealth v. GK

CC No. 200218137

- Non-Jury Trial November 1, 2004
- Judge Cheryl Allen
- ADA Henry Salvi (currently with the Pa. Attorney General's Office)
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Mr. K was convicted of a single count of Robbery. He was sentenced to 5-10 years incarceration. This case is significant because it was my first trial. I lost and Mr. K appealed, claiming my ineffectiveness. That claim was ultimately denied but I learned not to take questions of my representation personally. I learned that simply because my fight ended for the client, the client's fight may just be getting started. Practicing law is difficult. It can be humbling. Mistakes can happen. After GK, I committed myself to the concept of honest self-assessment after every trial, and ownership of responsibility if a mistake is made.

Commonwealth v. CS

CC No. 201102741

- Judge David R. Cashman
- ADA Jen Evashavik (currently in private practice)

I met CS at the Allegheny County Jail. He was 19 years old, strung out and detoxing from heroin. He was sick. He was scared. He was angry. CS was charged with Terroristic Threats toward his father. His father saw the path that CS was on and did his best to divert CS to a new path. Those efforts were met with an opiate hazed immaturity.

This case did not go to trial, but it is the **most** significant case of my career. CS is the success story. He and I worked closely from that moment. He committed himself to recovery. I assisted and supported him at every step. He represents my professional motivation.

I am unable to articulate the honor I felt when he asked me to be a groomsman in his wedding. He is still happily married and raising two daughters. He and his father have a good relationship. I

Speak to both of them often.

14. If a substantial period of your practice has been before administrative boards, commissions or agencies during the past five years, identify the boards, commissions or agencies before which you have practiced and estimate percentages of practice time devoted thereto:

N/A

15. If a substantial portion of your practice has been before Appellate courts during the past five years, identify the Appellate Courts before which you have practiced and estimate percentages of practice time devoted thereto:

N/A

- 16.a) Have you ever held judicial office? If so, give dates and details, including the courts involved, whether elected or appointed, periods of services, and a description of the jurisdiction of each of such courts with any limitations upon the jurisdiction of each court:

- No, I have not held judicial office.

b) Have you ever held public office other than judicial office? If so, give details, including the office involved, whether elected or appointed, and the length of your service, giving details:

- No, I have not held a public office.

17. Have you ever been an unsuccessful candidate for elective, judicial, or other public office? If so, give details, including dates:

- I have never run for public office.

18. Have you ever been engaged in any occupation, business or profession other than the practice of law or the holding of judicial or other public office? If so, give details, including dates:

N/A

19. Are you now an officer or director or otherwise engaged in the management of any business enterprise?

- a) If so, give 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.

I own the Law Office of Giuseppe GC Rosselli.

- b) Is it your intention to resign such positions and withdraw from any participation in the management of any such enterprises if you are elected and confirmed? If not, give reasons:

Yes.

20. Have you ever been convicted of violating any federal law or regulation, state law or regulation, or county or municipal law, regulation or ordinance? If so, give details. Do not include summary traffic offenses:

No.

21. Are you under any ongoing federal, state or local investigation or indictment for possible violation of a criminal statute? If so, give particulars:

No.

22. Has a tax lien or other collection procedure been instituted against you by federal, state or local authorities? If so, give particulars:

No.

23. Have you ever been sued by a client? If so, give particulars:

I have been sued by one client. The clients name was BL. The suit occurred in 2014. It was based on an allegation that I colluded with an Assistant District Attorney in Westmoreland County at the preliminary hearing stage. I did not collude with the Assistant District Attorney. I have never colluded with any District Attorney. The matter was summarily dismissed. In addition to myself, an attorney in my firm was sued, the Assistant District Attorney was sued, the District Attorney was sued and, I believe, the Magistrate was sued. The suits against each other Defendant were also dismissed.

24. Have you ever been a party or otherwise involved in any other legal proceedings? If so, give the particulars. Do not list proceedings in which you were merely a guardian ad litem or stakeholder. Include all legal proceedings in which you were a party in interest, a material witness, were named as co-conspirator or a co-respondent and any grand jury investigation in which you figured as a subject or in which you appeared as a witness:

HUD Case No. 03-18-9688-8

[REDACTED] v. Brandi & Giuseppe Rosselli

I have provided my filed "Answer" to the allegation at that time, as explanation regarding this matter.

July 9, 2018

City of Pittsburgh
Commission on Human Relations
414 Grant Street
Room 908
Pittsburgh, Pa 15219

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
RE/MAX Select Realty
5817 Penn Avenue
Pittsburgh, Pa 15206

Megan Confer-Hammond
Fair Housing Partnership
2840 Liberty Avenue
Suite 205
Pittsburgh, Pa 15222

RE: HUD Case No. 03-18-9688-8

[REDACTED] v. Brandi & Giuseppe Rosselli

To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept this correspondence as our “Answer and Position Statement” regarding the disturbing, factually inaccurate, defamatory and offensive allegation of racial discrimination associated with the sale of our property located at [REDACTED]. We will cooperate with the investigation in any way possible to bring immediate resolution to this matter and restore our good name.

Please understand that there will be neither concession nor negotiation on our part to resolve this matter. We have done absolutely nothing wrong.

We hope for a written apology from the accusers and immediate expungement of any record regarding this allegation. Based on the haste with which this allegation was made, I will be surprised if either complaining party has the courage to admit that they were wrong and do what is just and decent. I hope I am proven wrong.

With that said, the following is a factual account of the sale of our residence at [REDACTED].

- On February 28, 2018, we put our house at [REDACTED] on the market.
- Shortly thereafter, we made a contingent offer for our current home. The contingency required that we sold our residence at [REDACTED], within sixty (60) days.
- We received a signed written offer on April 3, 2018, at 9:12 p.m.
- Although the offer was close to our asking price, it was not quite there. We countered and were awaiting a response.
- While waiting for a response, we received a phone call from our realtors indicating that another family was interested in seeing the house. Since we did not have a deal finalized with the initial offer, we decided to allow for another showing.
- The showing was scheduled for 7:00 pm.
- It was my experience that most showings lasted not more than one (1) hour.
- I arrived at the residence at approximately 8:00 pm.
- It was clear that there were people in the house.
- I parked one residence down and across the street and waited for the potential buyers to leave.
- I was in my vehicle, responding to text messages, reviewing phone messages and communicating with clients to finalize my day.
- As I was in my phone, I saw a woman, whom I believe to be the real estate agent, at the door of her vehicle parked directly in front of the residence. She waved. I waved. A vehicle pulled out of the driveway, which is located on the opposite side of the house from where I was parked. The realtor followed. I got out of my car and entered the home.
- I never saw the potential buyers. We never “crossed paths”. I did not know their race. I did not care about the color of their skin.
- I did not make notice of the race of the real estate agent. I did not care about the color of her skin.
- Shortly after, my wife arrived home.

- Shortly after she arrived, we received a call from our realtor indicating that a new counter-offer was made from the buyers who made the signed written offer on April 3rd. That offer was now in our sale range. However, those buyers needed an answer that evening.
- Our realtors also indicated that the family from the 7:00 pm showing were interested in making an offer. We were informed that that offer was in the form of a text message from the buyer's agent and was for [REDACTED] and some other terms.
- We waited until approximately 10:20 pm for a signed written offer.
- We never received a signed written offer.
- Since we did not receive a signed written offer and we did not want to lose the opportunity to sell the property, I decided that I was done negotiating and we accepted the written offer from the first family.
- We did not know the race of the family that bought the house. We did not care about the color of their skin.

Further, I would be remiss if I failed to give some background information regarding myself, my family and the way I was raised. I grew up in an interracial home. My mother divorced my father when I was an infant. At the age of two (2), my mother remarried my stepfather who happens to be an African American. I have two (2) bi-racial sisters from that marriage. My stepfather, whom I call dad or pops, raised me as his own. He woke up every day and drove a tractor trailer to provide for our family. He never missed a day of work. He instilled a work ethic in me that I take with me each day as I provide for my wife and two (2) children. He taught me that right is right and wrong is wrong. He taught to be accountable for my actions. That relationship was based on love. I respect that man more than any other human on this planet. To allege that I am racist or have discriminated based on race in any way may be the most disrespectful thing one can say to me.

Additionally, in 2009, after years of failed attempts at pregnancy, my wife and I decided to adopt. We chose to adopt an African American child. She was three (3) days old when we first held her. She is now nine (9) years old and carries the same last name. I take the responsibility of raising an African American child in this society seriously. It is the obligation that I took on 9 years ago and will continue as long as I am alive. That relationship is rooted in love. My hope is that I instill, in her, the same values that my dad instilled in me. I will take every measure to ensure that our name is clean and she is proud to wear it.

I could go on for pages discussing my personal friendships or my professional efforts to fight against racism, discrimination and injustice, but frankly, I have spent more time writing this "Answer" than these baseless allegations warrant.

Right is right, wrong is wrong. I look forward to your apology.

Be well,

Giuseppe GC Rosselli
Brandi M. Rosselli

The case against my wife and I was dismissed.

25. Have you ever been disciplined or cited for a breach of ethics or unprofessional conduct by, or been the subject of a complaint to, any court, administrative agency, bar association, disciplinary committee, or other professional group? If so, give the particulars:

No.

26. Currently or within the past five (5) years have you suffered from any medical or other condition which could affect or impair your judgment, reliability, or ability to perform the essential functions of the judicial position you are seeking? If so, describe.

No.

27. Do any circumstances exist that would affect your ability to perform the function of the position you seek or fulfill the term of office? If so, please explain.

No.

28. Furnish one (1) example of a legal article, law review article, brief, or other legal writing which reflects your personal work. If a brief is submitted, indicate the degree to which it represents your personal work:

See Attached.

29. List all bar associations and professional societies of which you are a member and give the titles and dates of any offices which you have held in such groups. List chairmanships of any committees in bar associations and professional societies and memberships on any committees which you believe to be of particular significance (e.g., judicial selection committee, disciplinary committee, grievance committee).

The process, that is this application, highlights areas with which I need improvement. My lack of association is one of those areas.

However, it should be noted that I am the senior member of the United Solo Practitioners Group. The group meets to discuss and review active cases that are being prepared for trial. I have been a member of this group since its inception in 2017.

I have also been a member of the Allegheny County Bar Association and the Pennsylvania Association of Criminal Defense Attorneys

30. List your experiences in teaching and lecturing, including law school, continuing legal education and to non-legal audiences.

I teach trial advocacy with Judge Beth A. Lazzara, at the University of Pittsburgh School of Law.

I taught as an adjunct instructor at Carlow University for three years.

During my undergraduate education, I taught basic life-skills to inmates at the Northampton County Jail.

31. List all organizations other than bar associations, professional associations or societies of which you are or have been a member, including civic, charitable, religious, educational, social and fraternal organizations:

The process, that is this application, highlights areas with which I need improvement. My lack of association is one of those areas.

However, I do spend time providing free legal advice in low-income communities. I am currently attempting to grow the program I am currently working on with the Wilksburg Library that provides free virtual consultations. I am attempting to unite practitioners from various legal fields to participate, in an effort to provide the best advice possible to those in need. I have received commitments from a number of attorneys who have been kind enough to donate their time.

32. List any honors, prizes, 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.

N/A

33. State any other information which may reflect positively or adversely on you or which you believe should be disclosed in connection with consideration of you for an election to a Court of Pennsylvania.

N/A

34. Why do you wish to become a Justice or Judge? What special strengths do you feel you possess that would particularly well qualify you for the position of Justice or Judge?

I wish to become a Judge to serve our community, enveloped in the lessons learned over a twenty-year career as an attorney and an upbringing that has provided me with a unique perspective on life and the many issues that find their way into our courtrooms.

I wish to become a Judge to positively contribute to an increased confidence in our Judiciary.

I wish to become a Judge to provide lawyers with an accommodating environment to do their job efficiently and effectively.

I wish to become a Judge so that both sides to any dispute get a fair opportunity and that justice is meted out based on rule of law, guided by a devotion to humanity and nothing more.

I wish to become a Judge to honor my family, who sacrificed greatly to allow me this opportunity.

I wish to become a Judge so that my two daughters understand, by way of example, that they can accomplish anything through hard work and caring about people.

A Judge should possess the ability to identify and break-down complex issues. More importantly, a Judge should possess the ability to explain those issues in a way a layperson can understand, despite the complexity.

I possess this ability.

A judge should possess a strong curiosity to understand the underlying cause to any conflict, dispute or crime and possess a devotion to creative alternative resolution. In the Criminal Division, specialty courts like Mental Health Court, DUI Court, Veteran's Court and Drug Court embrace this concept of obtaining a better understanding of the contributing causes to criminal behavior and a hands-on working relationship between the bench and the accused. The Judges in the Criminal Division have done a good job at identifying some of the underlying causes of criminal behavior. However, I believe we have failed to address the lack of opportunity and a lack of a social infrastructure as significant contributing causes of criminal behavior.

A judge should possess an intense motivation to resolve this oversight. I am so motivated.

A judge must be willing to make difficult decisions despite the consequences of those decisions. I possess this ability.

A judge must be willing to work with a singular professional focus of making our community

a better place for all, with the understanding that every judge is to be accountable to the tax-payer. I accept that responsibility.

A judge should be prepared. I am always prepared.

Fairness, kindness, integrity, passion, compassion, impartiality, a devotion to the rule of law, transparency and a love for humanity are all articles of the social contract that is justice. I possess these qualities.

Generally, I believe that there are no “good” or “bad” people. Just people. People who are dealing with various levels of stress and/or trauma. No doubt, I have represented people who have done bad things during my career. However, despite their deed, I found humanity in each of them. A Judge should be devoted to humanity.
I am so devoted.

Thank you for the opportunity to be considered.

35. Did you sign the ACBA Judicial Campaign Advertising Guidelines Pledge? (Please return signed pledge with completed questionnaire.)

Yes.

CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

The undersigned certifies that all of the 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.

Type or print name

Signature

Date