

UNITED STATES SENATE  
COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR JUDICIAL NOMINEES

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1. **Name**: State full name (include any former names used).

Gail Allison Weilheimer (maiden name: Gail Allison Zuckerman)

2. **Position**: State the position for which you have been nominated.

United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania

3. **Address**: List current office address. If city and state of residence differs from your place of employment, please list the city and state where you currently reside.

Montgomery County Court of Common Pleas  
Montgomery County Courthouse  
2 East Airy Street  
Norristown, Pennsylvania 19404

Residence: Rydal, Pennsylvania

4. **Birthplace**: State year and place of birth.

1970; Syracuse, New York

5. **Education**: List in reverse chronological order each college, law school, or any other institution of higher education attended and indicate for each the dates of attendance, whether a degree was received, and the date each degree was received.

1992 – 1995, Hofstra University School of Law; J.D., 1995

1988 – 1992, Hofstra University; B.A., 1992

6. **Employment Record**: List in reverse chronological order all governmental agencies, business or professional corporations, companies, firms, or other enterprises, partnerships, institutions or organizations, non-profit or otherwise, with which you have been affiliated as an officer, director, partner, proprietor, or employee since graduation from college, whether or not you received payment for your services. Include the name and address of the employer and job title or description.

2014 – present

Montgomery County Court of Common Pleas

Montgomery County Courthouse  
2 East Airy Street  
Norristown, Pennsylvania 19404  
Judge  
Family Court (2014 – 2016)  
Criminal Court (2016 – 2018)  
Civil Division (2018 – 2020)  
Orphans' Court (2020 – 2022)  
Civil Division (2022 – present)  
Competency Court (2022 – present)

2006 – 2013  
Wisler Pearlstine, LLP  
460 Norristown Road  
Suite 110  
Blue Bell, Pennsylvania 19422  
Senior Counsel

2008 – 2013  
Montgomery County Clerk of Courts  
Montgomery County Courthouse  
Two East Airy Street  
Norristown, Pennsylvania 19404  
Solicitor (part-time)

2004 – 2008  
Abington Township  
1176 Old York Road  
Abington, Pennsylvania 19001  
Commissioner

2003 – 2006  
Frank & Rosen, LLP (defunct)  
Elkins Park, Pennsylvania 19027  
Associate Attorney

Spring 2002, Fall 2003, Fall 2006  
Widener University School of Law  
5601 Concord Pike  
Wilmington, Delaware 19803  
Adjunct Professor

2002  
Abrahams, Loewenstein & Bushman, P.C. (defunct)  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103  
Associate Attorney

1995 – 2002

Philadelphia District Attorney's Office  
Three South Penn Square (previously at 1421 Arch Street)  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107  
Assistant District Attorney

Summer 1994

New Jersey Office of the Attorney General  
25 Market Street  
Trenton, New Jersey 08611  
Intern

Summer 1993

United States Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Pennsylvania  
615 Chestnut Street  
Suite 1250  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19106  
Intern (uncompensated)

Summer 1992

United States Department of State  
2201 C Street, Northwest  
Washington, DC 20520  
Intern

Other Affiliations (Uncompensated):

2011 – 2012

Shapiro/Richards Transition Team  
Montgomery County Commissioners  
One Montgomery Plaza  
Norristown, Pennsylvania 19404  
Co-Counsel

1999 – 2011

Widener University School of Law  
5601 Concord Pike  
Wilmington, Delaware 19803  
Intensive Trial Advocacy Program  
Instructor

1998 – 2005

National Institute of Trial Advocacy  
Hofstra University School of Law  
121 Hofstra University

Hempstead, New York 11549  
Instructor

7. **Military Service and Draft Status:** Identify any service in the U.S. Military, including dates of service branch of service, rank or rate, serial number (if different from social security number) and type of discharge received, and whether you have registered for the selective service.

I did not serve in the military. I was not required to register for the selective service.

8. **Honors and Awards:** List any scholarships, fellowships, honorary degrees, academic or professional honors, honorary society memberships, military awards, and any other special recognition for outstanding service or achievement.

Hofstra University's Woman of the Year (1992)

Truman Scholar (1990)

9. **Bar Associations:** List all bar associations or legal or judicial-related committees, selection panels or conferences of which you are or have been a member, and give the titles and dates of any offices which you have held in such groups.

I have searched my files and electronic databases in an effort to identify all information responsive to this question. To the best of my knowledge and recollection, listed below are the bar associations and legal professional societies in which I am or have been a member, as well as the titles and dates of any offices I have held and committees on which I served, with approximate dates. There may, however, be other groups, offices, or committees that I have been unable to recall or identify.

Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts' Mental Health and the Court Executive Committee (2023 – present)

Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts' Competency and Civil Commitment Statewide Committee, Chairperson (2023 – present)

Montgomery County Judiciary

Continuing Judicial Education Co-Chairperson (2022 – present)

Judicial Internship Coordinator (2018 – present)

Jury Marshalling, Liaison (2022 – present)

Sheriff's Department, Liaison (2018 – 2022)

Montgomery County Bar Association (2003 – present)

Women in the Law Committee (2017 – present)

Chairperson (2018)

Creator and Coordinator – Annual Women's Networking Event (2019 – present)

Bench Bar Committee, Judicial Liaison (2022 – present)

Pennsylvania Bar Association (2003 – present)

Pennsylvania Commission for Crime and Delinquency's Mental Health Justice Advisory Committee, Vice Chairperson (2023 – present)

10. **Bar and Court Admission:**

- a. List the date(s) you were admitted to the bar of any state and any lapses in membership. Please explain the reason for any lapse in membership.

Pennsylvania, 1996

New Jersey, 1997 (inactive)

I took and passed the New Jersey bar exam at the same time I took the exam for Pennsylvania. While I was subsequently admitted to the New Jersey bar, since I was a prosecutor in Pennsylvania and was not permitted to practice elsewhere, I did not pay dues or take the continuing education courses required for active members. To date I have never practiced in New Jersey and according to the New Jersey Courts' website, my license was administratively revoked for failure to pay the annual attorney assessment to the New Jersey Lawyers Fund for Client Protection. There have been no other lapses in membership.

- b. List all courts in which you have been admitted to practice, including dates of admission and any lapses in membership. Please explain the reason for any lapse in membership. Give the same information for administrative bodies that require special admission to practice.

United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, 2003

There have been no lapses in membership.

11. **Memberships:**

- a. List all professional, business, fraternal, scholarly, civic, charitable, or other organizations, other than those listed in response to Questions 9 or 10 to which you belong, or to which you have belonged, since graduation from law school. Provide dates of membership or participation, and indicate any office you held. Include clubs, working groups, advisory or editorial boards, panels, committees, conferences, or publications.

Foundation for Abington School District, Board Member (2018 – 2022)

From the Heart, Board Member (2011 – 2013)

Rydal Elementary Parent Teacher Organization, Member/Vice President (2006 – 2014)

Rydal-Meadowbrook Civic Association, Member (2002 – approximately 2007)

Truman Scholars Selection Committee, Member (2012 – present)

- b. The American Bar Association's Commentary to its Code of Judicial Conduct states that it is inappropriate for a judge to hold membership in any organization that invidiously discriminates on the basis of race, sex, or religion, or national origin. Indicate whether any of these organizations listed in response to 11a above currently discriminate or formerly discriminated on the basis of race, sex, religion or national origin either through formal membership requirements or the practical implementation of membership policies. If so, describe any action you have taken to change these policies and practices.

To the best of my knowledge, none of these organizations currently discriminates or formerly discriminated on the basis of race, sex, religion or national origin, either through formal membership requirements or the practical implementation of membership policies.

**12. Published Writings and Public Statements:**

- a. List the titles, publishers, and dates of books, articles, reports, letters to the editor, editorial pieces, or other published material you have written or edited, including material published only on the Internet. Supply an electronic copy of all published material to the Committee.

In 2013, I published several campaign advertisements and produced campaign materials while running for election for the Montgomery County Court of Common Pleas. Copies supplied. Additionally, in support of my campaign, I did have a website, GailWeilheimer4judge.com. This website was removed after my campaign and is no longer available on the internet.

In 2003, when running to be a local township commissioner, I also produced campaign materials. Copies supplied.

- b. Supply an electronic copy of any reports, memoranda or policy statements you prepared or contributed in the preparation of on behalf of any bar association, committee, conference, or organization of which you were or are a member. If you do not have a copy of a report, memorandum or policy statement, give the name and address of the organization that issued it, the date of the document, and a summary of its subject matter.

None.

- c. Supply an electronic copy of any testimony, official statements or other communications relating, in whole or in part, to matters of public policy or legal interpretation, that you have issued or provided or that others presented on your behalf to public bodies or public officials.

None.

- d. Supply an electronic copy, transcripts or recordings of all speeches or talks delivered by you including commencement speeches, remarks, lectures, panel discussions, conferences, political speeches, and question-and-answer sessions. Include the date and place where delivered they were delivered, and readily available press reports about the speech or talk. If you do not have a copy of the speech or a transcript or recording of your remarks, give the name and address of the group before whom the speech was given, the date of the speech, and a summary of its subject matter. If you did not speak from a prepared text, furnish a copy of any outline or notes from which you spoke.

Based upon my recollection and a thorough review of my records and publicly available databases, I have identified the events listed below that are responsive to the question. There may, however, be other events that I was unable to recall or identify.

April 26, 2024: Panelist, "Ethical Considerations for Representing a Client with Mental Illness," Pennsylvania Criminal Defense Lawyers (PACDL) Conference, Harrisburg Hilton, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. PowerPoint supplied.

September 13, 2023: Co-Host, Welcome Remarks, Montgomery County Bar Association's Women's Networking Night, Fort Washington, Pennsylvania. I provided opening remarks for this networking event. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Montgomery County Bar Association is 100 West Airy Street, Norristown, Pennsylvania 19401.

June 14, 2023: Panelist, Robert E. Slota Jr. Diversity Internship & Development Program – Evening with the Judges, Montgomery County Bar Association, Norristown, Pennsylvania. I discussed my career path and answered questions from the students. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Montgomery County Bar Association is 100 West Airy Street, Norristown, Pennsylvania 19401.

April 4, 2023: Guest Speaker, "The Benefit of Judicial Clerkships." Washington University in St. Louis School of Law (virtual). This was a question-and-answer session with law students regarding my career, the benefit of judicial clerkships, and practicing law in Southeastern Pennsylvania. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the law school is One Brookings Drive, St. Louis, Missouri 63130.

November 3, 2022: Co-Host, Welcome Remarks, Montgomery County Bar Association's Women's Networking Night. Fort Washington, Pennsylvania. I provided opening remarks for this networking event. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Montgomery County Bar Association is 100 West Airy Street, Norristown, Pennsylvania 19401.

November 16, 2021: Co-Presenter, Elder Law Committee – "Ethical Responsibilities, Less Restrictive Alternatives," Montgomery County Bar Association, Norristown, Pennsylvania. I presented instruction on less restrictive alternatives to guardianships. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Montgomery County Bar Association is 100 West Airy Street, Norristown, Pennsylvania 19401.

October 5, 2021: Co-Host, Welcome Remarks, Montgomery County Bar Association's Women's Networking Night. Fort Washington, Pennsylvania. I provided opening remarks for this networking event. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Montgomery County Bar Association is 100 West Airy Street, Norristown, Pennsylvania 19401.

September 9, 2021: Panelist, Montgomery County Child Advocacy Project – The Nuts and Bolts of the Termination of Parental Rights Cases – A View from the Bench. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Montgomery County Child Advocacy Project is 409 Cherry Street, Norristown, Pennsylvania 19401.

Spring 2021 (specific date unknown): Co-Presenter, Health Care Decision Making, Abington Memorial Hospital, Abington, Pennsylvania. Notes supplied.

March 22, 2021: Co-Presenter, "Hot Topics with the Montgomery County Orphans' Court Judges," Montgomery County Estate Planning Counsel of Pennsylvania (virtual). I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Montgomery County Estate Planning Counsel is P.O. Box 853, Spring House, Pennsylvania 19477.

October 21, 2020: Panelist, Trial Lawyers Section – Virtual Protocol Tips from the Bench for Practice in Montgomery County, Montgomery County Bar Association (virtual). I spoke about conducting an effective virtual hearing. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Montgomery County Bar Association is 100 West Airy Street, Norristown, Pennsylvania 19401.

October 20, 2020: Panelist, Career Chatter, Abington High School, Abington, Pennsylvania (virtual). Recording available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u0Yme7TvTgI&list=PLloBMs2KptRuPmlpZKYEWLIVazZNJftUF&index=2>. I also participated as a panelist at an earlier, in person, Career Chatter event. I do not have the date of that participation, nor do I have any notes,



transcript, or recording, but the substance of my remarks would have been similar. The address for Abington High School is 900 Highland Avenue, Abington, Pennsylvania 19001.

October 29, 2019: Co-Host, Welcome Remarks, Montgomery County Bar Association's Women's Networking Night. King of Prussia, Pennsylvania. I provided opening remarks for this networking event. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Montgomery County Bar Association is 100 West Airy Street, Norristown, Pennsylvania 19401.

February 7–9, 2019: Presenter, Villanova Law School Sentencing Workshop, Villanova, Pennsylvania. I discussed five felony cases with unique sentencing considerations and allowed students to assume the role of the sentencing judge. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address of Villanova Law School is 299 North Spring Mill Road, Villanova, Pennsylvania 19085.

September 28, 2018: Panelist, Young Lawyers Section – Tips from the Bench, Montgomery County Bar Association, Norristown, Pennsylvania. To the best of my recollection, this was a panel discussion regarding courtroom preferences and protocols followed by a question-and-answer session. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Montgomery County Bar Association is 100 West Airy Street, Norristown, Pennsylvania 19401.

June 20, 2018: Panelist, Leadership Academy Panel Discussion with Judges, Montgomery County Bar Association, Norristown, Pennsylvania. I discussed my career trajectory and answered questions. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Montgomery County Bar Association is 100 West Airy Street, Norristown, Pennsylvania 19401.

October 2017 (specific date unknown): Panelist, Custody and Special Education, Pennsylvania Bar Association, Exceptional Children Conference, Lancaster, Pennsylvania. I discussed access to educational records, how to present a child's educational needs to the court, and the limitations of the court. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Pennsylvania Bar Association is 5080 Ritter Road, Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania 17055.

May 1, 2017: Officiant, Naturalization Ceremony, Abington High School, Abington, Pennsylvania. Remarks supplied.

March 9, 2017: Co-Presenter, Tips from the Bench – Expert Witnesses, Montgomery County Bar Association, Norristown, Pennsylvania. I spoke about engaging a qualified expert, what should be included in a report, and strategies for presenting and cross-examining expert witnesses. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Montgomery County Bar Association is 100 West Airy Street, Norristown, Pennsylvania 19401.

January 17, 2017: Speaker, Swearing-In Ceremony for Pennsylvania Attorney General Josh Shapiro, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. I provided introductory remarks about Josh Shapiro before he was sworn in by Justice David Wecht. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Pennsylvania Attorney General's Office is 16th Floor, Strawberry Square, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120.

May 23, 2016: Co-Presenter, "Tips from the Bench – Courtroom Demeanor and Ethics," Montgomery County Bar Association, Norristown, Pennsylvania. I presented to members of the Young Lawyers Division on the importance of courtroom etiquette and the demeanor and preparation required by the ethics rules. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Montgomery County Bar Association is 100 West Airy Street, Norristown, Pennsylvania 19401.

April 25, 2016: Co-Presenter, "Tips from the Bench – Courtroom Evidence," Montgomery County Bar Association, Norristown, Pennsylvania. I spoke about the most common evidentiary objections and how to prepare to address them. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Montgomery County Bar Association is 100 West Airy Street, Norristown, Pennsylvania 19401.

February 16, 2016: Panelist, Leadership Academy Panel Discussion with Judges, Montgomery County Bar Association, Norristown, Pennsylvania. I discussed my career trajectory and answered questions. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Montgomery County Bar Association is 100 West Airy Street, Norristown, Pennsylvania 19401.

January 27, 2016: Co-Presenter, "Tips from the Bench – How to Try your First Jury Trial," Montgomery County Bar Association's Young Lawyers Division, Norristown, Pennsylvania. I provided instruction to the Young Lawyers Division on how to prepare for and present a jury trial. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Montgomery County Bar Association is 100 West Airy Street, Norristown, Pennsylvania 19401.

October 21, 2015: Remarks, portrait unveiling. Montgomery County Bar Association. At my portrait unveiling I gave remarks to the attendees. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Montgomery County Bar Association is 100 West Airy Street, Norristown, Pennsylvania 19401. Press coverage supplied.

July 11, 2015: Panelist, "Evidence in Family Court," Pennsylvania Bar Association, Family Law Section, White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia. I discussed the importance of adhering to the Rules of Evidence in family court proceedings and highlighted useful evidence rules. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Pennsylvania Bar Association is 5080 Ritter Road, Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania 17055.

October 29, 2014: Officiant, Naturalization Ceremony, Pottsgrove Middle School, Pottsgrove, Pennsylvania. Remarks supplied.

May 1, 2014: Speaker, "Voting Rights," Montgomery County Bar Association's Law Day celebration, Norristown, Pennsylvania. Notes and press coverage supplied, and video clip available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=Ozsy-82GYd8>.

March 2014 (specific date unknown): Guest Speaker, "Meet the Judge," Montgomery County Bar Association, Family Law Section Luncheon Meeting, Norristown, Pennsylvania. This was a question-and-answer session where the members of the Family Law Section could meet me and learn my courtroom protocol. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Montgomery County Bar Association is 100 West Airy Street, Norristown, Pennsylvania 19401.

March 2014 (specific date unknown): Guest Speaker, "Meet the Judge," Montgomery County Bar Association, Real Estate Law Section Luncheon Meeting, Norristown, Pennsylvania. This was a question-and-answer session where the members of the Real Estate Law Section could meet me and learn my courtroom protocol. I have no notes, transcript, or recording. The address for the Montgomery County Bar Association is 100 West Airy Street, Norristown, Pennsylvania 19401.

2014 – present (specific dates unknown): Officiant, Oaths of Office, Montgomery County Courthouse, Norristown, Pennsylvania. I regularly administer oaths of office to elected officials, school board directors, and school district administrators. With the exception of my home township, Abington, the officials come to the courthouse to receive the oath. When requested, for Abington Township officials, I have administered the oath at the Abington Township Commissioners meeting and Abington Board of School Directors' meetings. I have not maintained a list of each person for whom I have administered the oath of office. Some districts/municipalities choose to videotape the administration of the oath. A copy of the standard oath is supplied. Press coverage supplied. A video of my administering the oath to Judge Todd D. Eisenberg in January 2016 is available at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bCBoTF8Ue\\_g](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bCBoTF8Ue_g).

January 2013 – November 2013: I gave numerous campaign speeches and participated in candidate forums while running for election for the Montgomery County Court of Common Pleas. I spoke at various civic, political, and professional organizations, and campaign events. I do not have specific dates and I have no notes, transcripts, or recordings for these events. Press coverage supplied.

May 1, 2007: Co-presenter, Norristown Municipal Council's community meeting.

I presented the pros and cons about the Pennsylvania Taxpayer Relief Act. I have no notes, transcript, or recording but press coverage is supplied.

September 14, 2005: Host, community meeting, Abington Township Building, Abington, Pennsylvania. As a Township Commissioner I was working with residents to build a dog park and hosted a meeting with interested community members. I have no notes, transcript, or recording, but press coverage is supplied. The address for the Abington Township building is 1176 Old York Road, Abington, Pennsylvania 19001.

October 20, 2003: Participant, Candidates Forum. Penn State University, Abington Campus, Abington, Pennsylvania. Notes supplied.

- e. List all interviews you have given to newspapers, magazines or other publications, or radio or television stations, providing the dates of these interviews and an electronic copy of the clips or transcripts of these interviews where they are available to you.

Based upon my recollection and a thorough review of my files and searches of publicly available databases, I have identified the following responsive materials, but it is possible that there are a few that I have been unable to recall or identify.

Margaret Gibbons, *Orange you supposed to wear it*, THE INTELLIGENCER, July 11, 2016. Copy supplied.

Carl Hessler, Jr., *Young Judicial Hopeful Sean Herron Gets Glimpse of Court Career*, THE MERCURY (blog), May 6, 2016. Copy supplied.

Margaret Gibbons, *Four Montgomery County Judges Become "Official,"* TIMES HERALD, Oct. 21, 2015. Copy supplied.

Carl Hessler Jr. *"Goldilocks" Convicted*, THE MERCURY (blog), May 18, 2015. Copy supplied.

*Get to Know Your Candidates for Judge*, SIDEBAR MAG., Fall, 2013. Copy supplied.

*Voters Guide*, LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS (newspaper insert), Nov. 2013. Copy supplied.

*Judge of the Common Pleas Court of Montgomery County*, THE INTELLIGENCER, Oct. 31, 2013. Copy supplied.

Carl Hessler Jr., *Four Lawyers Vying for Two Montco Judicial Posts*, THE MERCURY, Oct. 25, 2013. Copy supplied.

*Judge of the Common Pleas Court of Montgomery*, THE INTELLIGENCER, May 16, 2013. Copy supplied.

Amaris Elliot-Engle, *Montco Judicial Contests Seen as Test of Dems New Strength*, LEGAL INTELLIGENCER, Feb. 8, 2013. Copy supplied.

Richard Ilgenfritz, *Judge Rules in LMSD Parent's Squash Suit*, MAIN LINE TIMES, Mar. 23, 2011

Kitty Caparella, *Tearful Faridah Ali Gets 2 Years in Jail*, PHILA. DAILY NEWS, Feb. 17, 2006. Copy supplied.

John Shiffman, *Imam's Wife Pleads No Contest to Most Charges*, PHILA. INQUIRER, Sept. 27, 2005. Copy supplied.

Lisa Beisel, *Residents Organize to Build Dogpark*, TIMES CHRONICLE, Sept. 22, 2005. Copy supplied.

Kitty Caparella, *Philadelphia School Official Pleas No Contest to Fraud, Racketeering*, PHILA. DAILY NEWS, Sept. 26, 2005. Copy supplied.

Kitty Caparella, *Feds Eye Alis' 440G Mortgage*, PHILA. DAILY NEWS, Apr. 8, 2005. Copy supplied.

Nathan Gorenstein, *Faridah Ali Gets House Arrest for Fraud*, PHILA. INQUIRER, April 5, 2005. Copy supplied.

Kitty Caparella, *Facing More Fraud Charges*, PHILA. DAILY NEWS, Feb. 3, 2005. Copy supplied.

David B. Caruso, *Prosecutors Add Charge in Alleged Corruption Case*, ASSOCIATED PRESS, Feb. 2, 2005. Copy supplied.

Kitty Caparella, *Faridah Cooking Up Restaurant Plan*, PHILA. DAILY NEWS, Jan. 31, 2005. Copy supplied.

Interview with Brian Williams, NBC NIGHTLY NEWS, Fall 2004. I am unable to locate the exact date or a recording.

George Mattar and Harry Yanoshak, *Woman Arraigned on Charges in Fatal Collision*, BUCKS CNTY. COURIER TIMES, Jan. 23, 2004. Copy supplied.

*League of Women Voters Guide*, publication unknown (may have been an insert or a mailer), Fall 2003. Copy supplied.

Ryan Bagwell, *Ward 1 should see another close race*, TIMES CHRONICLE, Oct. 1-

7, 2000. Copy supplied.

Tom Waring, *Man Pleads Guilty to Beating Hairstylist*, NORTHEAST TIMES, Aug. 30, 2000. Copy supplied.

Dave Racher, *Stalker Cops a Plea*, PHILA. DAILY NEWS, Aug. 23, 2000. Copy supplied.

Dave Racher, *Robber Gets 15-30 Years for Shooting*, PHILA. DAILY NEWS, July 26, 2000. Copy supplied.

Dave Racher, *Cops Say Acquitted Firebug at It Again*, PHILA. DAILY NEWS, June 19, 2000. Copy supplied.

Dave Racher, *Admitted Firebug Acquitted in Six Center City [Fires]*, PHILA. DAILY NEWS, May 19, 2000. Copy supplied.

Dave Racher, *Hairdresser Tells Court How Stalker Choked Her*, PHILA. DAILY NEWS, May 10, 2000. Copy supplied.

Dave Racher, *2 Men Held in Attack*, PHILA. DAILY NEWS, June 16, 2000. Copy supplied.

Dave Racher, *Windows Tinted his Drug Case*, PHILA. DAILY NEWS, Jan. 22, 2000. Copy supplied.

Dave Racher, *Gunman Guilty in Assault, Victim Jumped on Bus [to Escape]*, PHILA. DAILY NEWS, Dec. 18, 1999. Copy supplied.

Dave Racher, *3 Time Loser Faces Life in Weapons Rap*, PHILA. DAILY NEWS, Aug. 28, 1999. Copy supplied.

Dave Racher, *Burglar Scares Daylights Out of Teens*, PHILA. DAILY NEWS, Dec. 11, 1998. Copy supplied.

Dave Racher, *DA: He's a Bad Burglar, but He's Neat*, PHILA. DAILY NEWS, Feb. 16, 1998. Copy supplied.

Dave Racher, *Favorite Uncle Guilty of Molesting Niece*, PHILA. DAILY NEWS, Oct. 24, 1996. Copy supplied.

Dave Racher, *Thieving Cop Lost Job Over \$240 Bail Money*, PHILA. DAILY NEWS, Mar. 19, 1996. Copy supplied.

*Student Protest A Limit on Ads for Alcohol*, N.Y. TIMES, Oct. 14, 1990. Copy supplied.

13. **Judicial Office:** State (chronologically) any judicial offices you have held, including positions as an administrative law judge, whether such position was elected or appointed, and a description of the jurisdiction of each such court.

Since January 2014 I have served as a judge on the Montgomery County Court of Common Pleas. I was elected in November 2013 to a ten-year term and retained for a second term in November 2023. The Court of Common Pleas has jurisdiction that is provided to it by the Pennsylvania General Assembly, as set forth in Title 42 of the Statutes of Pennsylvania, sections 931 through 934, which includes original jurisdiction over all actions and proceedings in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, except where exclusive original jurisdiction of an action is vested by statute in another court of the Commonwealth.

During my time on the bench, I am the only judge to have been assigned to every adult division. From 2014 to 2016 I was assigned to Family Court where I presided over divorces, custody, support, equitable distribution, and protection from abuse cases. From 2016 to 2018 I served in Criminal Court where I presided over all types of criminal charges from driving under the influence through first degree murder. I was responsible for every aspect of cases from pretrial motions through sentencing. I was assigned to the Civil Division in 2018 to 2020 and have been assigned there again from 2022 to present. In the Civil Division I am responsible for a wide range of cases including general negligence actions such as car accidents, medical malpractice claims, and complex commercial disputes. The damages claimed in a Common Pleas civil action must exceed \$50,000. For each case I am assigned, I manage all pretrial motions, trials, and post-trial motions. I also actively engage in settlement conferences to assist the parties in reaching a resolution. Between my two terms in the Civil Division, I was assigned to Orphans' Court where I presided over cases involving trust and estate disputes, guardianships, termination of parental rights, and adoptions. I am also responsible for developing the first competency court in the Commonwealth.

- a. Approximately how many cases have you presided over that have gone to verdict or judgment?

I have presided over more than 500 trials that have gone to verdict.

- i. Of these, approximately what percent were:

jury trials:	30%
bench trials:	70%

- ii. Of these cases, approximately what percent were:

civil proceedings:	80%
criminal proceedings:	20%

- b. Provide citations for all opinions you have written, including concurrences and dissents.

None of my opinions are available on legal databases.

- c. For each of the 10 most significant cases over which you presided, provide: (1) a capsule summary of the nature the case; (2) the outcome of the case; (3) the name and contact information for counsel who had a significant role in the trial of the case; and (3) the citation of the case (if reported) or the docket number and a copy of the opinion or judgment (if not reported).

1. *Donaker v. Cherian and Abington Memorial Hospital*, 2017–22976 (Pa. Ct. Com. Pl. Dec. 20, 2022)

This was a medical malpractice jury trial in which a physician was accused of negligently performing a colonoscopy resulting in the death of the patient. The patient had significant co-morbidities prior to the colonoscopy. I ruled on eight motions in limine prior to trial. There were substantial challenges to the admissibility of certain experts, the scope of their expertise and whether their proposed testimony was within the fair scope of their reports. Other rulings addressed precluding an informed consent claim, determining if a particular witness was an “employee” for the purpose of a hearsay exception, and the relevance of the decedent’s alcohol use. The case then proceeded to a seven-day jury trial after which the jury found in favor of the defendants. No appeal was taken.

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Counsel for Defendant/Hospital:

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2. *Bullock v. Morrell*, 2015–24373 (Pa. Ct. Com. Pl. Oct. 14, 2022)

This was a medical malpractice jury trial in which a physician was accused of failing to diagnose a dissected aorta which resulted in the death of the patient. In pretrial proceedings I managed discovery disputes and ruled on four motions in limine. The motions in limine rulings addressed the admissibility of the decedent’s prior medical history, allowed cross examination to address credibility regarding omissions in the medical records, precluded lay witness from offering cause of death opinions, and established the parameters of the plaintiff’s wrongful death claims. I then presided over the nine-day jury trial. The parties settled during jury deliberations.

Counsel for Plaintiff:

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3. *Estate of M. Vaccarello*, 2020-x1430 (Pa. Ct. Com. Pl. Aug. 16, 2021)

Mr. and Mrs. Vaccarello were husband and wife. Together they had three children. Husband predeceased wife leaving her as the sole heir to his estate which was placed in trust. Upon Mrs. Vaccarello’s death, her son, the younger Mr. Vaccarello received Letters of Administration from Johnson County, North Carolina enabling him to probate her will. Almost simultaneously, her daughters, Ms. Griffith and Ms. Wunsch, filed a photocopy of her will in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania in an attempt to probate her will in Pennsylvania. After a three-day bench trial on the question of domicile, I ruled that Mrs. Vaccarello’s domicile at the time of her death was North Carolina and the estate administration shall proceed there.

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4. *Adoption of ACS, 2021-A0077 (Pa. Ct. Com. Pl. Oct. 22, 2021).*

This was a termination of parental rights bench trial. I handled all aspects of the pretrial and trial proceedings. The Montgomery County Office of Children and Youth (OCY) filed a petition for involuntary termination of parental rights for birth mother as a result of her refusal to obtain mental health treatment, maintain stable housing or employment, care for her child or participate in the offered services from OCY. Termination proceedings were also initiated against putative father. I issued an order for appointment of legal counsel for the one-year-old child, and appointed counsel for the birth mother and putative father. A bench trial was held after which I determined it was in the best interest of the child to terminate the parental rights of birth mother and putative father. The evidence showed birth mother's lack of ability to care for her child and showed her disinterest in bonding with her child as she missed two-thirds of her scheduled visits and, when she did attend, she was inattentive. Birth mother appealed this decision. The termination was upheld by the Superior Court. Putative father did not appeal. Subsequent to the resolution of the appeal, the child was adopted by her foster parents.

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5. *P.O., an alleged incapacitated person*, 2020–x3236 (Pa. Ct. Com. Pl. June 9, 2021).

P.O. is a woman who struggled with self-care as well as financial and personal safety as a result of alcohol abuse. There was also evidence introduced of her cognitive decline. In one example of a misjudgment, P.O. designated the produce man at her local grocery store, with whom she had no relationship, the financial Power of Attorney of her substantial estate. After some extremely concerning behavior by P.O., her personal attorney filed for an independent guardian to be appointed. P.O. vehemently objected and, in 2021, I presided over a multi-day bench trial. After considering the evidence, I issued an order appointing a limited guardian of her person and estate. This limited guardian would provide the least-restrictive alternative to both protect P.O. and allow her to retain some decision-making capacity. Among other things, I ruled that the limited guardian must approve any appointment or changes to her Power of Attorney, approve expenditures over \$15,000 and authorize any relocation. I handled all aspects of the pretrial and trial proceedings.

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6. *Hempt Bros. v. Myers*, 2012–14292 (Pa. Ct. Com. Pl. Nov. 12, 2019)

This was a complex construction litigation case centered on the proper application

of asphalt on a highway and the appropriateness of the actions and costs related to the scope of work. The plaintiff made claims for breach of contract, unjust enrichment, and violation of the Pennsylvania Contractor and Subcontractor Payment Act seeking damages in excess of \$2,000,000. The defendant made counterclaims and filed a separate cause of action against the plaintiff for breach of contract also claiming damages in excess of \$2,000,000. The two matters were consolidated into the instant action. This contentious litigation was initiated in 2012 and continued for seven years with 277 docket entries prior to verdict. Within five months of being assigned this case in June 2019, I had concluded this matter by scheduling a pretrial conference, ruling on eight motions in limine and presiding over a seven-day jury trial to verdict. After trial, the jury reached a split decision finding for the plaintiff in the amount of \$1,735,000 and finding for the defendant in the amount of \$665,000. Both sides appealed. The parties settled the case during the appellate process.

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7. *Commonwealth v. Mieluchowski*, CP 46-CR-0004906-2015 (Pa. Ct. Com. Pl. May 5, 2017).

Over a three-year period the defendant, conspiring with another, committed five distinct “takeover-style” bank heists at gunpoint throughout Montgomery, Lancaster, and Westmoreland Counties in Pennsylvania. During these bank robberies he victimized a multitude of bank employees and patrons. I presided over pretrial, trial, and sentencing. After a three-day jury trial, the defendant was convicted of all 56 counts charged. At sentencing I specifically recognized each of the defendant’s victims and sentenced him to 29 to 58 years of imprisonment followed by seven years’ probation. The defendant appealed this decision. My trial rulings were all affirmed and defendant’s conviction was upheld. The case was remanded for resentencing due to an error in not merging two of the 56 counts. At resentencing, the defendant was sentenced to the same amount of jail time, 29 to 58 years in state prison followed by seven years’ probation, just recalculated in accordance with the merger of these two counts. The defendant’s subsequent resentencing appeal was denied.

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8. *Commonwealth vs. Craig*, CP-46-CR-0007335-2014 (Pa. Ct. Com. Pl. Aug. 22, 2016).

The defendant and his co-conspirator entered a Radio Shack store shortly before closing and while the defendant distracted the victim/store manager, his co-conspirator locked the front door, pulled out a gun, and forced the victim into the basement. While forcing the victim to lie face down on the basement floor, the defendant rummaged through his pockets, retrieved the lockbox keys, and proceeded to steal cellular phones, high value headsets, and video game systems valued in the aggregate in excess of \$20,000. As the prosecution recognized the victim's identification of the defendant was unreliable, they proved their case through circumstantial evidence, including cell phone tracking and the cooperation of the co-defendant. Prior to trial, I granted the Commonwealth's motion in limine and permitted the admission of a text message to establish motive and intent. I offered to provide a curative instruction to the jury which the defense declined. After jury trial the defendant was convicted of robbery and related charges for which I sentenced the defendant to 10 to 20 years in state prison. All of the defendant's appeals have been dismissed with my trial decisions and sentencing upheld.

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9. *Commonwealth v. Atem*, CP-46-CR-0001977–2015 (Pa. Ct. Com. Pl. June 10, 2016).

This was a first-degree murder jury trial for which I was responsible for the pretrial, trial, and sentencing decisions. The defendant was a legal immigrant from Sudan who killed a co-worker after being repeatedly bullied by him and other co-workers. The defendant argued that his actions were justified due to abuse from the victim and racial tension at their workplace and the defendant's perception of the resulting threat due to his post-traumatic stress disorder from his time in forced servitude as a child soldier in Sudan. Prior to trial, a hearing was held on the defendant's motion to suppress his confession. The defendant claimed it had not been a knowing and voluntary statement as he was medicated in the hospital after a suicide attempt. After a hearing where the evidence showed that the confession was knowing and voluntary, I denied the motion to suppress. I also denied the Commonwealth's motion to preclude the defendant's expert.

After a five-day trial, the jury convicted the defendant of first-degree murder and possessing an instrument of crime after which I sentenced him to life in prison. The defense appealed the conviction and my ruling on the motion to suppress. The Superior Court affirmed the conviction and decision.

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10. *Didio v. Green*, 2014-27093 (Pa. Ct. Com. Pl.)

This case involved a couple filing for divorce, custody, and related proceedings with financial ruination looming. Over 13 months I held a multitude of hearings addressing almost every family court issue. Regarding their child, I ruled on custody, summer schedules, child support, and controlled the premature disclosure of sensitive information to the child. To help manage their finances, I

held hearings to address if a receiver should be appointed, conducted in camera reviews of wife's marital settlement agreement and trust documents from her first marriage, and ordered the parties to provide the court with an accounting of outstanding financial obligations and available funds to pay these joint obligations. I issued orders to facilitate the payment of debts and appointed a forensic accountant as an arbitrator. Trying to protect their child from their bad behavior and help them move forward financially was complicated by the non-compliance of the parties which necessitated scheduling contempt proceedings. Despite issuing the divorce decree and scheduling arbitration, this matter continued for an additional four years before all issues were resolved.

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- d. For each of the 10 most significant opinions you have written, provide: (1) citations for those decisions that were published; (2) a copy of those decisions that were not published; and (3) the names and contact information for the attorneys who played a significant role in the case.

1. *Turner v. Lower Merion School District*, 2021-09233; 407 EDA 2023 (Pa. Ct. Com. Pl. May 18, 2023). Opinion supplied.

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2. *Daubert v. Abington Memorial Hospital et al.*, 2017-26967; 2738 EDA 2022  
(Pa. Ct. Com. Pl. Jan. 27, 2023). Opinion supplied.

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3. *Estate of V. Vaccarello*, 2009-x0613; 2959 EDA 2022 (Pa. Ct. Com. Pl. Oct.  
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4. *In Re: J.H., An Incapacitated Person*, 2021–x2110; 1805 EDA 2021 (Pa. Ct. Com. Pl. Dec. 9, 2021). Opinion supplied.

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the appeal, the son was pro se.

5. *In RE: B.M. Kane*, 2018-x2354; 1496 EDA 2020 (Pa. Ct. Com. Pl. Sept. 8, 2020). Opinion supplied.

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6. *Hopkins v. Compass Point*, 2015-23480; 3554 EDA 2019 (Pa. Ct. Com. Pl. June 10, 2020). Opinion supplied.

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7. *Commonwealth v. Domena*, CP-46-CR-0007559-2013; 1857 EDA 2019 (Pa. Ct. Com. Pl. Dec. 12, 2019). Opinion supplied.

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8. *Commonwealth v. Singer*, CP-46-CR-0002043–2015; 1648 EDA 2017 (Pa. Ct. Com. Pl. Nov. 21, 2017). Opinion supplied.

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9. *Commonwealth v. Toepel*, CP-46-CR-3288–2015; 3831 EDA 2016 (Pa. Ct.

Com. Pl. Oct. 19, 2017). Opinion supplied.

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10. *Corrado v. Musto*, 2015-14981; 3101 EDA 2015 (Pa. Ct. Com. Pl. Dec. 15, 2015). Opinion supplied.

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- e. Provide a list of all cases in which certiorari was requested or granted.

I have not presided over any cases in which certiorari was requested from or granted by the United States Supreme Court.

- f. Provide a brief summary of and citations for all of your opinions where your decisions were reversed by a reviewing court or where your judgment was affirmed with significant criticism of your substantive or procedural rulings. If any of the opinions listed were not officially reported, provide copies of the opinions.

*Commonwealth v. Mieluchowski*, CP-46-CR-0004906-2015; 3198 EDA 2017. Opinions supplied. The defendant was charged with multiple bank robberies and a multitude of other charges including kidnapping and possession of an instrument of crime. A jury found the defendant guilty of all counts. After sentencing, the defendant complained of error in my trial rulings and sentence computation. My trial rulings and his conviction were affirmed. This matter was remanded for resentencing as one count of conspiracy of the 56 criminal charges for which he was convicted and sentenced should have merged with another charge. At resentencing, I sentenced the defendant to the same amount of jail time as originally imposed, recalculated in accordance with the merger of these two counts. The defendant's subsequent resentencing appeal was denied.

*AM v. LB Appeal of Shields*, 2011-00087; 3347 EDA 2016. Opinions supplied. I held an attorney in contempt for failing to comply with a court order which resulted in the delay of court proceedings to the detriment of her client and the opposing party. This matter was remanded by the Superior Court with instruction to hold a full hearing on contempt. After remand, I held a full hearing, found the attorney in contempt and issued sanctions. My finding of contempt and the resulting sanctions were subsequently upheld on appeal.

*Phifer v. The Endoscopy Center*, 2019-07353; 1176 EDA 2022. Opinions supplied. This was a contract and wrongful termination dispute in which I granted a motion to compel particular billing statements, ruling that they were not privileged in accordance with the Pennsylvania Work Product Doctrine. The Superior Court disagreed and reversed.

*In RE: Sletten Family Trust*, 2017-x2838; 408 EDA 2022; 507 EDA 2022. Opinions supplied. This was a bench trial addressing objections to an estate accounting. This matter was remanded for an accounting clarification as to whether four expenses, totaling approximately \$31,000, should be calculated as legitimate expenses or a surcharge should be applied. My trial decisions were affirmed on all other grounds. After remand, I issued an amended adjudication of the estate addressing these expenses from which no appeal was taken.

- g. Provide a description of the number and percentage of your decisions in which you issued an unpublished opinion and the manner in which those unpublished opinions are filed and/or stored.

As a trial court judge, I issue most of my decisions from the bench which are recorded verbatim by a court reporter. I have issued over 200 written opinions since joining the bench in 2014. My opinions are responsive to the issues raised on appeal. When a case is appealed, a copy of each opinion is filed with the appropriate appellate court with a copy docketed in Montgomery County and retained by chambers. Court of Common Pleas decisions are generally unpublished and to the best of my knowledge, none of my opinions have been published in any legal database.

- h. Provide citations for significant opinions on federal or state constitutional issues, together with the citation to appellate court rulings on such opinions. If any of the opinions listed were not officially reported, provide copies of the opinions.

I have not issued any significant written opinions on federal or state constitutional issues.

- a. Provide citations to all cases in which you sat by designation on a federal court of appeals, including a brief summary of any opinions you authored, whether majority, dissenting, or concurring, and any dissenting opinions you joined.

I have never served by designation on any federal court of appeals.

14. **Recusal:** If you are or have been a judge, identify the basis by which you have assessed the necessity or propriety of recusal (If your court employs an "automatic" recusal system by which you may be recused without your knowledge, please include a general description of that system.) Provide a list of any cases, motions or matters that have come before you in which a litigant or party has requested that you recuse yourself due to an asserted conflict of interest or in which you have recused yourself sua sponte. Identify each such case, and for each provide the following information:

- a. whether your recusal was requested by a motion or other suggestion by a litigant or a party to the proceeding or by any other person or interested party; or if you recused yourself sua sponte;
- b. a brief description of the asserted conflict of interest or other ground for recusal;
- c. the procedure you followed in determining whether or not to recuse yourself;
- d. your reason for recusing or declining to recuse yourself, including any action taken to remove the real, apparent or asserted conflict of interest or to cure any other ground for recusal.

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania does not employ an automatic recusal system. Instead, recusal is determined on a case-by-case basis applying the rules of disqualification and recusal. To avoid any conflict or appearance of impropriety, I disclose if I have a personal connection to a party, a witness, or an attorney, and agree to recuse myself if any party requests such recusal after disclosure. Such requests for recusal post-disclosure rarely occur. I would and have sua sponte recused myself if I believe my relationship with a lawyer, party, or witness may impact my ability to be fair and impartial. Additionally, for my first two years on the bench, I directed Court Administration not to schedule before me any cases from my former law firm. While there is no required hiatus between a judge leaving practice and presiding over cases from that practice, I believed this two-year automatic recusal was appropriate.

I recused sua sponte in the following cases:

*Bernstein/Slutzky v. Cheltenham Township*, 2022-07062. I recused myself sua sponte from this land development matter as I have a close friendship with an individual who was anticipated to be a material witness.

*New Hanover Township v. Jonas*, 2024-04488. I recused myself sua sponte from this matter as the attorney who is the named defendant is a friend.

My recusal was sought in the following cases:

*Kane v. Epstein et al.*, 2019-0003369. Plaintiff's counsel requested recusal because he objected to my criticism of him in a related Orphans' Court opinion. Ruling against an attorney in the same or related matter does not constitute a basis for recusal. As I was able to be fair and impartial in this matter, I denied the request for recusal.

*In re: J.H., an incapacitated person*, 2020- x2110. One of the parties routinely requested my recusal when he did not agree with my rulings. I denied each request for recusal as disagreement with my decisions is not a basis for recusal and I was able to be fair and impartial in this matter.

*AM v. LB – Appeal of Shields*, 2011-00087. This was a family court matter during which I held mother's counsel in contempt for failing to comply with a court order. The subject attorney requested I recuse myself from the contempt proceeding. I denied recusal as I was able to be fair and impartial and the issue of whether counsel violated my order was an issue for me to decide.

*ECI, LLC. v. Campisi Construction and Campisi*, 2011-12517. The defendant requested recusal after receiving an adverse ruling. I denied recusal as I was able to be fair and impartial.

15. **Public Office, Political Activities and Affiliations:**

- a. List chronologically any public offices you have held, other than judicial offices, including the terms of service and whether such positions were elected or appointed. If appointed, please include the name of the individual who appointed you. Also, state chronologically any unsuccessful candidacies you have had for elective office or unsuccessful nominations for appointed office.

I was elected an Abington Township Commissioner in 2003 and served one term from 2004 to 2008. I did not run for reelection.

- b. List all memberships and offices held in and services rendered, whether compensated or not, to any political party or election committee. If you have ever held a position or played a role in a political campaign, identify the particulars of the campaign, including the candidate, dates of the campaign, your title and

responsibilities.

I was a committee person for the local Abington/Rockledge Democratic Committee from 2002 to 2004. I have not had an official position in any political campaign other than my own.

16. **Legal Career:** Answer each part separately.

a. Describe chronologically your law practice and legal experience after graduation from law school including:

i. 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;

I never served as a clerk to a judge.

ii. whether you practiced alone, and if so, the addresses and dates;

I never practiced alone.

iii. the dates, names and addresses of law firms or offices, companies or governmental agencies with which you have been affiliated, and the nature of your affiliation with each.

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Civil Division (2022 – present)  
Competency Court (2022 – present)

- iv. Whether you served as a mediator or arbitrator in alternative dispute resolution proceedings and, if so, a description of the 10 most significant matters with which you were involved in that capacity.

I did not serve as a mediator or arbitrator prior to taking bench. As a judge, I regularly help parties resolve matters during pretrial conferences.

b. Describe:

- i. the general character of your law practice and indicate by date when its character has changed over the years.

After graduating law school in 1995, I began my career as a prosecutor in

the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office where I worked from 1995 to 2002. As an Assistant District Attorney I represented the people of Philadelphia. As a new ADA, I spent my first year, 1995 to 1996, in the Municipal Court division where I litigated felony preliminary hearings and misdemeanor bench trials. From 1996 to 1997 I was assigned to the Juvenile Court division where I prosecuted crimes by juvenile offenders and crimes by adult offenders against juveniles. From 1997 to 1998 I was assigned to the Felony Waiver division in which I prosecuted non-violent felony crimes, such as driving under the influence, commercial burglaries, and drug dealing, at bench trials. In 1998 I was transferred to the Major Trials division and from 1998 to 2002 I primarily litigated jury trials in cases where people were charged with violent crimes. During my time in the District Attorney's Office, I independently litigated more than 100 jury trials to verdict as well as hundreds of bench trials.

In 2002, I joined the firm of Abrahams, Loewenstein & Bushman, P.C. as an associate to practice medical malpractice defense. From 2003 to 2006 I worked part-time at a small litigation practice, Frank & Rosen, LLP, handling their criminal defense work and some general litigation.

From 2006 to 2013, I was senior counsel at Wisler Pearlstine, LLP. At that firm, I was responsible for litigation arising out of the representation of school districts in state and federal court as well as in administrative hearings. I also provided comprehensive guidance to our school district clients regarding a wide range of legal issues including special education, discipline, residency, gifted education, and assessment appeals. I remained at Wisler Pearlstine until I was elected to the bench in 2013.

During the time I was at Wisler Pearlstine, LLP, I also served as the part-time solicitor for the Montgomery County Clerk of Courts from 2008 to 2013. The Clerk of Courts is the Criminal Court administrator. As solicitor, I provided legal counsel and representation to the Clerk of Courts and her office. Additional responsibilities included restructuring the administration of bail collection and implementing a bail forfeiture recovery process, assisting with personnel related matters, evaluating real property bail requests, and representing Montgomery County in defending against bail bonds exoneration petitions.

For a six-month period, November 2011 to April 2012, I served as co-counsel to the Shapiro/Richards Transition Team. In this capacity, I provided legal advice and counsel to the transition team as we examined the key issues and matters that newly elected Montgomery County Commissioners Josh Shapiro and Leslie Richards would confront. As part of the core leadership team, we managed the selection process of executives for the new administration and provided transition guidance, perspectives, and strategies for County management.

- ii. your typical clients and the areas at each period of your legal career, if any, in which you have specialized.

During my years as an Assistant District Attorney for the City of Philadelphia from 1995 to 2002 I represented the people of Philadelphia.

From 2002 to 2006 I was an associate attorney in private practice. At Abrahams, Loewenstein and Bushman in 2002, I assisted the firm in representing hospitals and doctors against medical malpractice claims. At Frank & Rosen, I represented individuals in criminal defense and general litigation matters.

As senior counsel at Wisler Pearlstine from 2006 to 2013, I primarily represented public school districts and the Montgomery County Clerk of Courts.

- c. Describe the percentage of your practice that has been in litigation and whether you appeared in court frequently, occasionally, or not at all. If the frequency of your appearances in court varied, describe such variance, providing dates.

Prior to taking the bench, I was a trial lawyer. For my seven years in the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office from 1995 to 2002, I was in court daily. While at Wisler Pearlstine from 2008 to 2013, my special education work resulted in two to four significant administrative hearings per year as well as multiple short litigation matters related to residency or tax assessment appeals each year. For the years of practice between the District Attorney's Office and Wisler Pearlstine from 2002 to 2006, I had occasional court appearances for criminal defense and general litigation matters.

- i. Indicate the percentage of your practice in:

- 1. federal courts: 2%
- 2. state courts of record: 80%
- 3. other courts: 0%
- 4. administrative agencies: 18%

- ii. Indicate the percentage of your practice in:

- 1. civil proceedings: 50%
- 2. criminal proceedings: 50%

- d. State the number of cases in courts of record, including cases before administrative law judges, you tried to verdict, judgment or final decision (rather than settled), indicating whether you were sole counsel, chief counsel, or associate counsel.

I was sole counsel in trying more than 400 cases to verdict. At the Philadelphia

District Attorney's Office I tried more than 100 jury trials and hundreds of bench trials.

- i. What percentage of these trials were:
  - 1. jury: 25%
  - 2. non-jury: 75%

- e. Describe your practice, if any, before the Supreme Court of the United States. Supply an electronic copy of any briefs, amicus or otherwise, and, if applicable, any oral argument transcripts before the Supreme Court in connection with your practice.

I did not practice before the Supreme Court of the United States.

17. **Litigation:** Describe the ten (10) most significant litigated matters which you personally handled, whether or not you were the attorney of record. Give the citations, if the cases were reported, and the docket number and date if unreported. Give a capsule summary of the substance of each case. Identify the party or parties whom you represented; 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 date of representation;
- b. the name of the court and the name of the judge or judges before whom the case was litigated; and
- c. the individual name, addresses, and telephone numbers of co-counsel and of principal counsel for each of the other parties.

1. *S.L. v. Lower Merion School District* 00007-0910KE

In 2011, I independently represented Lower Merion School District (LMSD) in this special education matter. Special education is governed by federal law, primarily the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act which provides for a free appropriate public education for all students with disabilities. Special education cases in Pennsylvania are initiated in the Office of Dispute Resolution and proceed to an administrative hearing before a hearing officer. Federal district court presides over appeals from these administrative hearings.

Parents in this case believed their child should qualify for special education services. After conducting an evaluation, the school district disagreed. In 2011, I was sole counsel representing the school district in a two-day hearing to determine if the child should be eligible for special education services and what, if any, compensatory education services should be awarded if the school district failed to provide a free and appropriate educational program in accordance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. I was responsible for all examinations, including presenting and cross examining experts in

the area of educational evaluation techniques, presenting oral argument, and drafting a written closing argument. The school district prevailed. The hearing officer found that the district complied with its “child find” obligations, appropriately evaluated the child, and that any struggles the child had were not related to a disability.

Hearing Officer

Anne L. Carroll (Retired)

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2. *R.R. v. Pennsbury School District*, 9611-0809

In 2009, I was sole counsel on behalf of the school district in this case in which the parents were challenging whether the school district provided the child with an appropriate education in accordance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and requested an independent educational evaluation at public expense. The focus of this hearing was the student’s reading program. I was responsible for all aspects of this case including examinations, presenting oral argument, and drafting a written closing argument. After a five-day hearing during which substantial documentary, factual, and expert testimony was presented, the hearing officer denied the parents’ request for a publicly funded independent evaluation, but found that the student was denied a free and appropriate educational program and ordered the school district to provide compensatory educational services in the form of reading, written language, and math reasoning tutorial hours.

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3. *T.W. v. Upper Perkiomen School District*, 8245-07-08AS

Parents were challenging the appropriateness of the services provided by the Upper Perkiomen School District and requesting compensatory education for the district's failure to provide an appropriate program. Prior to the commencement of the hearing, the school district agreed that some compensatory services were owed for related services that were missed by the child, but did not agree with the degree of the parents' request. In 2008, I independently represented the school district in this eight-day hearing, during which substantial factual, documentary and expert testimony was presented. I was responsible for all aspects of this case including examinations, presenting oral argument and drafting a written closing argument. After the hearing, the hearing officer found that the student was provided an appropriate education and ordered five hours compensatory education which was less than the school district offered.

Hearing Officer

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4. *United States v. Anderson*, 2003 cr 00602 (E.D. Pa.)

I was sole counsel representing the defendant in this criminal jury trial. In 2003, Mr. Anderson was charged with 16 counts of mail fraud and two counts of tax evasion for defrauding his employer related to his receipt of kickbacks from diverting promotional and marketing discounts provided by his employer in excess of \$150,000. This was a document intensive case which included thousands of pages of discovery to review and use as a basis for cross-examination. Mr. Anderson was convicted of most of the charges and sentenced to one year and one day in jail followed by three years of supervised release and restitution.

Judge

Jan E. DuBois

Counsel for the United States

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5. *Commonwealth v. Norman*, CP-51-CR-11106791-2000 (Pa. Ct. Com. Pl.)

The victim rented a room in a boarding house where he kept all of his belongings. The defendant and a co-conspirator, while visiting another in the boarding house, entered the victim's room and robbed him at gunpoint. The defense tried to discredit the victim because he had a criminal record and made arguments regarding fingerprint identification. To credit the victim's clear eye-witness account, I presented corroborating testimony and evidence of the defendant's consciousness of guilt. Expert testimony was presented from a fingerprint examiner. After a jury trial, the defendant was convicted of robbery, burglary, and possessing an instrument of crime for which he was sentenced to five to ten years in state prison. I was sole counsel on behalf of the Commonwealth during trial and sentencing in 2002.

Judge

John J. Chiovero (Deceased)

Defense Counsel

Art Jarrett (Deceased)

6. *Commonwealth v. Lindsey*, CP-51-CR-0301811-1999 (Pa. Ct. Com. Pl.)

In this case the defendant was stopped for a motor vehicle violation where empty vials, typically used to package crack cocaine, were observed in the back of his car. After obtaining a search warrant, the police recovered from the defendant's car hundreds of empty vials, six large rocks of crack cocaine, and a magazine for an automatic weapon, and found \$2,000 in small bills and more crack cocaine on his person. It was necessary to present expert testimony to prove how the items recovered from the defendant's car, that he owned and solely controlled, and the items recovered on his person were possessed with the intent to distribute. After a jury trial the defendant was convicted and was subsequently sentenced to three to six years in state prison. I was sole counsel on behalf of the Commonwealth during trial and sentencing in 2002.

Judge

John J. Chiovero (Deceased)

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7. *Commonwealth v. Toro*, CP-51-CR-0511091-2000 (Pa. Ct. Com. Pl.)

This was a home invasion case. On Christmas Eve day, the defendant armed with a gun, and his co-defendant armed with a knife, entered the victims' home with a stolen key, put the gun to the mother's head, the knife to her son and demanded money from her safe. When the mother denied having a safe, they bound her son and threatened to harm him if she didn't give them money. After she provided a pocketbook which didn't yield

sufficient funds, they bound the mother and locked her and her son in the basement. The defendants were disguised, but they were identified when seen leaving the home without face coverings. The investigation later determined the defendant was secretly dating the mother's daughter, which was how he obtained a key and knowledge of a safe in the home. The defendant presented unreliable alibi testimony. The defendant was convicted by a jury of robbery, burglary and related crimes and sentenced to five to ten years in state prison. I was sole counsel on behalf of the Commonwealth during trial and sentencing in 2001.

Judge

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8. *Commonwealth of Pennsylvania v. Dowling*, CP-51-CR-0504841-1999 (Pa. Ct. Com. Pl.)

The defendant and his co-conspirator approached a man waiting at a bus stop and demanded money from him. As the bus approached, the man tried to escape this threat by jumping in the bus. Instead of letting him leave, the defendant pulled out a long silver rifle and began shooting at the bus full of people in front of several eye-witnesses. The defendant and co-conspirator fled the scene, but were later apprehended and identified by the eye-witnesses. After a jury trial the defendant was convicted of aggravated assault and related charges and was sentenced to seven to fourteen years in state prison. I was sole counsel on behalf of the Commonwealth during trial and sentencing in 2000.

Judge

Sheldon C. Jelin

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9. *Commonwealth v. Jarmon*, CP-51-CR-08111371-1999; *Commonwealth v. Plummer*, CP-51-CR-0811372-1999 (Pa. Ct. Com. Pl.)

The defendants, Mr. Jarmon and Mr. Plummer, approached the victim outside a convenience store and, unprovoked, brutally beat him, breaking his jaw and knocking out



his teeth. After a jury trial, both defendants were convicted of aggravated assault and conspiracy. At sentencing they both received a sentence of two to four years in state prison. I was sole counsel on behalf of the Commonwealth during trial and sentencing in 2000.

Judge

John J. Chiovero (Deceased)

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10. *Commonwealth v. McCoy*, CP-51-CR-0611701-1998 (Pa. Ct. Com. Pl.)

In the middle of the day, the defendant and two co-conspirators pulled up in a stolen car and put a gun to the victim as he was withdrawing cash at a bank machine. They stole the money the victim was withdrawing, his wallet and the pager that was provided to him from a hospital to notify him if there was a kidney available for transplant. Prior to trial, as a result of his kidney disease, the victim had a stroke which limited his memory, making identification an issue that needed to be addressed at trial. The defendant made a false alibi claim and argued that his medical condition would have prevented him from participating in this crime. Those claims were countered with factual evidence and contradictory expert medical testimony. In 2000, I was sole counsel on behalf of the Commonwealth during trial and sentencing. The defendant was convicted and sentenced to serve four to ten years in state prison.

Judge

Sheldon C. Jelin

Defense Counsel

Daniel Alva (Retired)

18. **Legal Activities**: Describe the most significant legal activities you have pursued, including significant litigation which did not progress to trial or legal matters that did not involve litigation. Describe fully the nature of your participation in these activities. List any client(s) or organization(s) for whom you performed lobbying activities and describe the lobbying activities you performed on behalf of such client(s) or organizations(s). (Note: As to any facts requested in this question, please omit any information protected by the attorney-client privilege.)

In addition to my general judicial responsibilities, upon recognizing the shortcomings in our judicial system related to addressing mental illness, I have worked to create changes to effectively and efficiently address the needs of individuals in the court system struggling with mental illness. In 2022, I developed Competency Court and am the

presiding judge. This court, working with a designated assistant district attorney, assistant public defender, and court administrator is the central repository to address all issues of criminal competency, competency restoration, civil commitment, and monitoring the cases in which people have been found not guilty by reason of insanity. Creating this court has increased the efficiency and effectiveness of the process for dealing with competency-related issues and has significantly increased the number of cases able to be addressed.

The Competency Court I created has become a model for trial courts around the Commonwealth and has resulted in my being tasked by Justice Dougherty and the Pennsylvania Supreme Court to create best practice standards for competency and civil commitment. I am on the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts' Mental Health and the Court Executive Committee in which we are planning a statewide mental health summit. I am the chairperson of the Competency and Civil Commitment Statewide Committee which is developing best practices for addressing competency, non-restorability, and civil commitment. I also serve as vice chairperson of the Pennsylvania Commission for Crime and Delinquency's Mental Health Justice Advisory Committee. The goal of this collective work is to develop long term plans to deflect and divert individuals with serious mental illness from the court system while simultaneously protecting society from those people who cause harm to others.

I also work to elevate the legal profession in a variety of ways. I co-chair Montgomery County's continuing judicial education program, where we have coordinated in-house continuing judicial education programs. Most notable was an experiential learning program we developed where judges from three counties in southeastern Pennsylvania went to Georgia and Alabama to visit the major sites of the civil rights movement and meet individuals who personally participated in the movement. During this trip we experienced history where it occurred and learned about the role of the judiciary during the events that took place.

Additionally, I am responsible for coordinating the judicial internship program at my courthouse which includes arranging weekly activities for the courthouse interns to be educated on different aspects of the criminal justice system. I also aid female professionals with networking by creating an annual Women's Networking Night and I mentor young lawyers.

19. **Teaching:** What courses have you taught? For each course, state the title, the institution at which you taught the course, the years in which you taught the course, and describe briefly the subject matter of the course and the major topics taught. If you have a syllabus of each course, provide an electronic copy to the committee.

Criminal Pretrial Methods, Widener University Delaware Law School, Spring 2002, Fall 2003 and Fall 2006. I instructed law students on the criminal process from investigation through the start of a trial. My class included legal instruction and experiential learning through litigating mock bail hearings, preliminary hearings, and motions to suppress. Fall 2006 syllabus provided.

20. **Deferred Income/ Future Benefits:** List the sources, amounts and dates of all anticipated receipts from deferred income arrangements, stock, options, uncompleted contracts and other future benefits which you expect to derive from previous business relationships, professional services, firm memberships, former employers, clients or customers. Describe the arrangements you have made to be compensated in the future for any financial or business interest.

None.

21. **Outside Commitments During Court Service:** Do you have any plans, commitments, or agreements to pursue outside employment, with or without compensation, during your service with the court? If so, explain.

None.

22. **Sources of Income:** List sources and amounts of all income received during the calendar year preceding your nomination and for the current calendar year, including all salaries, fees, dividends, interest, gifts, rents, royalties, licensing fees, honoraria, and other items exceeding \$500 or more (if you prefer to do so, copies of the financial disclosure report, required by the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, may be substituted here).

When my nomination is formally submitted to the Senate, I will file my Financial Disclosure Report and will supplement this Questionnaire with a copy of that Report.

23. **Statement of Net Worth:** Please complete the attached financial net worth statement in detail (add schedules as called for).

See attached Net Worth Statement.

24. **Potential Conflicts of Interest:**

- a. Identify the family members or other persons, parties, categories of litigation, and financial arrangements that are likely to present potential conflicts-of-interest when you first assume the position to which you have been nominated. Explain how you would address any such conflict if it were to arise.

The only anticipated conflict of interest would be if the company for which my husband is general counsel has a matter in federal court. If that were to occur and I were the assigned judge, I would recuse myself from that matter.

- b. Explain how you will resolve any potential conflict of interest, including the procedure you will follow in determining these areas of concern.

If confirmed, I would address any actual or potential conflicts of interest by applying the Code of Conduct for United States Judges, 28 U.S.C. § 455, and any

other applicable ethical canons, rules, or authority.

25. **Pro Bono Work:** An ethical consideration under Canon 2 of the American Bar Association's Code of Professional Responsibility calls for "every lawyer, regardless of professional prominence or professional workload, to find some time to participate in serving the disadvantaged." Describe what you have done to fulfill these responsibilities, listing specific instances and the amount of time devoted to each.

I have been committed to public service in various forms throughout my career. I started my career as an Assistant District Attorney. In my current work as a judge, I am unable to provide pro bono representation, but have endeavored to create innovative methods for addressing mental illness in the courts. This is my most significant recent work to serve the disadvantaged. Having a centralized, knowledgeable, supported system to address competency resulting from serious mental illness, dementia, intellectual disability, autism, and traumatic brain injury directly aids individuals who are incompetent and/or struggling with these conditions, while simultaneously aiding society by reducing the risk of harm from and to these individuals.

As a judge in the Court of Common Pleas, I routinely contribute my time to continuing legal education seminars and participate in educational litigation programs sponsored by local bar associations and law schools.

26. **Selection Process:**

- a. Please describe your experience in the entire judicial selection process, from beginning to end (including the circumstances which led to your nomination and the interviews in which you participated). Is there a selection commission in your jurisdiction to recommend candidates for nomination to the federal courts? If so, please include that process in your description, as well as whether the commission recommended your nomination. List the dates of all interviews or communications you had with the White House staff or the Justice Department regarding this nomination. Do not include any contacts with Federal Bureau of Investigation personnel concerning your nomination.

I submitted an application for a vacancy on the Eastern District of Pennsylvania in November 2023. I interviewed with Senator Casey and Fetterman's joint judicial commission on January 26, 2024. On May 20, 2024, I was contacted by Senator Casey's office asking me to interview with his staff. I interviewed with Senator Casey's staff the next day. On May 23, 2024, I interviewed with Senator Casey. On May 28, 2024, I was told my application was being sent to Senator Fetterman for his consideration. I was notified by Senator Casey on June 5, 2024, that he and Senator Fetterman were jointly recommending me to the White House. I interviewed with attorneys from the White House Counsel's Office on June 7, 2024. Since that date, I have been in contact with officials from the Office of Legal Policy at the United States Department of Justice. On July 3, 2024, the President announced his intent to nominate me.

- b. Has anyone involved in the process of selecting you as a judicial nominee discussed with you any currently pending or specific case, legal issue or question in a manner that could reasonably be interpreted as seeking any express or implied assurances concerning your position on such case, issue, or question? If so, explain fully.

No.