



## **Judicial Committee 2021 Questionnaire for Judicial Candidates**

Candidate's Name:

Office Address:

Phone Number:

Email:

1. Why are you seeking the position of Judge of the Court of Common Pleas?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Being careful to maintain client confidentiality as embodied in the Rule 1.6 of the Rules of Professional Conduct, describe the general character of your law practice, including areas of concentration and the most significant achievements of your legal career. Explain how your practice has prepared you for the position of Judge of the Court of Common Pleas.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. With respect to the last ten 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:
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - b) What percentage of these appearances was in:
    1. Federal courts:
  
    2. State courts of record:
  
    3. Other courts:

- c) What percentage of your litigation was:
    - 1. Civil:
    - 2. Criminal:
  - 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:
  - e) What percentage of these trials were:
    - 1. Jury:
    - 2. Non-jury:
  - f) Describe other areas of practice:
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- 4. Have you ever served in a judicial capacity? If so, please describe the position, any accomplishments you achieved in that role, and anything you learned from that experience that will be make you a better Judge if you are elected to the Court of Common Pleas.
  - 5. Have you ever been convicted of any misdemeanor or felony, court-martialed, been granted immunity from prosecution, or been the subject of a protection from abuse final order? If so, give details.
  - 6. Have you ever been the subject of formal discipline for a breach of professional ethics or unprofessional conduct?

7. Have you ever been found liable for legal malpractice?

8. In the last 10 years:

a) has a tax lien or other collection proceeding ever been instituted against you by federal, state, or local authorities?

b) has a judgment been entered against you?

c) have you ever filed personal bankruptcy?

If so, give details.

9. Do you have experience with ADR? If so, give details.

10. Which judges or justices do you most admire and why?

11. 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:

12. 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:

13. Describe your involvement in community activities.
14. What do you consider a significant achievement in your life outside your profession? Describe it.
15. Do any circumstances exist that would affect your ability to perform the function of the position you seek or to fulfill the term of office? If so, please explain:
16. Describe your involvement in Erie County Bar Association activities.
17. How do you view the current relationship between the Bench and the Bar of Erie County? Do you think it can be improved? What would you do to maintain or improve relations between the Bench and the Bar if elected to the position of Judge of the Court of Common Pleas?
18. Do you believe it is important for a Judge to remain involved in Erie County Bar Association activities? Please explain:
- This is why I returned to membership. Lawyers and judges comprise the legal profession and we should all work together to improve the administration of justice and the advancement of our profession.
19. What do you envision to be your continuing role with the Erie County Bar Association should you be elected? Would you attend substantive and social gatherings of the ECBA?

20. Are there any other matters, not covered in these questions, which you consider relevant to members of the Erie County Bar Association and to voters evaluating your fitness for the judiciary? If so, describe.

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Printed Name

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Signature

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Date