

Inquirer Judicial Candidate Questionnaire

Pennsylvania Primary 2011

- Name: Derrick Wayne Coker
- Judicial post for which you are running: Phila. Municipal Court
- Current occupation / employer: Sole Practitioner / Attorney-At-Law
- Date of birth: June 25, 1956
- Political party: Democratic
- Campaign e-mail and Internet site: Presently no Campaign website or e-mail.
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1. Why are you qualified and well-suited to serve as a judge on the court for which you are running? I've tried virtually every type of case that comes before the Municipal Court during my 27-yr. legal career. I'm known for my consistency, fairness, competence, dedication to the law and to public service as opposed to "political" association? If not, why not?

I entered the race 2/22. I appear before the service. I believe Bar Assoc.'s Jud. Selec. & Ret'n Cmte on 4/15/11. most judges & atty

3. If you are an incumbent judge, what's a recent instance in which you acted to preserve who know me your judicial independence? If you are an aspiring judge, how do you plan to remain would agree. independent if elected to the bench? I'm known for my integrity and for not swaying in the political winds.

My duty as a jurist is to the law and to give ALL citizens equal justice under the law.

4. A number of Pennsylvania judges have been sanctioned for campaign activities, ex parte dealings, and other alleged misconduct. How can the state's judiciary promote ethical behavior among judges and court staff? The public and the media should do much more to keep abreast of judges' track records semi-annually atleast, as opposed to waiting until election

5. If you believe that gender, racial, ethnic, class or other forms of bias can infect the justice system, how will you work to keep your courtroom as bias-free as possible? asking Qs. Also, I took a National Origins discrimination case to visit more trials the U.S. Supreme Court. Bias will not occur in my court. to learn what occurs.