

Inquirer Judicial Candidate Questionnaire

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Court: Common Pleas – Bucks County

Political Party – cross filed Democrat and Republican

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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?*

- a. 33 years as a trial attorney
- b. Education - JD 1975 Widener Law School
- c. Temple Law School -- LLM in Tax 1979
- d. 1977 – 1980 – Assistant City Solicitor Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- e. Work Experience – 1980 – present – private practice as a solo practitioner or with one associate
- f. Arbitrator Common Pleas Court – Philadelphia and Bucks Counties UM and UIM cases 33 years experience.

2. *Did you receive a rating of “recommended” or higher from the state or local bar association? If not, why not?* Not Recommended. I am not a member of the Bucks County Bar Association. Most members of this organization do not even know me. Most of the members who voted had no opinion of me. The votes to not recommend me probably came from my opponents on the ballot or members of their firms.

3. *If you are an incumbent judge, what’s a recent instance in which you acted to preserve your judicial independence? If you are an aspiring judge, how do you plan to remain independent if elected to the bench?* Does not apply.

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 prevent discipline scandals of the type seen recently?* Elect honest judges that are not beholden to special interest groups or political parties.

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* I am an attorney for 33 years. I have not observed bias in my dealings in the judiciary system. I personally oppose any form of bias, whether in the justice system or in any system (education, political, private industry, etc.).