

PERSONAL DATA QUESTIONNAIRE

1. State your full name:

Willis West Berry, Jr.

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

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2. Office address (include zip code):

1301 Filbert Street, Suite 1409, Philadelphia, PA 19107

Office telephone (include area code):

215-683-7125

Name of law firm, if associated:

3. Date and place of birth:

Atlantic City, New Jersey, August 24, 1942

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

No

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:

Yes. Eleanor T. Berry (Thomas) June 17, 1967

b) Have you been divorced? If so, state the date, the number of the case and the court:

No

6. Have you had any military service? If so,

a) Give dates, branch of service, rank of rate, and present status:

1961--1965, US Air Force, Hon. Discharge, Jan 1965

b) Have you ever been rejected or released from any of the armed services for reasons other than honorable? If so, give details:

No

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:

**Penn State 1963--1968 BS Physics, Graduated
Drexel University, Graduate work, Solid State Physics
(I left there to go to Law School)
Temple Law, 1976, Graduated received a J.D. was later admitted
to PA & NJ Bar.**

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.

**Philadelphia
New Jersey**

9. Describe chronologically your law practice and experience after your graduation from law school and until you became a member of the judiciary, 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:
**1976-1979 Law Office of Cecil B. Moore, Esquire, from there
I practiced alone at 1535 W. Girard Avenue, Phila., PA 19130, until I was
elected to the bench (Nov. 1995) and became Judge, January 1996.**

- 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:

**1976-1979 -- 1 N. 13th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107
Law Office of Cecil B. Moore, Esquire**

- d) Any other relevant particulars:

N/A

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

Sole Practitioner

Criminal 92%
Common Pleas = 55%
Municipal = 10%
Federal = 27%
Bankruptcy = 3%
Civil = 5%

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

Normal everyday people that needed help. Court appointed clients. Friends. Anyone and everyone I could help.

11. What judicial office do you now hold? State whether you have been appointed or elected and the dates thereto. Describe the jurisdiction of such court and any limitations thereon. Have you ever held any other judicial office? If so, please state the offices, courts and the periods of such service. Please describe the jurisdiction of each of such courts, with any limitations upon the jurisdiction of each court:

Judge for the Court of Common Pleas in Philadelphia County. I was elected in November 1995 and Re-Elected in November 2005. I have held no other offices.

12. For the last five years or portions thereof during which you have held judicial office, indicate,

- a) The nature of typical matters which came before you:

Mostly Criminal (Major Crimes) Some Civil.

- b) The percentage of your time devoted to:

1. Civil: **5%**
2. Criminal: **95%**
3. Other:

c) The percentage of your time devoted to:

1. Jury: **95%**
2. Non-jury: **5%**
3. Appellate argument:
4. Other:

d) Five of the more significant opinions you have rendered and citations thereto if the cases were reported:

Commonwealth v. Norberto Robles

Commonwealth v. Richard Hackett

**Keith and Michele El vs.
Resources for Human Development, Inc., and
T.J. McCarthy Realty, Inc.**

**Grover Adams and Annie M. Adams H/W
vs. A.P. Green Industries, Inc., et.al.**

Rhonda Lane, Executrix v. Crane Packing Company, et. al.

13. If a substantial portion of your practice had been before administrative boards, commissions or agencies during the five years before you became a member of the judiciary, identify the boards, commissions or agencies before which you practiced and estimate percentages of practice time devoted thereto:

N/A

14. If a substantial portion of your practice had been before Appellate courts during the five years before you became a member of the judiciary, identify the Appellate Courts before which you have practiced and estimate percentages of practice time devoted thereto:

N/A

15. 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 services, giving dates:

No

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

I ran for Congress ,City Controller, and Judge. I lost before I got elected to Judge in 1995.

17. 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:

I worked at Carpenter Technology in Reading, PA in the Metallurgy Lab for approximately two years before going to Temple Law School (first at night before I flunked out so I quit my job to go back to Temple full time in the day)

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

No

19. Have you ever been arrested, charged with or 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:

My brother and I (as juveniles) were arrested while on the El platform, I don't remember the year. No court actions. Police let us go. While at Penn State U. I had a case for theft but it was dropped. This was 1967 or 1968 (No convictions) . in 2003, was working on one of my properties when a police officer handcuffed me. I told him it was my building, but he didn't believe me. He took the cuffs off shortly after.

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

There is an ongoing investigation regarding a car I purchased on EBay a couple of years ago. Agent McLaughlin from the Attorney General's Office is working on that.

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

No

22. If requested, will you submit certified copies of your latest tax returns (including Federal Income Tax)?

Yes, if requested.

23. Prior to taking the bench, were you ever sued by a client? If so, give particulars:

No

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:

Quite frequently, I am the plaintiff on Landlord/Tenant Complaints. These are evictions from rental properties that I own. A tenant took me to Fair Housing Commission last year and there was a hearing.

25. Have you ever been disciplined or cited for a breach of ethics or unprofessional conduct or has any complaint against you been filed with the Court of Judicial Discipline? If so, give the particulars:

Following an attorney's complaint, in May 2002, a preliminary inquiry was conducted by the JCB regarding undecided cases that were over one year old. (JCB Complaint# 02-283). In August 2002, that inquiry was completed and the Board dismissed the complaint. Also, notice was received December 2006, that the JCB is conducting a preliminary investigation regarding Commonwealth v. Perry. There was a delay in filing that opinion. JCB# 2006-475.

26. What is the present state of your health? (If any medical condition or issue exists, you may be requested to execute a medical record authorization form as part of the interview process.)

GOOD. I have my asthma under control.

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:

NONE

28. Furnish at least five examples of legal articles, law review articles, briefs, or other legal writings which reflect your personal work. If briefs are submitted, indicate the degree to which they represent your personal work:

See opinions 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).

NONE

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

On rare occasions, people ask me to talk to kids at their school or other places and I sometimes try to talk to groups I see on the corners (near my properties). It's not easy though.

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:

I may still be a member of the Philadelphia Bar Association. I was asked to talk to people there about my trip to Louisiana. Some friends and I took clothing, food, etc.. down soon after Hurricane Katrina hit.

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.

My pay is enough

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/retention to an Appellate Court of Pennsylvania.

I did much defense trial work in Common Pleas, Municipal , and Federal Court. When I got on the bench I knew I would be watched because of the people I represented and knew over the years. About 2 years ago the FBI subpoenaed several people from my court room. They thought it was dirty. I talked to Agent Jessie Coleman about it. Nothing became of it because the case they were interested in, I had denied the Motion to Suppress. Did not dismiss on a Must Be Tried-Commonwealth. This case was eventually sent out to another Courtroom where a jury found the defendant guilty. The case involved the son of the guy that was indicted in the CityHall "Pay for Play" case.

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 have 30 years of law experience. I have 20 years of trial attorney experience, 11 years I've sat on the bench in the Court of Common Pleas and I served my country four years in the USAir Force.

35. Did you sign the PBA Judicial Campaign Advertising Guidelines? (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.

1/12/07
Date

Willis W. Berry Jr.
Type or print name
Willis W. Berry Jr.
Signature