

PERSONAL DATA QUESTIONNAIRE

1. State your full name:

John Milton Younge

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

N/A

2. Office address (include zip code):

1405, Criminal Justice Center
1301 Filbert Street
Philadelphia, PA 19107

Office telephone (include area code):

(215) 683-7112

Name of law firm, if associated:

N/A

3. Date and place of birth:

July 19, 1955
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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

N/A

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:

Married on April 20, 1985 to Joy May (Brown) Younge

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

N/A

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

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

N/A

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

N/A

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:

Boston University

August, 1973 - May, 1977, Received Bachelor of Science in Business Administration Degree

Howard University School of Law

August, 1978 - May, 1981, Received Juris Doctor Degree

University of Nevada, Reno

1996 - Present, Candidate for Masters of Judicial Studies

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.

Admitted to the Pennsylvania Bar in December, 1981

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:

Solo practice, January, 1982 to March, 1985

- 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:

Employed by the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority,
1234 Market Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
March, 1985 to March, 1995 - Began as staff counsel;
eventually promoted to Deputy Executive Director and
General Counsel

- d) Any other relevant particulars:

Affiliated with law firm of Vance, Jackson, Simpson and
Overton - March, 1995 to December, 1995. I assumed
judicial office in January, 1996.

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

In solo practice, January, 1982 to March, 1985; concentrated in criminal law, family law, and service to small non-profit organizations. In March, 1985, I became staff counsel to the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority.

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

In solo practice, my typical clients were private, community residents and small non-profit corporations. Once I went to work for the Redevelopment Authority, it was my primary client except for small outside matters such as wills, estate administration and residential real estate transactions.

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, Court of Common Pleas, First Judicial District of Pennsylvania. Elected in November, 1995; Re-elected in November, 2005.

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:

See Attachment

- b) The per centage of your time devoted to:

1. Civil: 90%
2. Criminal: 10%
3. Other: N/A

12 a.

From March, 2001 through August, 2002 I served exclusively in the Criminal Trial Division wherein I handled major felony cases including drug cases, rape and sexual assault, robbery, homicide and capital murder cases. From September, 2002 to present, I have served exclusively in the Civil Trial Division, except for a six month period of time when I was assigned to the Criminal Trial Division from July, 2007 to January, 2008, where I handled major felony cases. In the Civil Division I have handled all manner of cases including automobile accidents, asbestos, contractual disputes, premises liability, product liability, Dram Shop, construction accidents and medical malpractice.

c) The percentage of your time devoted to:

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

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

See attachment

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:

N/A

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

1983 Unsuccessful candidate for Democratic nomination for the Third Councilmanic District, Philadelphia City Council.

November, 2007 Unsuccessful Democratic candidate for the Pennsylvania Superior Court.

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:

N/A

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.

See attachment

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:

No

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

No

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

In 1992, following a major medical issue involving Joy Younge, which resulted in her absence from work for approximately four months; we filed all tax returns but fell behind in payment of taxes to the state. In 1993, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania filed a \$300 tax lien against my wife and me. We paid the lien and had it removed shortly thereafter.

#18.

- Chairman, Board of Directors, Consortium
West Philadelphia Committee Mental Health / Consortium
Member of the Board since 1984

- Member, REALVEST, LLC.
From 2003 to present
REALVEST is a real estate investment club that was organized to invest
in real estate. To date, we have invested in three residential real estate
transactions.

- Chairman, Board of Directors, New Life Credit Union
From 1/2004 to present.

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

Yes

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:

See attachment

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:

No

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

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:

No

#24.

In the 1980's during the time of repayment of my student loans, during a conversation with a loan servicing agent, I was verbally advised that her office had some years before secured a default judgment against me in Massachusetts. I denied then and continue to deny that I have ever been served with process indicating an obligation to defend a matter in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts or anywhere else or that any lawsuit has ever resulted in a judgment against me. I have, however, successfully repaid my student loans. In an abundance of caution, I advised this committee of the foregoing matter in a previous submission, however, the language I utilized incorrectly characterized the situation.

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 attachment

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).

See attachment

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.

See attachment

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:

- Sharon Baptist Church
- Omega Psi Phi Fraternity
- Howard University Law Alumni Association
- Associated Alumni of Central High School
- Cobbs Creek Community Environmental Education Center

#29.

- Barristers Association
- National Bar Association-
Judicial Council, Clifford Scott Green Chapter
President 9/00 – 8/02
- Philadelphia Bar Association
- Pennsylvania Bar Association
Member, House of Delegates 6/08 to present
- American Bar Association
- Pennsylvania Bar Institute
- Pennsylvania Conference of State Trial Judges
Immediate Past President 7/05 – Present
President 7/04 – 7/05
President Elect 7/03 – 7/04
1st Vice President 7/02 – 7/03
2nd Vice President 7/01 – 7/02
Treasurer 7/00 – 7/01
Secretary 7/99 – 7/00

#30.

Pennsylvania Bar Institute – Faculty

- Fundamentals of PA Civil Practice & Procedure
6/6/03
- Summary Judgment
5/13/04
- Advanced Issues in Civil Procedure
2/23/06
- Achieving Professionalism in Your Practice
7/29 – 7/30/06
- Judicial Independence
9/29/06
- Maxims, Monarch & Sir Thomas More
10/18/06 & 11/7/07
- Civil Jury Instructions:
Practical Uses of the Updated Instructions
8/18/08
- 15th Annual Auto Law Update
10/24/08
- Clarence Darrow: Crimes, Cause and the Courtroom
11/10/08

National Business Institute

- What Civil Judges Want You to Know
9/19/07
- A View From Their Bench: Evidence & Expert Testimony
11/14/08

Talk Magazine (LJS Publishing)

- Crime Prevention / How Judges and the Court Affect Our Community
4/5/08

National Comprehensive Center for Fathers

4/17/08

Pennsylvania Association for Justice

- Judging the Expert
6/4/08

Trial Lawyers Club of Philadelphia, Presenter

- Fundamentals of Civil Law Practice
7/27/06

Delaware County Community College

- U. S. Courts: Contemporary Issues and Problems (ADJ 262)
1/10/05 – 4/24/05
- White Collar Crime (ADJ 223)
7/5/06 – 8/10/06
- Principles of Investigation (ADJ 120)
8/31/06 – 12/14/06
- Criminal Law (ADJ 110)
8/30/07 – 12/17/07
9/2/08 - present

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.

See attachment

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.

N/A

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?

See attachment

35. Did you sign the PBA Judicial Campaign Advertising Guidelines? (Please return signed pledge with completed questionnaire.)

Yes

#32.

Honored by:

- Year of 1992 **West Philadelphia YMCA, Appreciation Award**
- September, 1993 **Barristers Association of Philadelphia, Appreciation Award**
- 1994 – 95 **Christian Youth Basketball Association, Appreciation Award**
- November, 1999 &
2005 **Honored by Sharon Baptist Church, Appreciation Award**
- November, 2001 **Cops and Citizen for Justice Organization, Justice Award**
- October, 2003 **Pennsylvania Legislative Black Caucus, 2003 Symposium Award -
Criminal Justice & Domestic Violence**
- August, 2004 **Howard University Law Alumni, Outstanding & Dedicated
Services Award**
- 2004 **NBA Judicial Council, Appreciation Award**
- May, 2005 **Pennsylvania Bar Association, Joint Symposium Award –
Independent Judiciary**
- May, 2008 **NAACP'S "Stop & Frisk Symposium – Certificate of Appreciation**
- June, 2008 **Father's Day Rally Committee "Father of the Year"**

#34.

As a career public servant, I view my candidacy for the Pennsylvania Superior Court as an extension of my long held desire to serve the community. I have always engaged in a form of public service that empowers individuals so that they may fully enjoy their constitutionally guaranteed rights. This has been demonstrated in my service as a community based solo practitioner, as counsel to the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority, my civic and charitable activities and finally in my service as a jurist. In every instance, I have tried to ensure that the legal system delivers what I promise, that is, a justice system that fairly, equitably and promptly deals with legal problems. I would now like to serve the public in a greater capacity as a member of the Pennsylvania Superior Court.

The primary responsibility of the Superior Court is to serve as the "court of last resort" for approximately 98% of all cases that are appealed from Pennsylvania's Court's of Common Pleas. This is because the Superior Court reviews cases as a matter of right of the appellant and determines whether the lower court decision should be affirmed or reversed and remanded for further proceedings. However the Supreme Court does not have to accept a further appeal meaning the Superior Court has the last pronouncement for most cases.

In my present position as a jurist, and certainly in previous roles, I have demonstrated the intellectual competency to handle the position. In my service as President of the Pennsylvania Conference of State Trial Judges as well as my service as chair of various non-profit corporate entities, I have demonstrated real leadership skills and the ability to work cooperatively with diverse groups of individuals. These skills will assist me in serving the needs of a diverse state.

As a career public servant, there can be no greater honor and privilege than to be selected to serve on the Superior Court.

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.

John Milton Younge
Type or print name


Signature

November 24, 2008
Date