

PERSONAL DATA QUESTIONNAIRE

1. State your full name:

Linda Susan Judson

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

Linda Susan Small

Linda Susan Small-Vecchiola

2. Office address (include zip code):

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Pittsburgh, PA 15222**

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(412) 261-4774

Name of law firm, if associated:

Fried, Kane, Walters, Zuschlag & Grochmal

3. Date and place of birth:

June 12, 1958 Pittsburgh, PA

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. May 27, 1989.

William David Judson III

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

Yes. May 22, 1987. FD 87 1634: Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania Family Division

6. Have you had any military service?

No.

- If so,
- a) Give dates, branch of service, rank of rate, and present status:
 - b) Have you ever been rejected or released from any of the armed services for reasons other than honorable? If so, give details:
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:

University Of Pittsburgh: 1980-1986 Bachelor of Arts, Cum Laude
Duquesne University School of Law: 1986-1990, Juris Doctorate
(I worked as a Licensed Practical Nurse throughout my undergraduate years, and worked full time while attending Duquesne Law School).

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.

Pennsylvania Supreme Court: 1990
United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania: 1990
United States Supreme Court: 1994

9. Describe chronologically your law practice and experience after your graduation from law school, 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:

Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania: The Honorable Bernard L. McGinley, February 1991 – October 1991

- b) Whether you practiced alone and, if so, the addresses and the dates:

1515 Shady Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15217
November 1990 – November 1992; and
September 1994 – August 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:

January 1988 – February 1991: Allegheny County Law Department; Senior Law Clerk

February 1991 – October 1991: Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania; Law Clerk to The Honorable Bernard L. McGinley

Responsible for legal research, analysis of written and oral arguments, and preparation of opinions for both appellate and original jurisdiction cases.

October 1991 – September 1993: Marsh & McLennan; Technical Specialist
The only Attorney/Technical Specialist employed within the Pittsburgh office of this major international insurance brokerage. Obtained Insurance Agent License from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for property and allied lines, casualty and allied lines. Responsibilities included providing customized reviews, audits, and consultations to clients, both in health care and other industries, in areas of workers' compensation and related labor and employment issues.

September 1993 – September 1994: Dick Group of Companies; Director of Risk Management and Insurance, Employee Benefits, and Human Resources. Director of the Risk Management Department, reporting directly to the president of one of the top 50 construction companies in the United States. This position required management of 16 million dollars of insurance, including acquisition, placement, and review of the policies, and management of related claims and litigation. Additional duties included tracking subcontractor insurance coverage, drafting corporate policy, and TQM activities.

September 1996 – August 1998: Fricker & Associates; Associate
Primary areas of practice included representation of defendants and claimants in workers' compensation, social security, and unemployment cases.

January 1999 – March 2000: Cipriani & Werner, P.C.; Associate
Primary area of practice was representation of employers, carriers, and third party administrators in workers' compensation cases. Additional responsibilities included marketing and client development.

March 2000 - May 2002: Davies, McFarland & Carroll, P. C.; Associate
Primary area of practice is representation of employers, carriers, and third party administrators in workers' compensation cases. Additional responsibilities include marketing and client development.

May 2002 – Current: Fried, Kane, Walters, Zuschlag & Grochmal;
Associate 2002 – 2006; Partner (non-equity) 2006-2008

d) Any other relevant particulars:

Licensed Insurance Agent: April 1992 – June 1998

Employed as an Licensed Practical Nurse: 1979 – 1988*

- Acute Care: Shadyside Hospital
- Long Term and Rehabilitation: Shadyside Manor

- **Community Living Advisor to Mentally Retarded Adults:
Allegheny East Mental Health and Mental Retardation
*License remains active**

10. With respect to your practice:

- a) What has been the general character of your practice, dividing it into periods with dates if its character has changed over the years?

Initially, and at various periods of time, my practice covered a broad range of areas utilizing my medical background, including personal injury (plaintiff and defense) and asbestos cases. Other areas of practice included zoning and bankruptcy.

Following a clerkship in the Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania, I focused on corporate practice, including insurance, risk management, and human relations, with a managerial emphasis on improving corporate risk programs through compliance methods, risk financing and risk mitigation.

Subsequently I have specialized in workers' compensation with a greater percentage of my appearances on behalf of the defendant. This practice has provided the opportunity for me to utilize my education and experience representing clients in the litigation of workers' compensation matters, and provide advisement to clients in the areas of risk and safety, including work environments, through review and interpretation of relevant statutory and case law. I have also done extensive teaching about the law and practices related to workers' compensation for clients, professional organizations, as well as for Pennsylvania Bar Institute and Lorman continuing education seminars.

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

During the insurance and risk management phase of my practice, the clients were hospitals, a major construction company and other corporations, for whom I provided guidance to improve insurance and risk management practices. More recently, with an emphasis on workers compensation defense, I have continued to give workshops to corporate and governmental entities, as well as and to attorneys and judges practicing in this field, to improve employer practices and legal compliance. Recent clients have included a large national grocery chain, government entities, hospitality industry, international explosive manufacturers, trucking companies, and major hospitals.

11. With respect to the last five 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:

Regularly

b) What percentage of these appearances was in:

1. Federal courts: **0%**
2. State courts of record: **2%**
3. Other courts: **95%**

c) What percentage of your litigation was:

1. Civil: **100%**
2. Criminal: **0%**

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:

I have represented clients as both a Petitioner and Respondent before the Commonwealth Court. I do not know the specific number of times.

e) What percentage of these trials were:

1. Jury: **0%**
2. Non-jury: **100%**

12. Summarize your experience in court prior to the last five years, indicating as to that period:

a) Whether your appearances in court were more or less frequent:

Since 1996, frequency of courts appearances has remained consistent

b) Any significant changes in the percentages stated in your answers to question 11(b), (c) and (e):

No significant changes

c) Any significant changes in the number of cases per year in courts of record you tried to verdict or judgment (rather than settled), as sole counsel, chief counsel or associate counsel.

No significant changes

13. Describe five of the most significant litigated matters which you personally handled and give the citations thereto, if the cases were reported. Give a capsule summary of the substance of each case and a succinct statement of what you believe to be the particular significance of the case. Identify the party or parties whom you represented and describe in detail the nature of your participation in the litigation and the final disposition of the case. Also state as to each case a) the dates of the trial periods; b) the name of the court and the judge before whom the case was tried; and c) the individual name, address and telephone numbers of co-counsel for each of the other parties.

Thomas Baptiste, Deceased, and Linda Baptiste , Petitioners V. Workers' Compensation Appeal Board (Eichleay Corporation, Minnotte Corporation, Barletto Equipment Company, Dick Corporation, Songer Corporation, Voith Hydro, Inc. and Zack Company), Respondents

No. 17 C.D. 2005; Submitted: July 29, 2005; Filed: December 7, 2005

Represented Eichleay Corporation: Lead counsel from 2000 ongoing. Prepared for and attended hearings before the Workers' Compensation Judges and Workers' Compensation Appeal Board, preparation and filings of appeals and briefs.

Employee, Thomas Baptiste, initiated this case by filing seven Claim Petitions against seven employers alleging he sustained mixed dust pneumoconiosis and lung cancer as a result of his work-related exposure to silica, asbestos or coal dust. Subsequently his widow filed Fatal Claim Petitions alleging that the claimant died of lung cancer caused by his work-related exposure to industrial fumes and dusts.

Three decisions were circulated by Workers' Compensation Judge Robert Steiner (WCJ Steiner) finding defendant Minnotte liable. Six Opinions and Orders were circulated by the Workers' Compensation Appeal Board (WCAB), the fifth of which requested that the Bureau of Workers' Compensation consider remanding the matter to a different WCJ because it believed that WCJ Steiner failed to resolve the issue of which employer was the last responsible employer.

The reassigned WCJ Eric Jones found Eichleay liable based upon what he believed was fact-finding circumscribed by the WCAB, but commented that he believed the decedent and claimant failed to prove a hazard sufficient to prove an occupational disease.

An Appeal was filed to the WCAB, which was granted and affirmed that the decedent and claimant did not sustain their burden of proof establishing the last employer responsible.

Claimant appealed and the Commonwealth Court by way of Opinion authored by the Honorable Doris A. Smith-Ribner, filed on December 7, 2005, reversed the order of the WCAB and reinstated the original 1997 decision of WCJ Steiner finding Minnotte liable and that the WCAB should not have substituted its credibility determinations for those of WCJ Steiner, which were supported by substantial evidence.

Significance: That after seven and one-half years of litigation, the Commonwealth Court reinstated the original order of WCJ Steiner, thereby preserving the fact finding role as the exclusive province of the WCJ.

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14. 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:

Bureau of Workers' Compensation:

Workers' Compensation Judges: 95%

Workers' Compensation Appeal Board: 3%

Commonwealth Court: 2%

15. If a substantial portion of your practice has been before Appellate courts during the past five years, identify the Appellate Courts before which you have practiced and estimate percentages of practice time devoted thereto:

Not applicable

16. a) Have you ever held judicial office? If so, give dates and details, including the courts involved, whether elected or appointed, periods of services, and a description of the jurisdiction of each of such courts with any limitations upon the jurisdiction of each court:

No

- b) 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 service, giving details:

No

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

No

18. 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:

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

- a) 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.

Pittsburgh Parking Authority: 2006 to current

Board Member and Treasurer

This is non-paid position appointed by the Mayor of the City of Pittsburgh for a five year term. The Board has a fiduciary responsibility to maintain the integrity of the authority. The Parking Authority is a non-profit corporation whose mission is to ensure economic development by providing sufficient and appropriate parking to the general public within the applicable zoning laws and in recognition of land use development goals. The Board is responsible for reviewing and voting on resolutions to fund the operations, capital and development budget. At various times Board members will be assigned to committees which will review and advise in the areas of insurance, finance and budget. During my tenure I have been assigned to the insurance, finance and budget committees.

- b) Is it your intention to resign such positions and withdraw from any participation in the management of any such enterprises if you are elected and confirmed?

If not, give reasons:

Yes

20. 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

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

No

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

No

23. Have you ever been 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:

Yes.

Plaintiff in my divorce proceeding (May 22, 1987; FD 87 1634) as referenced in question 5.b).

Plaintiff in personal injury action filed on behalf of my husband, William D. Judson and me against defendant City of Pittsburgh. A counter-claim was filed by the City of Pittsburgh. A jury trial (1996 approximate) denied both the claim filed our behalf and that of the defendant, City of Pittsburgh.

25. Have you ever been disciplined or cited for a breach of ethics or unprofessional conduct by, or been the subject of a complaint to, any court, administrative agency, bar association, disciplinary committee, or other professional group? 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.)

Excellent

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

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:

Brief to Commonwealth Court: Thomas Baptiste v. Workers' Compensation Appeal Board (Eichleay Corporation): 75% personal work.

Brief to Workers' Compensation Appeal Board: Belinda Schmidt v. Mercy Hospital: 85% personal work

Brief to Workers' Compensation Appeal Board: Maurizio Gulinello v. City of Pittsburgh: 75% personal work

Position Statement to Judge Pamela Briston, dated June 9, 2008: Multiple Claimants v. City of Pittsburgh: 85% personal work

Reply Brief to Judge Pamela Briston, dated September 2, 2008: Multiple Claimants v. City of Pittsburgh: 80% personal work

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).

**Allegheny County Bar Association
-Workers' Compensation Section**

Pennsylvania Bar Association

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

Pennsylvania Bar Institute: Five years presenting at the workers' compensation seminars, including the past four years presenting case law updates of the Commonwealth Court at the Fall Conference.

Lorman: Presenter at workers' compensation seminars at two or three seminars.

Client: Eighteen years organizing, preparing materials and presenting educational programs regarding workers' compensation and related employment law issues for current and potential clients.

Professional Associations: Eighteen years organizing, preparing materials and presenting educational programs regarding workers' compensation and related employment law issues.

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:

Robert Morris University: Board of Visitors for the School of Communication and Information Systems, current

Therapy Dogs International: Certified Handler, current

**Marian Plaza (residence for the low-income elderly and disabled):
Board Member, past member**

Crowfoot Rod and Gun Club: Spouse Membership, past member

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 #7 above)

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 to an Appellate Court of Pennsylvania.

I believe that my educational and professional experience in the areas of workers' compensation, employee benefits, insurance, and zoning will compliment and contribute to the existing judiciary of the Commonwealth Court.

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 wish to become a judge because I have had, throughout my career, a compelling interest in the specifics of the law, and the ways in which statutes and case law are interpreted and impact the various parties and interests involved in the legal process.

I have endeavored to establish a solid reputation within the legal community for honesty, integrity, and fairness. My ability to perceive and acknowledge both sides of a contested issue has been a major factor in my professional success, and has resulted in frequent invitations to teach in PBI seminars and participate in seminars and workshops for corporate clients and potential clients.

I have an exceptional range of professional skills and areas of knowledge appropriate and complimentary to the Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania.

In the legal field, these include a clerkship for the Commonwealth Court, as well as for Allegheny County. My litigating career in workers' compensation represents a

significant area of appeal to the Commonwealth Court in which I am recognized as an experienced practitioner and litigator.

In addition, I have several other area of expertise that are relevant to the Commonwealth Court. I have had a medical career ranging from emergency care to management of mentally and emotionally challenged clients as a licensed nurse. I have earned a commercial insurance license while working for an international insurance brokerage house. I have gained extensive knowledge and legal perspective regarding employment issues as a risk manager and director of human resources for a large national construction company.

One of my greatest ongoing professional pleasures has been in sharing my understanding of the law with corporate clients and with legal colleagues in seminars and workshops. This involves not only the importance of the application of appropriate statutes and case law, but also the explanation, both oral and written, of the practical implications of the law to the relevant parties.

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

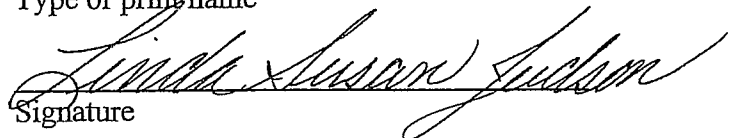
Yes.

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.

Linda Susan Judson

Type or print name


Signature


Date