

PERSONAL DATA QUESTIONNAIRE

1. State your full name:
Robert John Colville

Have you ever been known by any other name? If so, please list.
No.
2. Office address (include zip code):
708 City County Building, Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Office telephone (include area code):
(412) 350-0273

Name of law firm, if associated:
Court of Common Pleas, Fifth Judicial District, (Allegheny County)
3. Date and place of birth:
August 3, 1965, 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:
I was married to Katherine Hilands (Snively) Colville on August 20, 1994.
 - 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:
No.
 - 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:

Pennsylvania State University 1984 -1989 - BA
Duquesne University School of Law - 1989-1992 - JD

National Judicial College - University of Nevada, Reno NV - General Jurisdiction Course (constitutes 6 credits towards a Masters in 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.

Pennsylvania State Bar – 1992

United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit - 1998

United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania – 1992

West Virginia State Bar – 1998

United States District Court for the Southern District of West Virginia - 1998

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:
- b) Whether you practiced alone and, if so, the addresses and the dates:
- 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:
- d) Any other relevant particulars:

Court of Common Pleas, Fifth Judicial District – Allegheny County –
Judge - 2000

Elected in November 1999, sworn in January 2000.

Please see description of duties below.

Pietragallo, Bosick & Gordon - Pittsburgh, PA - Attorney - 1994-1999

Practice included full scope of general litigation responsibilities. Prepared for and participated in numerous jury and bench trials, arbitrations, and mediations. Prepared all manner of pleadings, motions, briefs, and correspondence directed to court, opposing counsel, witnesses and clients. Trial and appellate practice included litigation of products liability (primarily automobile, aircraft, and industrial machinery) cases, insurance defense, warranty claims, declaratory judgment actions, real estate disputes, construction claims, fire loss, and contract disputes. Represented both plaintiffs and defendants. Practice included modest criminal court work.

Pennsylvania Supreme Court - Pittsburgh, PA - Law Clerk for Justice Ralph J. Cappy - 1992-1994

Prepared numerous draft majority, concurring and dissenting Opinions of the Court for consideration and/or adoption by the Court. Prepared thousands of internal case review memoranda to Justices of the Court summarizing and analyzing pending Petitions for Allowance of Appeal, with recommendations for

disposition. Extensive and comprehensive research of legal issues embracing and encompassing full scope of Pennsylvania law, including civil, criminal, family and orphans court matters.

United States House of Representatives - Health and Safety Subcommittee - Washington DC – Legislative Aide for Congressman Joseph Gaydos – 1991
Prepared national survey of workplace fatalities (1980-1990) and literature review of current scientific indoor air pollution issues. Researched and prepared reports regarding upcoming witnesses and anticipated testimony before Subcommittee.

Allegheny County Public Defender's Office – Pittsburgh, PA – Intern – 1990-1991
Prepared appellate briefs, PCRA, and PCHA petitions; interviewed clients and witnesses; general legal research regarding all areas of criminal justice.

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

See above.

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

See above.

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:

In January 2009, I begin my tenth year as a trial court judge on the Court of Common Pleas, Fifth Judicial District (Allegheny County). I was elected in November of 1999, and sworn into office in January of 2000. The Court of Common Pleas is a court of general jurisdiction. I have served by assignment of the Supreme Court in three of the five sections/divisions of that Court and performed modest service in the remaining two, as follows:

Trial Judge - Court of Common Pleas, Fifth Judicial District
Allegheny County - Pittsburgh, PA - 2000 through present.

Family Division, Juvenile Section
Jan. 2000 – October 2002

I have heard and decided nearly twelve thousand juvenile court matters including: juvenile delinquency and juvenile dependency adjudications, placement reviews, mental health commitment hearings, Act 53 substance abuse commitment hearings, termination of parental rights hearings, permanency review hearings, adoptions, protection from abuse hearings, and adult criminal certification/decertification hearings.

Family Division, Adult Section

November 2002 – March 2003

I have heard and decided hundreds of motions and hearings related to child custody, divorce, equitable distribution, enforcement of custody agreements, contempt for failure to pay child/spousal support, and protection from abuse matters.

Civil Division

General Docket Trial Judge

April 2003 – present

I have tried over 240 jury and bench trials involving issues ranging from sprained ankle slip and fall cases, small motor vehicle accident lumbar strain cases, and neighbor fence-line property disputes to medical malpractice wrongful death claims, product liability amputation claims, multi-million dollar commercial contract disputes, as well as invasion of privacy and freedom of speech claims. I have conciliated hundreds of jury and non-jury matters to resolution. I have resolved hundreds of dispositive motions, issued thousands of evidentiary rulings and conducted thousands of procedural hearings and arguments.

Toxic Substance Case Supervising Judge

January 2004 – present

I have conciliated thousands of asbestos exposure serious injury and death claims. I have exercised primary responsibility for the maintenance and management of all aspects of the expedited and general asbestos dockets in Allegheny County. I have resolved motions of every type involving current asbestos matters approaching trial on general and expedited asbestos dockets in Allegheny County. I have tried and coordinated with other trial judges on every wrongful death and serious injury asbestos exposure claim tried in Allegheny County since January 2004. I have coordinated with colleagues to manage and decrease a 4000 case asbestos "backlog". I have revised, and coordinated attorney participation in revision of, applicable asbestos case management orders for general, expedited and "backlog" dockets. While performing these asbestos docket responsibilities, I continue to maintain a full general civil division docket caseload.

Juvenile Court "Support" Judge

September 2007 – January 2008

Following the reassignment of judges from juvenile court to other divisions, and at the request of the Administrative Judge of the Family Division, who perceived a need for assistance from judges in other divisions to handle the pressing juvenile court caseload, I volunteered to return to juvenile court to temporarily assist in the handling of the dependency court caseload until newly elected judges could begin their service. I did not relinquish any of my ongoing civil division responsibilities during this time frame.

Judicial Workload Statistics*

January 2000 – November 2002

11,904 Juvenile court matters resolved

November 2002 – March 2003

727 Adult family court matters resolved

March 2003 – August 2008

General Civil Matters

16,270 Civil matters resolved/decided.
230 Civil trials conducted.
1,231 Non-trial related motions resolved.
789 Conciliations conducted.

Asbestos Matters

2,867 Miscellaneous/general motions resolved.
9,427 Motions for summary judgment argued and resolved.
1,019 Discovery motions argued and resolved.

*Backup documentation and data can be made available for review upon request.

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 above

b) The percentage of your time devoted to:

1. Civil: 66%
2. Criminal: 0% (occasional juvenile de/certification hearings)
3. Other: 33% - juvenile and family division (and occasional orphan's court matters)

c) The percentage of your time devoted to:

1. Jury: 80% of civil division work; 0% of family/juvenile division work
2. Non-jury: 20% of civil division work, 100% of family/juvenile division work
3. Appellate argument:

4. Other:

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

WEST PITTSBURGH PARTNERSHIP, ET AL v. CITY OF PGH. ET AL, GD-03- 6443, Allegheny County, filed October 28, 2003

The court denied the plaintiffs' Motion for an Emergency Special Injunction seeking to prohibit the Mayor of Pittsburgh from closing a City of Pittsburgh police station. The court concluded that the parties either lacked standing, and/or statutory authority to support the emergency injunction request. In so doing, the court recognized the executive authority of the Mayor to carry out the police powers of the municipality.

Affirmed on appeal at No. 2249 C.D. 2003 (Commonwealth Court)

ODC, INC., v. ZURICH INSURANCE CO., GD 99-8171, Allegheny County, filed March 21 2005

The court conducted a three week non-jury trial, and found that conduct by the defendant insurance company's claim manager constituted bad faith. The court concluded that the claims manager's initiation of an investigation into the insured's alleged drug-usage habits was without a reasonable basis and violated the insurer's fiduciary duty to its insured. The court did not conclude that other allegations of bad faith conduct on behalf of the insurance company were supported by the evidence in the record.

Affirmed on appeal at No. 275 WDA 2005 (Superior Court)

COOK v. ALLEGHENY HOUSING REHABILITATION CORP., GD 03-23803, Allegheny County, filed September 23, 2005, 2005 WL 3737114 (Pa.Com.Pl.), 74 Pa. D&C 4th 144

In a case of first impression, the court held that the defendant gas company's distribution of gas through its service lines constituted an adequate placement of its product into the "stream of commerce" for purposes of supporting 402A strict liability and breach of warranty. The court rejected the defendant gas company's assertion that only upon the passage of the gas through the final customer's meter does a "sale" occur, thereby giving rise to 402A liability.

Appeal withdrawn.

IN RE: TOXIC SUBSTANCE CASES, NO. A.D. 03-319, Allegheny County, filed August 17, 2006

In a case of first impression, the court precluded the plaintiff's experts from offering opinion testimony causally attributing the plaintiff's asbestos related disease to exposure to any specific defendant's friction products. The court concluded that the expert's opinion that "each and every exposure to an asbestos product, was a proximate cause of a subsequently diagnosed asbestos-related

disease” was not supported by a generally accepted scientific methodology in the relevant scientific field, as required under Grady v. Frito-Lay, Inc., 839 A.2d 1038 (Pa. 2003).

Currently on appeal at No. 1058 WDA 2006 (Superior Court)

IN RE: J.T., J.D. NO: 203-00, Allegheny County, filed March 27, 2000 (History No. 64057-A)

The court permitted the prosecution in adult criminal court of a juvenile charged with involuntary deviate sexual intercourse, indecent assault, and endangering the welfare of children following a certification hearing pursuant to 42 Pa.C.S. §6355. The court held that in light of the severity of allegations, and other pending adult criminal charges against the juvenile, the Commonwealth met its burden establishing that the statutory prerequisites for certification were met, in spite of evidence of juvenile’s low IQ and past academic performance. Court also permitted reasonable accommodations to permit child witness/victim to testify with the emotional and physical assistance and support of grandmother during testimony.

Appeal quashed at No. 699 WDA 2000

See more complete, though not exhaustive, list of opinions attached.

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:

Not applicable.

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:

It would be inaccurate to suggest that “a substantial portion” of my civil practice as a litigation attorney was before the appellate courts; however, I have orally argued a few cases before the Superior Court and I have prepared several appellate briefs for both the Superior and the Supreme Court. Of course, as a law clerk to a Supreme Court Justice I was afforded significant insight into appellate practice and procedure.

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:

No.

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 as a highway heavy construction laborer throughout college and law school from 1985-1992. AFL-CIO Laborer's Local 1058 – Pittsburgh.

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:

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:

No.

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:

No.

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.)

I enjoy excellent health.

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:

See attached. Also please see more complete, though not exhaustive, list of 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).

Pennsylvania Conference of State Trial Judges

Secretary - July 2004 – July 2005;
Treasurer – July 2005 – July 2006;
Second Vice-President - July 2006 – 2007;
First Vice-President - July 2007 - present;
President Elect – July 2008 – present;
President – (to be served July 2009 - July 2010)

National Conference of State Trial Judges

Co-Chair - Membership Committee, June 2008 – present.
PCSTJ Delegate to NCSTJ/ABA Convention, 2005 – present.
Pennsylvania Liaison – May 2007 - present
Judicial Mentor Program - May 2008 – present

Pennsylvania Bar Association

Member - Long Term Planning Committee – July 2008 – present.

Duquesne University - School of Law Alumni Board –

Board of Governors – March 2002 – March 2003;
Class Representative 1993 – present.

Professional Affiliations:

American Bar Association – 1992 - present
Pennsylvania Bar Association – 1992 - present
Allegheny County Bar Association – 1992 – present
Pennsylvania Bar Institute – 1994 - 2000
Defense Research Institute – 1994 - 2000
Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Association – 1994- 2000
Western Pennsylvania Federal Bar Association – 1996-2000

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.

I teach “The Rule of Law,” Integrative 100-004, a three-credit undergraduate course, at La Roche College, McCandless, PA. I have done so every Fall and Spring semester from September 2004 through the present. The course is designed to familiarize students with fundamental concepts of civics and the rule of law. Students are expected to develop a better appreciation of the individual’s relationship with the law and their community.

I have served as a guest lecturer at law school classes at both Duquesne University and the University of Pittsburgh.

I have served as a presenter and panelist for numerous CLE and continuing judicial education courses through the Pennsylvania Conference of State Trial Judges, and various other legal/professional associations (i.e. PBA, PBI, PDI, PaTLA, ACBA, etc...) The courses have covered primarily litigation topics including, but not limited to, auto law, bad faith, evidence, expert testimony, juvenile court procedural rules, voir dire, adoption proceedings, asbestos litigation, and civil procedure generally.

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:

Children's Rooms in the Courts Advisory Committee – a project of the National Council of Jewish Women
Court and Community Collaboration Committee (subcommittee of statewide Balanced and Restorative Justice Implementation Committee)
Pennsylvania Council of Chief Juvenile Probation Officers - Balanced and Restorative Justice Implementation Committee
Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas – Technology Committee
Children's Cabinet – Allegheny County Mental Health/Department of Human Services
Brighton Heights Citizens Federation Board
Allegheny County Bar Association – Speakers Bureau
Allegheny County Probation Office Balanced and Restorative Justice Implementation Work Group
Duff's Business Institute – Legal Studies Advisory Committee
Brighton Heights Athletic Association
Ross Township Athletic Association
North Hills Athletic Association
North Hills YMCA Adventure Guides
Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity – Pennsylvania State University

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.

In November 2008, the Allegheny County Bar Association Judiciary Committee rated me **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED** to hold judicial office. This rating specifically applies to my 2009 candidacy for the Superior Court of Pennsylvania.

The Judiciary Committee's explanation of ratings describes its **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED** rating as appropriate for an individual who:

“(i) exhibits preeminence in the law by way of outstanding legal ability and a wide range of experience, either in a specialized field of law or a more varied practice, and has a

reputation in the legal community as standing at the top of his or her profession;

(ii) possesses the highest reputation for integrity and temperament;

(ii) exhibits outstanding citizenship by way of community and professional contributions; and

(iv) is an excellent individual who will enhance or has enhanced the competency, dignity and public perception of the bench.”

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 find my work as a judge to be both professionally and personally rewarding. Because the work permits me to meaningfully impact the quality and character of other people's lives in so many different and meaningful ways, it is difficult to identify a specific element of my career that I consider particularly significant. In a very real way, simply fulfilling my oath as a judge by handling each and every matter that comes before me in a competent, professional manner, treating each litigant who appears before me fairly and with common sense and genuine human decency, and maintaining the highest regard for the rule of law is what I would like to be identified as my most significant contribution as a judge.

I have, throughout my career, attempted to fully develop opportunities for myself, my profession, my court, and my community as they presented themselves. I am, however, particularly proud of my work in the following three respects:

Pennsylvania Supreme Court's Juvenile Court Procedural Rules Committee

I have served as an original voting member on the Pennsylvania Supreme Court's Juvenile Court Procedural Rules Committee for the first seven years of that Committee's existence. During my tenure, the Juvenile Court Rules Committee developed, from "whole cloth," new rules governing juvenile dependency and delinquency matters to be applied throughout the Commonwealth's sixty-seven counties. This effort required me and my fellow committee members to balance the very divergent interests of parties and other stakeholders in the juvenile court system, maintain the accountability, transparency and systemic fairness of the juvenile court and ensure that the best interests of the children involved would be advanced.

Pennsylvania Conference of State Trial Judges

I have served as an Officer of the Pennsylvania Conference of State Trial Judges for the past five years, (including: President-Elect from July 2008 through the present; First Vice-President from July 2007 through July 2008; Second Vice-President from July 2006 through 2007; Treasurer from July 2005 through July 2006; and Secretary from July 2004 through July 2005). I will begin service as President in July 2009 and serve through July 2010. I will then serve a final term

as Immediate Past-President through July 2011. The Conference is the professional association that, among many functions, provides ongoing judicial education to state trial court judges and coordinates efforts of the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts and the Supreme Court in their efforts to maintain professionalism, collegiality, and ethical conduct among the over 400 judges of Pennsylvania's trial courts. I am proud to have been elected to each of the above Officer positions by my fellow trial judges currently serving throughout the Commonwealth.

Allegheny County Toxic Tort Supervising Judge

In addition to my responsibilities for maintaining a full general civil docket, I have served as the Allegheny County Toxic Tort Supervising Judge. While a position that I did not seek, I accepted this responsibility shortly after my assignment to the Civil Division of the Court of Common Pleas upon the request of then-Administrative Judge Wettick. In coordination with Judge Wettick and present-Administrative Judge Strassburger, I have created and modified applicable Case Management Orders to "modernize" the asbestos dockets in Allegheny County. I created a new "expedited" docket for asbestos cases that has nearly supplanted the existing general docket and serves to resolve important asbestos matters within a seven to nine month time-line from placement on the expedited docket to trial. I also created a "backlog docket" in order to resolve cases pending over three years, thereby resolving (through the day-to-day efforts of Judge Della Vecchia) thousands of cases - some over nine years old. I continue to administrate and maintain day-to-day control over all discovery, dispositive motions, and pretrial matters for all "non-backlog" asbestos matters in Allegheny County. I am proud that I have accomplished this while continuing to maintain a full general civil docket caseload.

I consider the opportunity to serve as a judge as a genuinely solemn duty. I try to not take myself too seriously (and I hope and believe that I do succeed in that regard); but I do not believe that one can take the responsibility of a judge - to sit in judgment of one's neighbors, and make important decisions that affect their very real lives - too seriously. It is a solemn duty that requires my best possible efforts at all times. Of course, no judge is perfect. No judge is always right; but people are entitled, always, to a judge's recognition of the importance of the matters before him or her, and the judge's very best efforts in resolving those matters.

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 greatly enjoy being a trial court judge. I find the work professionally and personally rewarding. Because my work can so meaningfully and directly affect real people's lives, in both wonderful and tragic ways, I find the work to be, at once, both humbling and a source of great pride.

In the time that I have served as a trial court judge I have attempted to make maximum use of the opportunities presented to me, to improve myself, my court, and my community; and I believe that I have had success in that regard. Specifically, my work with the Pennsylvania Supreme Court Juvenile Court Procedural Rules Committee has afforded me unique insights into the rule-making authority of the courts and, more significantly, the wide diversity of practice and local custom that exists throughout our Commonwealth and in its courts. I believe that this sensitivity is essential for a good Superior Court judge. I believe that my service as an Officer with the Pennsylvania Conference of State Trial judges not only reflects my fellow trial judge's faith in my abilities and qualifications, but has permitted me a deeper understanding of the value of developing a more open dialogue with and understanding of the respective interests of the stakeholders in Pennsylvania's courts, and a deeper knowledge of the issues confronting our courts throughout the Commonwealth. My work as the Allegheny County Toxic Tort Supervising judge has directly educated me in the science and practice of mass litigation management. My good fortune in having been permitted to serve in many divisions of the trial courts addressing a very wide spectrum of cases will serve me, and the people of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, well if I am elected to the Superior Court. In short, I view service on the appellate bench as an appropriate and natural extension and hopeful progression of my efforts and career to date.

There are several, more personal, reasons I seek to serve as a Superior Court judge. First, I firmly believe that I would be good at it, and that I would enjoy it. The aspects of my current responsibilities as a trial court judge that I enjoy the most, and that I view as my strongest skills, are the elements that are most important on the appellate bench – preparation for argument, attentiveness to and engagement in oral argument, serious and detailed consideration of the issues and arguments presented, sound reasoning to support rulings, and preparation of academically honest and complete opinions. Second, my disposition, personality, and personal beliefs suit me for the appellate bench. Integrity, commitment to the rule of law, recognition of the value of common sense, a strong work ethic, and respect for the process and the parties before the court – these are the qualities of a good Superior Court judge, and these are characteristics that I possess.

In a deeper sense, service on the Superior Court is the best way that I can continue to follow my most genuine professional ambition. I believe in the rule of law. I believe deeply, genuinely, and sincerely in the rule of law. It orders our society, provides structure, increases security, allows for predictability and plans for the future – and in so doing it allows people to be everything that they might hope to be. I see it as a genuine good – a nearly sacred goal.

As a trial court judge, I take great pride and satisfaction in doing my part to help bring justice to individuals in specific cases, and while I understand that my service as a trial court judge also indirectly contributes to the larger cause of the rule of law generally, I know that I can contribute even more directly, and more meaningfully, to that larger cause – serving the rule of law - as a Superior Court judge.

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

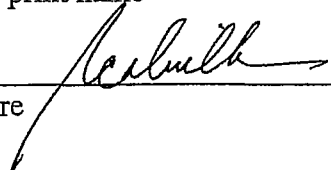
Yes.

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.

ROBERT JOHN COWLIE

Type or print name


Signature

11/26/08

Date