

## PERSONAL DATA QUESTIONNAIRE

1. State your full name:

**PAULA ANTOINETTE PATRICK**

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

**Paula Patrick-Johnakin and Paula Johnakin**

2. Office address (include zip code):

**Court of Common Pleas  
Trial Division  
1301 Criminal Justice Center  
Chambers 1216  
Philadelphia, PA 19107**

Office telephone (include area code):

**(215) 683-7065**

Name of law firm, if associated:

3. Date and place of birth:

**Hamlet, North Carolina  
January 28, 1968**

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. December 20, 2003  
Melvin Clarence Johnakin, Jr.**

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:

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:

**Juris Doctor Degree- August, 1990-May, 1993 *AmJur Award for Moot Court*  
Texas Southern University Thurgood Marshall School of Law  
Houston, Texas**

**B.A. Political Science Degree- January, 1988-May, 1990 *Magna Cum Laude*  
Bennett College  
Greensboro, North Carolina**

**August 1986-December, 1987 *National Dean's List*  
Oakwood College  
Huntsville, Alabama (Transferred to Bennett to be home)**

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.

<b>Pennsylvania Supreme Court</b>	<b>June 30, 1994</b>
<b>U.S. District Court Eastern District of PA</b>	<b>August 4, 1994</b>
<b>U.S. Court of Appeals for Third Circuit</b>	<b>December 4, 1994</b>
<b>U.S. District Court of Maryland</b>	<b>April 26, 1996</b>
<b>U.S. Supreme Court</b>	<b>April 22, 2002</b>

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:

**No**

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

**Yes. The Law Office of Paula A. Patrick, PC. I was engaged in the practice of law as a solo practitioner from July, 1994-December, 2003 at 399 Market Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19102**

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:

**From November 2000-December 2003, 399 Market Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Fl  
Of Counsel to Mattioni, Mattioni & Mattioni, Ltd. Philadelphia, PA 19102**

d) Any other relevant particulars:

No

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

**My practice was of a general nature which included family, criminal, personal injury, worker's compensation, bankruptcy, contracts, wills, and municipal bond finance. I also served as contract defense counsel for the City of Philadelphia in defending workers' compensation cases from 1997-2003.**

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

**My clients included all types of people from different races, religions, cultures, sexes and various economic backgrounds. I represented both plaintiffs and defendants in all types of cases.**

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 of the Court of Common Pleas in Philadelphia County. I was elected November 4, 2003. The Court of Common Pleas is a trial court. Major civil, family, estates and criminal cases are heard in this court as well as and Municipal court appeals. This is the only judicial office I have ever held.**

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:

**Matters involving juveniles that have been charged with crimes, victim of crimes or are abused, neglected or truant. Also I heard cases for termination of parental rights. For about four years I would preside in Election court to hear cases involving election disputes.**

**Currently, I preside in the Criminal Division's Gun Court where I hear all cases for gun possession in the City of Philadelphia.**

- b) The percentage of your time devoted to:

1. Civil:

2. Criminal: **100% - now assigned to Criminal Division**

3. Other: **100% - while assigned to Family Court Juvenile Division**

c) The percentage of your time devoted to:

1. Jury: **None**

2. Non-jury: **100%**

3. Appellate argument: **None**

4. Other: **None**

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

**None of my opinions have been reported. However, I have attached five opinions that I have written since I have been a judge.**

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:

**None**

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:

**None**

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:

**Yes. Superior Court 2009 Election I was unsuccessful**

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:

**Yes. I served as adjunct faculty at LaSalle University where I taught undergraduate courses in criminal justice from 2000-2002.**

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:

**Yes. A federal tax lien was filed against me in 2003 for personal income taxes but was fully paid and released in 2006.**

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:

**Yes. City of Philadelphia vs. Law Office of Paula Patrick, P.C. filed November, 2005 for business privilege taxes. This case was discontinued and closed July, 2006. City of Philadelphia v. Paula Patrick, filed January, 1999 for business privilege taxes but settled in September, 1999. T.E.R.I. v. Paula Patrick filed in January, 2001 for a private student loan. This case was dismissed with prejudice in August, 2001.**

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.)

**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:

**See attached five (5) opinions that I have written since I have been on the bench.**

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 State Trial Judges Conference  
Philadelphia Bar Association  
National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges  
Board of Judges-General Rules Committee  
American Judges Association  
National Bar Association Judicial Council-CSG Chapter –former Treasurer  
National Association of Women Judges-former District III Director  
International Association of Women Judges**

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.

**Former adjunct faculty at LaSalle University in Philadelphia, PA where I taught criminal law and related courses.  
Former instructor at the Gerry Spence's Trial Lawyers College in Dubois, WY where I taught lawyers trial skills.  
Lecturer at Springfield College in Wilmington, DE  
Pennsylvania Bar Institute**

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:

**Calvary Baptist Church of Philadelphia, PA  
Mountain of Fire and Miracles Ministries International  
Christian Broadcast Network (CBN) Partner  
National Coalition of 100 Black Women  
Black Women's Health Project of Philadelphia  
Schuylkill Women Advisory Board; and  
National Association for Female Executives.**

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.

**2004 Philadelphia Tribune Leaders Under 40 Award  
2002 Preserve the Heritage Award for Commitment to Community Service  
2002 Wall of Tolerance Induction by Rosa Parks and Morris Dees  
2000 International Who's Who of Entrepreneurs  
1999-2000 National Register's Who's Who in Business and Professionals  
1999 Bennett College Young Achiever Alumnae Award  
1993 AmJur Award for Moot Court  
1990 Bennett Scholar; Magna Cum Laude graduate**

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 was rated "Recommended" by the Philadelphia Bar Association in 2003 when I ran for judge in Philadelphia. I was also endorsed in 2003 by the *Philadelphia Inquirer and Daily News* and by many community newspapers and groups. I was also rated "Recommended" by the Pennsylvania Bar Association for the 2009 election.**

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 Superior Court Judge because I believe that leadership is defined by service. I have dedicated my entire career to serving people and making sure that people have access to justice. I know that I would bring to the Court diversity, diligence, competence, integrity and experience. Moreover, I believe that significant factors in my law practice experience have allowed me to develop my extensive administrative and communication skills, efficiency and oral advocacy.**

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.

PAULA A. PATRICK

Type or print name

Signature

December 2, 2010

Date