

PERSONAL DATA QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Write your full name.

ROBERT EDWARD SIMPSON, JR. ("Robin")

2. Date and place of birth:

October 17, 1951; Harrisburg, PA

3. 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 married Christine Patricia Drake on August 25, 1973.

b) Since assuming your current judicial position, have you been divorced? If so, state the date, the number of the case and the court:

No

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

a) Provide dates, branch of service, rank of rate, serial number 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, please provide details:

No

5. List each college and law school you attended, including dates of attendance, and the degrees awarded.

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED RESUME.

6. For the last five years or portion thereof during which you have held judicial office, please indicate:

a) The percentage of your time devoted to:

1. Civil:

94%

2. Criminal:

6%

3. Other:

4. Administrative responsibilities: 57

b) Please identify ten (10) of the more significant opinions you have rendered and citations thereto if the cases were reported:

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED LIST.

7. Are you now an officer or director or otherwise actively engaged in the management of any business enterprise? If so, please provide details, including the name of the business 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:

NA

8. Since assuming your current judicial position, have you 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, please provide details. Do not include summary traffic offenses:

NA

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

No

10. Since assuming your current judicial position, has a tax lien or other collection procedure been instituted against you by federal, state or local authorities? If so, please provide particulars:

No

11. Since assuming your current judicial position, have you been a party to or otherwise been involved in any other legal proceedings? If so, please provide particulars. Do not list proceedings in which you were merely a guardian ad litem or stakeholder. Do 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:

Please see attached statement.

12. Since assuming your current judicial position, have you 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, please provide particulars:

NA

13. If you so desire, please 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).

Please see attached resume.

14. In the space provided below, if desired, please provide any additional comments concerning your retention candidacy.

Please see attached list.

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

Yes, it is attached.

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 ("Robin") Simpson

Type of print name

Signature

07/29/17

Date

ROBERT ("ROBIN") SIMPSON
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Professional Employment

Judge, Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania, 2002-
Judge, Northampton County Court of Common Pleas, 1989-2002
Administrative Judge, Domestic Relations Section; presided over civil and criminal trials, Domestic Relations Court, Motions Court; instituted summary jury trial program for complex civil litigation; developed juvenile court program presented to over fifteen thousand fifth and sixth grade students.
Adjunct Professor of Law –The Dickinson School of Law, 1998-2005
Advanced Pretrial Advocacy
Senior Litigation Partner – Teel Stettz P.C. (Easton, Nazareth), 1979-1989
Managed and tried major cases over ten years in state and federal courts; Represented professionals and other people who had been sued, people who had been injured, people with land use problems, municipalities.
Law Clerk to Honorable Glenn E. Mencer, Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania, 1976-1978

Education

Dickinson School of Law, J.D., 1976
Dickinson College, B.A., magna cum laude, 1973 (*Junior Year Abroad, Bologna, Italy*)

Professional Awards and Affiliations

"Highly Recommended" for election to Pennsylvania Commonwealth Court [*highest rating available*]
Pennsylvania Bar Association Judicial Evaluation Committee, 2001
Supreme Court Judicial Education Curriculum Committee (*appointed by Supreme Court, 2005*)
Judicial Audit Agency (*appointed by President Judge, Commonwealth Court, 2005 to present*)
Pennsylvania Minor Judiciary Education Board (*appointed by Governor, 1999, 2005*)
Pennsylvania Conference of State Trial Judges
Judge Clinton Budd Palmer American Inn of Court, Northampton County (*President 1996-97*)
James S. Bowman American Inn of Court, Harrisburg
Commonwealth Court Historical Society (*Board of Directors*)
Interview, *In Session*, copyright Pennsylvania Cable Network (*January, 2010*)
Certified Civil Trial Advocate, National Board of Trial Advocacy (*certified 1984*)
American Bar Association (*Section of Litigation*)
Pennsylvania Bar Association (*Post Trial and Appellate Practice Committee*)
Northampton County Bar Association (*Board of Governors, 1987-89*)
Dauphin County Bar Association
The American Society of Writers on Legal Subjects (*Scribes*)

Author:

- "A Historical Review of the Land Use Jurisprudence of Pennsylvania's Commonwealth Court," 20 Widener L.J. 59 (2010)
- "The Duty of Good Faith Review in Pennsylvania Land Development Proceedings," 80 Pa. B.A.Q. 139 (2009)
- "Important Trends in Pennsylvania Land Use," 79 Pa. B.A.Q. 47 (2008)
- "Current Trends in Pennsylvania Land Use," 77 Pa. B.A.Q. 23 (2006)
- "Advocacy in Summary Jury Trials," Advocacy in ADR Arenas, Pennsylvania Bar Institute (2002)
- "Limits on Students' Speech in the Internet Age," 105 Dick.L.Rev. 181 (Winter, 2001)
- "Model of Success: Northampton County Resolves Cases with Summary Jury Trials," PLW, March 22, 1999, at S6
- "Ten Aspects of Jury Selection Every Lawyer Should Know," Trial Tactics, Tips & Techniques, Pennsylvania Bar Institute (1999 rev.)
- "How to Get Your Underinsured Client Discharged," Counterpoint, (January, 1989)
- "Pennsylvania's Recreation Use of Land and Waters Act," Counterpoint, (October, 1986)

Lecturer:

- Pennsylvania Conference of State Trial Judges (*land use, Right-to-Know Law*)
- Widener Law Journal/Widener Law and Government Institute Symposium on Commonwealth Court (*land use*)
- Pennsylvania Bar Institute (*land use, appellate advocacy, trial advocacy, common law marriage, Right-to-Know Law, ADR*)
- Blair, Chester, Lackawanna, Lehigh, Luzerne, Monroe, Montgomery, Northampton, and Philadelphia Bar Associations (*land use, appellate advocacy, Right-to-Know Law, PennDOT appeals*)
- The Dickinson School of Law Trial Advocacy Program

Charitable/Civic

AIDSNET [*six county public health consortium working with Pa Dept of Health*], 1991-2001
(*Vice Chairman, Board of Directors; Chairman, Allocations Committee*)
Boy Scouts of America, Minsi Trail Council (*Advisory Committee; Merit Badge counselor*)
Easton Hospital, Board of Trustees (*2002-2005*)
Nazareth Memorial Library Foundation Committee (*Chairman, 1996*)
Easton Area High School Lacrosse Club (*Coach, 1992-96, 1999-2000*)
Freedom High School Circle of Excellence (*Inducted May, 2000*)

Personal

Married: Christine Simpson (retired School Psychologist, Children's Author)
Children: Jen (1980) and Ted (1983)
1994-Marine Corps Marathon Finisher; 1994-96-Philadelphia Distance Run Finisher; 1995-97, 2000-
Rodale Press Half-Marathon Finisher

6/10/11

Response to Question 11

1) As with most judges, I am sued occasionally by a prisoner in a civil rights lawsuit. I have had no active involvement in resolving any of those suits, and I have no further details.

2) I was a witness before a local zoning hearing board in a matter where several neighbors objected to the commercial use of a nearby residence. On the developer's appeal to Northampton County court of common pleas, I was not involved. The zoning hearing board's decision in favor of the objecting neighbors was affirmed. Negrao v. Borough of Nazareth Zoning Hearing Board, No. C-0048-CV-2004-06960.

Thereafter, I was a plaintiff in a civil action in Northampton County court of common pleas seeking to enforce the prior zoning hearing board decision. Simpson v. Negrao, No. C-0048-CV-2005-7771. The case was settled and discontinued on February 1, 2008, as part of a broader settlement between the objecting neighbors and the developer, who was represented by Edward J. McKarski, Esq., of Bethlehem (civil suit) and Marc D. Jonas, Esq., of Blue Bell (zoning hearing board proceeding).

Response to Question 14

For the past 22 years, it has been my great privilege to serve the community first as a trial judge, and then as an appellate judge. I accept the personal restrictions that come with this important office, and I keep in mind how important every decision is to the parties. I strive to conduct all my activities with honesty, dignity and fairness.

Having come from a legal background (my grandfather, J. Paul Rupp, was the President Judge of Dauphin County in the 1940's), I also respect the profession. As a result, I devote significant time to teaching, mentoring, writing and lecturing. I share your goal of professional excellence.