

PERSONAL DATA QUESTIONNAIRE

1. State your full name:

Christine L. Donohue

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

Christine Lewis (Maiden name)

2. Office address (include zip code):

Suite 4225, One Oxford Centre
301 Grant Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Office telephone (include area code):

412-565-2750

Name of law firm, if associated:

N/A

3. Date and place of birth:

December 24, 1952
Coaldale, Pennsylvania

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:

No.

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

Yes. April 24, 1985; Christine L. Donohue v. Michael J. Donohue, Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County, Family Division No. 85-617.

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:

East Stroudsburg University	9/70-5/74	Bachelor of Arts, Political Science
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Duquesne University School of Law	9/77-5/80	Juris Doctor
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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	1980
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Western District of PA	1980
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U.S. Supreme Court	1990
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Third Circuit Court of Appeals	1991
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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:

N/A

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:

Sikov & Love, P.A. - 1980 - 1983
1400 Lawyers Building
Pittsburgh, PA 15219
Associate

Evans Rosen & Quinn - 1983 - 1985
Mutual Building
Pittsburgh, PA 15219
Partner

Evans Rosen Portnoy Quinn & Donohue - 1983 - 1989
One Oxford Centre, 36th Floor
Pittsburgh, PA 15219
Partner

Klett Rooney Lieber & Schorling, P.C. - 1989 - June 30, 2006
One Oxford Centre, 40th Floor
Pittsburgh, PA 15219
Shareholder

Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney PC* - July 1, 2006 – December 31, 2007
One Oxford Centre, 20th Floor
Pittsburgh, PA 15219
Shareholder
(*Successor by merger to Klett Rooney Lieber & Schorling, P.C.)

d) Any other relevant particulars:

I was a law clerk with Sikov & Love, P.A. from 1978 - 1980 while I was a second and third year law student at Duquesne University School of Law

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

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

10 (a) and (b)

I was always a civil trial lawyer and litigator. I have been fortunate over the course of twenty-seven (27) years to represent a broad spectrum of clients in a diverse and interesting array of legal disputes.

1980 - 1989

I began my career as a plaintiff's personal injury lawyer working under the tutelage of some of the best personal injury lawyers in Pittsburgh and the Commonwealth. Both, as a law clerk from 1978 until 1980 and then as a young associate, I was involved in researching and writing briefs for cases that significantly contributed to the development of the law in Pennsylvania in matters critical to personal injury victims. For example, the landmark case of Kaczkowski v. Bulabaz, 421 A.2d 1027 (Pa. 1980) emanated from my law firm, Sikov & Love, and I worked with Seymour Sikov on writing the briefs in the trial court through the Supreme Court. I likewise participated in writing the briefs in Carroll v. County of York, 437 A.2d 394 (Pa. 1981) for the Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers as Amicus Curiae for the plaintiff, challenging the constitutionality of the Political Subdivisions Tort Claims Act and its statutory grant of immunity to local government agencies.

I tried my first non-jury case within months of my admission to the Bar and my first jury trial within my first year of practice. After three years of practice, myself and three attorneys from Sikov & Love partnered to form our own firm where we continued the tradition of representing plaintiffs in personal injury cases including, but not limited to, automobile, products liability, medical malpractice and premises liability matters. On average, I tried 3-5 cases per year and prepared dozens more for trial on an annual basis.

1989 - June 30, 2006

After nine years of practice in our boutique law firm, I decided to diversify my practice. I joined the newly formed Klett Rooney Lieber & Schorling, which was a successor to the long established Pittsburgh firm Berkman, Russlander, Pohl, Lieber & Engel. At the time, Klett Rooney was a sixty (60) lawyer firm with lawyers in multiple disciplines. My practice shifted from representing individuals in personal injury matters to representing business entities and business people in commercial disputes. My practice expanded from principally a state court

practice to a practice in state and federal court and alternative forums, like arbitration, for dispute resolution. I became a general commercial litigator and trial attorney handling a wide variety of commercial disputes ranging from securities litigation to construction disputes; lender liability to commercial real estate lawsuits; breaches of all types of commercial contracts; antitrust cases and patent and other intellectual property lawsuits, including restrictive covenants in employment contracts and federal Lanham Act cases.

From its inception in 1989 until June 2006, Klett Rooney grew from a sixty (60) lawyer firm with offices in Pittsburgh and Harrisburg to a 150 attorney firm with offices in six (6) cities in four (4) states. From a management perspective, in 2000, I became the firm's loss prevention and ethics counsel. In 2002, in addition to managing a full case load, I became the practice manager for the firm-wide litigation department with responsibility for coordination among our offices; practice development initiatives and utilization of the department's attorney resources.

July 1, 2006 – December 31, 2007

Klett Rooney merged with Buchanan Ingersoll to become Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney PC, a Pittsburgh based, full service law firm with 550 attorneys in sixteen (16) cities in nine (9) states. I continued my diverse general commercial litigation practice in the new firm until I resigned to become a Judge of the Superior Court of Pennsylvania.

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:

I was elected as a Judge of the Superior Court of Pennsylvania in the November 2007 General Election. I took my oath of office in January 2008 and continue to serve as a Judge of the Superior Court.

The Superior Court of Pennsylvania is constitutionally imbued with the broadest jurisdiction of our intermediate appellate courts limited only insofar as jurisdiction is vested exclusively in the Commonwealth Court for cases involving the Commonwealth and political subdivisions. In all civil, domestic relations and orphans' court disputes between private citizens and in criminal cases, citizens have a constitutional right of direct appeal to the Superior Court (except in death penalty appeals which are heard by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court.)

I was appointed to the Pennsylvania Court of Judicial Discipline by Acting Governor Mark Singel on August 16, 1993 for a term which expired on August

16, 1996. This was the first empanelled court of judicial discipline which was created by constitutional amendment to decide cases involving alleged violation of the Code of Judicial Conduct by judicial officers in the Commonwealth. Decisions of the Court of Judicial Discipline are appealable to the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, except in cases involving Justices of the Supreme Court which are heard by a special tribunal as defined in the Pennsylvania Constitution.

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:

The only thing typical of the appeals that come before the Superior Court is that the cases involve contested decisions by trial courts in the 60 judicial districts in the Commonwealth. Otherwise, the matters are as diverse as the controversies that can arise under the multitude of statutes, constitutional provisions and the common law.

b) The percentage of your time devoted to:

1. Civil: 25%
2. Criminal: 60%
3. Other: Domestic Relations; Orphans Court; and Juvenile Court Matters

This information is based on the 2013 Statistical Report of the Pennsylvania Superior Court and encompasses 9769 appeals filed. Appeals are randomly assigned to judges on the court and therefore the statistics are representative of appeals that I decide.

c) The percentage of your time devoted to:

1. Jury: 0
2. Non-jury: 0
3. Appellate argument: 35 %: Preparing to hear/hearing oral argument; researching/drafting/editing opinions and memoranda decisions.
4. Other: 55% drafting/editing opinions and memoranda decisions for cases submitted without oral argument; reviewing other judges work and consultation, deciding motions and re-argument petitions.
5. 10% Seminars/CLE/Inns of Court and other professional activities.

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

Commonwealth v. Orié Melvin, ___ A.3d ___, 2014 WL4100200 (Pa. Super. Aug. 21, 2014).

Newman Dev. Grp. Of Pottstown, LLC v. Genuardi's Family Mkt., Inc., 98 A.3d 645, 648 (Pa. Super. 2014) (en banc).

M.A.T. v. G.S.T., 989 A.2d 11, 12 (Pa. Super. 2010) (en banc).

In re Adoption of S.P., 32 A.3d 723, 725 (Pa. Super. 2011) (en banc), rev'd, 47 A.3d 817 (Pa. 2012).

Pringle v. Rapaport, 980 A.2d 159, 160 (Pa. Super. 2009) (en banc), appeal denied, 987 A.2d 162 (2009)

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:

During that time frame, I appeared before the Superior Court of Pennsylvania once and the Federal Appeals Court for the Third Circuit once in appeals emanating from cases in which I served as trial counsel. Less than 1% of my practice was devoted to appellate work.

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:

I was Democratic Committee Woman for the 14th Ward of the City of Pittsburgh, District 11. I held this position from November 2005 until 2007 when I resigned because of my candidacy.

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:

Prior to attending law school, from February 1975 – August 1977, I was employed by SEDA – Council of Governments, RD #2, Lewisburg, Pennsylvania. SEDA-COG was (and is) a regional planning and development organization for eleven (11) counties in central Pennsylvania. I was the public participation coordinator for a state-wide comprehensive water quality management program.

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:

In my official capacity as a member of the Board of Law Examiners, the Disciplinary Board of the Supreme Court and Judge of the Court of Judicial Discipline and Superior Court, I have been named as defendant in a number of federal civil rights cases. All have been dismissed after motion by counsel appointed by the AOPC.

Divorce Proceeding:

Christine L. Donohue v. Michael J. Donohue, C.C.P. Allegheny County, Family Division No. 85-617

I was a plaintiff in a Court of Common Pleas arbitration matter involving an automobile property damage claim approximately thirty (30) years ago. I do not know the docket number.

I was a plaintiff in a matter against the Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority, SA08-673. I filed a statutory appeal because of significant errors in billing on the part of the authority. The case settled prior to hearing.

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:

The opinions referenced in my answer to question 12(d) reflect my personal work. My law clerks are responsible for researching case law and the detailed review of the record on appeal after I formulate my preliminary conclusions as to the outcome. After consultation with me, a clerk prepares a preliminary draft to include appropriate citation of the record, block citations to trial court opinions and the transcripts if necessary, and case citations in Blue Book format. My clerks also set forth the appropriate scope and standard of review in each of my decisions. Once presented with a preliminary draft, I begin writing the final opinion. As to the legal analysis, each of the opinions I referenced reflect my writing which most often entail multiple redrafts by me.

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).

American College of Trial Lawyers	2000 – Present
Pennsylvania State Committee	2001 – 2007
Pennsylvania State Chair	2002 – 2004
Southwestern Pennsylvania Coordinator	2002 – 2007
International Academy of Trial Lawyers	2004 – Present
American Board of Trial Advocates	1998 – 2007
Member	
Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Association	
Board of Governors	1986 – 1988
Amicus Curiae Committee	1986 – 1987
Western Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Association	
President	1990
Allegheny County Bar Association	
Board of Governors	1988 – 1990
Chair, Young Lawyers Division	1989
Pennsylvania Bar Association	
House of Delegates	1986 – 2007
Assist PBA President in identification of potential Female and minority Bar leaders	2007
American Bar Association	
Member	
American Bar Foundation	
Member	
Allegheny County Bar Foundation	
Charter Member	

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.

As a graduate student, I instructed undergraduates in principles of political science and political theory. As a lawyer, I lectured for the Pennsylvania Bar Institute and the Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants on civil litigation topics and accountant malpractice issues respectively. From 1983 to 1989, I presented an annual seminar on practice in the arbitration division of the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County. I was an adjunct professor of law at the Duquesne University School of Law, 1992-95, and taught Professional Responsibility. I presented to legal and lay audiences on the topic of the obligations of officers and directors in corporations.

Since 2008 as a Superior Court Judge, I have lectured, at least twice annually, on the topic of effective appellate advocacy and practice before the Superior Court of Pennsylvania under the auspices of PBI, The Academy of Trial Lawyers of Allegheny County and in conjunction with sessions of the Superior Court in Carbon, Blair, Beaver, Centre and Lawrence Counties. In January 2011, I addressed the PBA mid-year meeting regarding the response of the Judicial Conduct Board to the findings of the Interbranch Commission on Juvenile Justice. In the spring of 2013, I participated in seminars and roundtable discussions with barristers and judges in Dublin, Ireland and Belfast, Northern Ireland. The programs were sponsored by the International Academy of Trial Lawyers. In September 2013, I presented to the Pennsylvania Association of Retired Teachers at its annual conference in Harrisburg on the structure of the Pennsylvania Judiciary, the role of each court and the judicial discipline system. I presented to the Lackawanna County Bar Association's Bench Bar Conference in October 2014 on the new Judicial Code of Conduct and its impact on lawyers and litigants.

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:

Professional Services

Pennsylvania Board of Law Examiners	1990 – 1996
Chair Person	1994 – 1996
Pennsylvania Court of Judicial Discipline, Judge	1993 – 1996
By gubernatorial Appointment	
Disciplinary Board of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court	1997 - 2003
Pennsylvania Judicial Conduct Board	2009 – 2011
Chair Person	2010

American Inns of Court, Edward Sell Chapter

Over the course of 25 years, I served on the Board of the National Aviary of Pittsburgh, Make-A-Wish Foundation of Western Pennsylvania, Hill House Association and, Turtle Creek Valley, Mental Health Mental Retardation, Inc. In my capacity as a board member, I served on various committees of each board.

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.

AV rated – Martindale Hubbell

Best Lawyers in America 2005 - 2008

Pennsylvania Super Lawyers 2004 – 2008
Top 50 Lawyers in Pittsburgh 2007

Recognized twice in Pennsylvania Law Weekly as one of the Commonwealth's "Women Leaders in The Legal Profession"

American Bar Association Pro Bono Award to 1989
Allegheny County Bar Association Young
Lawyers Division – Christine Donohue, Chair

Duquesne University School of Law Highest 1980
Grade Achievement in Corporation Law

Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities 1973

East Stroudsburg University Student Council
Judicial Board 1972 – 1974

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.~~

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?

As a Justice of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, I will bring my 27 years of experience appearing in Courts across the Commonwealth, the knowledge and insights I've gained as a Superior Court Judge, my service on every professional and judicial ethics enforcement body in Pennsylvania and my life experience as an independent, self-supporting female in the profession for the entirety of my career. I am not afraid of making hard decisions and I do not tolerate ethical shortcuts or bumping up against the line of professional or ethical boundaries. In the context of judicial decisions, I believe it is imperative to write in a way that spells out the reasons for an outcome and adds clarity for lawyers and trial court judges. I am open to the insights of my colleagues and relish the opportunity to convince members of my court that a position I take has merit.

Most importantly, I believe that it is relevant to consider the diversity of my life experience. My father was a coal miner; my mother was a seamstress who worked in a dress factory until the day she died. I worked and paid my way through college and law school and met my first attorney when I became a law clerk. I was the first in my family to attend college. I will never forget my roots and how fortunate I have been. My parents taught me to work hard, the value of setting goals and meeting them, and the importance of being true to myself and the meaning of integrity. I will bring these attributes with me to the Supreme Court.

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.

CHRISTINE DOWNING

Type or print name



Signature

12/9/14
Date