

PERSONAL DATA QUESTIONNAIRE

1. **State your full name:** Douglas Grant Reichley

Have you ever been known by any other name? No

2. **Office Address:**

Lehigh County Courthouse
455 W. Hamilton Street
Allentown, PA 18101

Office telephone: 610-782-3393

3. **Date and place of birth:**

December 21, 1961
Washington, D.C.

4. **Are you a naturalized citizen?** No, born in U.S.

5. **Family Status:**

a) **Are you married?** Yes, re-married Sept. 13, 2014 to Lisette Marie dePaula.

b) **Have you been divorced?** Yes, caption of divorce case Reichley v. Reichley, 2005-FC-0696

6. **Have you had any military service?** No

Have you ever been rejected or released from any of the armed services for reasons other than honorable? 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:**

Lafayette College, Easton, PA (B.A. in Government and Law with Honors) 1983

Dickinson School of Law, Carlisle, Pa (Member Trial Moot Court Board, Constitutional Moot Court Team, Appellate Moot Court Team) 1986

- 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.**

Admitted to practice in Pennsylvania, December 1986.

- 9. Describe chronologically your law practice and experience after your graduation from law school and until you became a member of the judiciary:**

- a) January 1987- January 1989: Associate attorney, Snyder, Dimmich & Guldin, P.C., Allentown, PA practicing in the fields of insurance defense and personal injury law.
- b) January 1989 – June 2000: Assistant District Attorney/Deputy District Attorney, Lehigh County District Attorney's Office, Allentown, PA in which I personally prosecuted over approximately 70 jury trials for all types of criminal offenses including through pre-trial motions, trial and appeal.
- c) June 2000 – July 2001 : Assistant District Attorney, Philadelphia District Attorney's Office, Special Investigations Division investigating and prosecuting complex cases involving police shootings, police corruption cases, and embezzlement by city employees.
- d) August 2001 – December 2002 : Associate Attorney, Lightner Law Offices,

- Wescosville, PA handling criminal defense, family law, and bankruptcy clients.
- e) August 2001 – August 2002 : Conflicts criminal defense counsel, Lehigh County representing criminal defendants who had been conflicted out by the Public Defender's Office.
 - f) December 2002 – December 2011 : Member, Pennsylvania House of Representatives, serving on House Judiciary Committee 2003-2006 and Pennsylvania Sentencing Commission 2007-2011.
 - g) June 2010 – December 2011 : Conflicts counsel, Lehigh County representing defendant parents in Orphans' Court termination of parental rights cases and juvenile defendants in delinquency cases.
 - h) December 2010 – December 2011 : Platt Law Offices, Emmaus, PA representing private clients in DUI prosecutions.

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:

From 1987-1989, I represented insurance company policyholders sued in civil lawsuits involving auto accidents, slip and fall cases, and other types of personal injury cases.

From 1989 – 2001, I was a prosecutor of the variety of criminal offenses while serving in the Lehigh County and Philadelphia County District Attorney's Offices.

From 2001 – 2002, my practice was approximately 50% criminal defense, 40% family law, and 10% bankruptcy.

I did not actively practice law for much of my tenure in the Pennsylvania State House because of the time demands and commitments of that position. However, I did serve

on the House Judiciary Committee for my first two terms in office and then was the Speaker's designee to the Pennsylvania Sentencing Commission from 2007-2011, serving as the Vice-Chairman of the Commission in 2011.

Beginning in approximately June 2010, I volunteered for appointment as conflicts counsel to represent parents who were the subject of involuntary termination of parental rights cases, as well as juvenile defendants in delinquency prosecutions whom the Public Defender had conflicted out of representation.

About the same time, I began to represent private clients in DUI prosecutions on behalf of Platt Law Offices.

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 such courts, with any limitations upon the jurisdiction of each court:

I was elected to a ten year term on the Court of Common Pleas of Lehigh County in 2011. I began my tenure as a judge in January 2012. During my first year on the bench, I served in the criminal division which handles criminal, juvenile delinquency, and support contempt actions. Beginning in January 2013 until the present, I began serving in our Civil and Family Division in which I oversee a caseload of civil lawsuits in addition to custody trials, family court and dependency proceedings, and involuntary termination of parental rights cases under our Orphans' Court division. For approximately the last 12 months, I have supervised our civil arbitration system and have recently been appointed as the liaison between the judges and the Lehigh County Bar Association.

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;**
- b) **The percentage of your time devoted to civil, criminal, and other;**
- c) **The percentage of your time devoted to jury, non-jury, appellate argument, and other;**
- d) **Five of the more significant opinions you have rendered and citations thereto if the cases were reported:**

As stated above, during my first year as a judge, I handled criminal and juvenile delinquency matters. Of that particular caseload, approximately 60% were criminal cases and remaining 40% were juvenile delinquencies. During that time, approximately 33% of my time involved jury trials, with another 50% non-jury trial, pre-trial motions hearings, or parole/probation violation hearings. The remainder of the time was broken down between 10% case management and 10% either listening to oral arguments on post-trial motions or preparing 1925(b) opinions for appellate purposes.

During the last two years, our caseload is divided between approximately 45% civil cases, 40% family court, and the remaining 20% dependency and orphans court proceedings. Within these assignments, approximately 10% is devoted to jury trials, 60% to non-jury trials or motions hearings, 15% for case management, and the remaining 15% for consideration of arguments on post-trial motions or preparation of 1925(a) opinions.

The five of the more significant opinions I have rendered would be Commonwealth v. Demetrius Johnson, 3412 of 2009, Pini v. Lehigh County Board of Assessment Appeal, 2014-C-0139, Pietrulewicz v. Gil, 2014-C-0826, Auman v. Baylor, 2013-FC-1019, and Penn-Hilbert v. Lehigh County Prison, 2010-C-4802. I have attached copies of these opinions to this e-mail.

13. **If as 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:**

I did not appear or practice administrative law.

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:**

I did not appear before any appellate courts in the five years before I was elected to my current position, but did frequently appear before the Superior Court when I served in the Lehigh County District Attorney's Office. I appeared for argument approximately 10 times before the Pennsylvania Supreme Court during that same time period and submitted appellate briefs to the U.S. Supreme Court on two occasions but did not have to present argument in those cases.

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:

In 1989, I was appointed as an assistant district attorney in the Lehigh County District Attorney's Office. I was eventually promoted to the position of deputy district attorney in charge of violent crime prosecutions in 1992. I served in that position until 2000 when I was appointed as an assistant district attorney in the Philadelphia County District Attorney's Office in the Special Investigations division until 2001.

In 2002, I was elected to the first of five terms as a member of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives. I served in that capacity until December 30, 2011 when I resigned to assume my current position on the Lehigh County Court of Common Pleas.

16. Have you ever been an unsuccessful candidate for elective, judicial, or other public office?

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 filled in for one of my old professors at Lafayette College while he was on sabbatical and taught a political philosophy course in 1992. I have served as an adjunct instructor at Northampton Community College from approximately 1993 until 2003 and this past fall in 2014 where I taught criminal justice and political science courses. I served in a similar capacity at DeSales University in 1992 and over the summer semester 2014, at Muhlenberg College in 1996, and at Lehigh University in 2013. I am contracted to teach a constitutional law seminar at Lehigh and another criminal law course at DeSales later this spring.

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

No.

19. Have you ever been arrested, charged with or convicted of violating any federal, state, county or municipal law?

In 1987, I entered a guilty plea to a summary offense of Disorderly Conduct and paid a fine. I informed my employer at the time about the incident, as well as the District Attorney when I was hired in that office in 1989 and when I was promoted by the next District Attorney in 1992.

20. Are you under any ongoing federal, state or local investigation or indictment for possible violation of a criminal statute?

No.

21. Has a tax lien or other collection procedure been instituted against you by federal, state, or local authorities?

No.

22. If requested, will you submit certified copies of your latest tax returns?

Yes.

23. Prior to taking the bench, were you ever sued by a client? If so, give particulars:

In 2002, Lightner Law Offices, Thomas Lightner, Esq., I were sued by David Sell for professional malpractice in my representation of Mr. Sell in exceptions filed from a support action. The matter was heard before a magisterial district judge where I was dismissed as a defendant. The case was appealed by Sell to the Court of Common Pleas where it was dismissed.

24. Have you ever been a party or otherwise involved in any other legal proceedings?

In addition to the divorce action in which I was a party, in 2001, I was the plaintiff in a personal injury action for injuries I sustained in an automobile accident in which I was hit head-on by another driver prosecuted for DUI. The case was settled before a civil complaint was filed.

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?

I believe I have been referred to the Judicial Review Board on two occasions. The first incident was by a criminal defendant Keith Silfies who I sentenced to state prison

for violation of his probation due to his unauthorized flight from a drug treatment program. I believe I was informed the Judicial Review Board did not find any merit in this allegation.

The second incident was by the mother of a juvenile in dependency when I disallowed his brother who was convicted of a sex offense from residing in the same home. I have recently received correspondence that the Judicial Review Board did not find any merit in what I believe was the second incident, but the correspondence did not identify who filed a complaint or what the matter involved.

26. What is the present state of your health?

Good.

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?

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:

Please find attached the five opinions of the cases I referred to above in response to Question 12(d). While my law clerk assisted with the research and drafting of these opinions, these five opinions also reflect my personal contribution and editing.

29. List all bar associations and professional societies of which you are a member and give the titles and dates of any offices you have held in such groups.

I am a member of the Lehigh County Bar Association and the Pennsylvania Bar Association. I have not held any offices or titles in such organizations.

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.

While serving in the Lehigh County District Attorney's Office, I taught new police cadets

at the Allentown Police Academy on substantive criminal law and criminal procedure. I presented for the Pennsylvania District Attorneys Association and the Pennsylvania Bar Institute a number of times while I was in the Lehigh County District Attorney's Office on a variety of criminal law issues.

As mentioned above, I have had a number of part-time teaching positions at a number of the local colleges and universities. In addition, while I served as a state representative and in my current position as a judge, I have spoken to a number of civic organizations and held town hall meetings in which I discussed various legal and constitutional issues over the last 12 years.

31. List all the organizations other than bar associations, professional associations or societies or which you are or have been a member, including civic, charitable, religious, educational, social and fraternal organizations.

In the late 1990's I served as the president of the Emmaus Kiwanis Club and the Allentown YM/YWCA. I continued to be a member of Kiwanis until this past year, and dropped my membership at the YMCA in 2006. I previously served on the board of the Emmaus Main Street program until 2009. I was a member of the National Rifle Association while I was in the Legislature, but resigned from that organization when I became a judge.

Currently, I am a troop committeeman for my son's Boy Scout Troop 131, and I am on the executive advisory council for the Minsi Trails Boy Scout Council. I am a board member for the Allentown Police Athletic League and the Occupational Advisory Council for the Lehigh Career and Technical Institute. I have also been a member of a number of local historical societies in the area.

32. List any honors, prizes, awards or other forms of recognition which you have received other than those mentioned in answers to the foregoing questions.

Eagle Scout award (1976); Legislator of the Year, PA Association of Rehabilitative Facilities (2005), PA Association of Medical Suppliers (2007), PA Bio (2010), PA Association of School Retirees (2010) and PA Legislator of the Year for the American Heart Association (2012); Minsi Trails Council Good Scout Award (2007).

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.

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 believe the diversity of my practical experience as a private attorney, prosecutor, state representative and judge provides me with a broader background than most other candidates for this position. My familiarity with the various fields of practice will provide me with insight as an appellate judge which many candidates can offer, but combined with my perspective as a legislator and judge, I believe I have a keener sense of the jurisdiction and proprieties of judicial interpretation which are valuable for an appellate judge.

35. Did you sign the PBA Judicial Campaign Advertising Guidelines?

Yes