

## PERSONAL DATA QUESTIONNAIRE

1. State your full name: John Henry Foradora

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

No

2. Office address (include zip code): 200 Main Street Brookville PA. 15825

Office telephone (include area code): (814) 849-1624

Name of law firm, if associated:

3. Date and place of birth: 05/27/1966 DuBois 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: 09/19/1994  
Mary Margaret (Bleyer) Foradora

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 : Juniata College August, 1984 – May, 1988 BA History/ Political Science C. Jewett Henry Memorial Award for top political science senior intending to go to law school. Research Assistant for Thomas Baldino Ph.d. The University of Notre Dame Law School August, 1988 – September, 1991
  
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 July, 1991 admitted December, 1991  
United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania, January, 1997  
United States Court of Appeals for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Circuit, 2000  
United States Supreme Court, 2000
  
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:  
Law clerk for the Honorable Gordon J. Dagher, President Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of 59<sup>th</sup> Judicial District (Elk & Cameron counties) from August, 1991-August, 1992.
  
  - 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:  
August, 1992-January, 1995 Fernan, Whitney and Masson, 9 South Mill Street, Ridgway, PA. 15853, Associate

January, 1995-October, 1996, Law Offices of John R. Fernan, Esquire PC, 9 South Mill Street, Ridgway, PA. 15853, Associate  
October, 1996-February, 1997, Foradora & Foradora, 9 South Mill Street, Ridgway, PA. 15853, Partner  
February, 1997-January, 2002, Pontzer & Foradora, 220 Center Street, Ridgway, PA. 15853, Partner  
August, 1992-1995 Jefferson county Public Defender's Office, Courthouse, 200 Main Street Brookville PA. 15825, Assistant Public Defender

d) Any other relevant particulars:

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

1992- 2002 General Practitioner

1992-1995—40% Criminal Defense, 30% Family Law, 15% Civil Law, 10% Property, Oil & Gas and Minerals Law, 5% Corporate and estates  
1995-1997---35% Criminal Defense, 25% Family Law, 20% Civil Law, 10% Property, Oil & Gas and Minerals Law, 5% Worker's Compensation, 2.5% Municipal Law, 2.5% Corporate and Estates  
1997-2002---- 25% Criminal Defense, 15% Family Law, 20% Civil Law, 15% Worker's Compensation and Administrative Law 10% Property, Oil & Gas and Minerals Law, 10% Municipal Law, 10% Corporate and Estates

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

Criminal Defense- All types from a Summary Offense- to First Degree Murder Death Penalty.

Municipal Law- Jefferson County Fair Authority, Elk County Treasurer's Office, Elk County Solid Waste Authority, Emporium Borough Zoning Board, 7 Second class Townships.

Family Law- Divorce, Custody, Support & Domestic, Incapacitated Persons, Termination of Parental rights, Juvenile Dependency and Delinquency. Represented men and women in all types of proceedings from all type of backgrounds. Average family law case had two individuals in a ten to fifteen year marriage house with a mortgage small pensions lots of debt and two to three kids. Represented and litigated against individuals who owned closely held corporations and all kinds of gas, oil timber and mineral interests

Corporate Law- Represented several Powdered Metal Companies, Timber Companies, A Coal Company, Rental and real Estate Companies. Incorporated many small businesses. Also involved with several dissolutions and litigation surrounding dissolution.

Civil Law- Personal Injury Auto Accidents, Slip & Fall, Small Claims, Evictions, Premises Liability, Quiet Title and Ejectment actions, and anything else that came in the door.

Workmen's Compensation- represented injured workers in all phases

Property Law- Drafted deeds and Mortgages, easements and other documents of conveyance, searched titles, gave opinions of title, boundary disputes.

Estates- Drafted wills and trusts, settled estates and other probate matters

I tried to concentrate my practice around trial work and always wanted to maximize my time in the courtroom. By virtue of location and my age I never said "no" to anyone who had a case.

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:

President Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of the 54<sup>th</sup> Judicial District (Jefferson County) Pennsylvania, Elected November, 2001, Took office January, 2002-present. General Jurisdiction. Have held no other office.

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:

I am the only trial court Judge in the County I hear all matters for which I don't have a conflict. Criminal, Civil, Family, Domestic, Juvenile and Orphan's Court matters

b) The percentage of your time devoted to:

1. Civil: 20%

2. Criminal: 35%

3. Other: Family 45%

c) The percentage of your time devoted to:

1. Jury: 10%
2. Non-jury: 60%
3. Appellate argument: 15%
4. Other: 15% President Judge Administration activities

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

McMillen v. Hummingbird Speedway, Inc, et. al. 2010 WL 4403285  
National Fuel Gas Supply Corp. v. Kovalchick Corp., 74Pa.D&C 4<sup>th</sup>22 (Jefferson County 2005)  
National Fuel Gas Distribution Corp. v. Greenland Construction, Inc. 1Pa. D & C 5<sup>th</sup> 139 (Jefferson County 2007)  
Ingras v. BFG Electroplating & Manufacturing Co., 81 Pa. D & C 4<sup>th</sup> 481 (Jefferson County 2006)  
Hissong Kenworth Leasing, Inc. v. D&FJ Co., 71 Pa. D & C. 4<sup>th</sup> 22 (Jefferson County 2004)

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 a substantial portion but I did appear in front of the Workmen's Compensation Appeal Board, The Unemployment Compensation Review Board, The Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board, The Environmental Hearing Board, The Pennsylvania Human Relations Board, The Environmental Protection Agency

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:

Not a substantial portion but I did file or appear in front of The Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, the Superior Court of Pennsylvania and the Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania

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. Jefferson County District Attorney November 1993

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:

No

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:

Yes. In the 1990's while an associate at the law firm of Fernan, Whitney & Masson I assisted with a car accident case for Jim and Juanita Black. They sued claiming the consortium portion of their case had been waived. I had long since left the firm and settled my portion out of my own pocket.

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:

Donald Pristas v. The Honorable John Foradora USDCWD #08-729- disgruntled father-  
dismissed

Donald Pristas v. The Honorable John Foradora USDCWD #08-967- disgruntled father-  
dismissed

Ronald M. Painter v. Commonwealth, et. al. Mercer County Court of Common Pleas 2005-  
3559 disgruntled prisoner- dismissed

Russell S. Shick v. Jefferson County Prison, et. al. USDCWD # 06-0930 disgruntled  
prisoner- dismissed

Francis D. Tymensky v. Jefferson County Common Pleas Court, et. al. Elk County Court of  
Common Pleas 1363-2009 disgruntled defendant- dismissed

Francis D. Tymensky v. Jefferson County Common Pleas Court, et. al. USDCWD # 09-  
1094 disgruntled defendant- dismissed

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.)

Very good 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:

I have not written an brief in 13 years, looking on Westlaw my final brief in the case of John DePanfilis v. Workers' Compensation Appeal Board (Keystone Powdered Metals) 2001 WL 34756355 is available. I wrote that completely by myself. I am enclosing 5 opinions the first 2 (Rega & Public Credit) are exclusively mine the last 3 with the assistance of my law clerk.

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 2002- present, 2014-2015 Second vice President, 2013-2014 Treasurer, 2012-2013 Secretary. President Judge committee 2002 – present, liason to the County Commissioner Association 2005- present, Legislative committee 2005 – present, Executive committee 2007 – present, Special projects and Resolutions committee 2014- present, member of the following sections: Civil Law; Criminal Court; Family Court; Juvenile Court; Orphan's Court.

Pennsylvania Bar Association 1991- 2002

Elk County Bar Association 1991-2002

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. Clarion University CLE. Every October and April 2002 – Present. Moderator of Judge's panel

Business Law Professor DuBois Business College 1999-2001

Curriculum Advisory Board Butler Community College Brockway campus 2011-present  
Speaker to Lions, Masons, Grange, Boy Scouts, cub scouts, Several churches, All 4 High Schools in the County, many elementary schools in this and surrounding counties.



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:

Sons & Daughters of Italy Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania State President 2009-2011

Knights of Columbus 4<sup>th</sup> degree

Fraternal Order of Eagles

Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks

Brockway, Reynoldsville, Sigel, Heath Township, Warsaw Township Sportsmen's clubs

National Wild Turkey Federation

Ruffed Grouse Society

Ducks Unlimited

Trout Unlimited

Pheasants Forever

Eastern Chapter of Wild Sheep Foundation

Punxsutawney Groundhog Club

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.

The Archbishop John Mark Gannon Lifetime achievement award DuBois Central Catholic High School. 2003

Sons and Daughters of Italy, Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania Gold Medal Award 2013

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.

Member of the Governor's Advisory Committee on Probation, Appointed 2009 by Governor Rendell Reappointed 2013 Governor Corbett

One of 9 Judges appointed by the Chief Justice to the steering committee for the Judicial Needs Assessment

One of 4 Judges on the Sentencing Commission's Strategic Planning Workgroup.

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 want to decrease the amount of politics and increase the amount of decisions to provide a body of case law to guide attorneys and trial court judges in Pennsylvania. I am a people person who can build consensus and deliver more solid majorities. I have a low ego no axes to grind or agendas to serve other than to make this Supreme Court the best in the United States. Pennsylvania deserves better. Less Politics and more legal decisions.

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.

John Henry Foradori  
Type or print name  
John Henry Foradori  
Signature

12/11/14  
Date