

Personal Data Questionnaire

1. State your full name:

Paul Peter Panepinto

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

No.

2. Office address (include zip code):

Court of Common Pleas  
292 City Hall  
Philadelphia, PA 19107

Office telephone (include area code):

(215) 686-7916

Name of law firm, if associated:

N/A

3. Date and place of birth:

6/25/49 – Philadelphia, PA, USA

4. Are you a naturalized citizen? If so, give date and place of naturalization:

No. U. S. Citizen.

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. Married to Nancy Ellen Abbolone Panepinto on September 24, 1977.

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:

N/A

b) Have you ever been rejected or released from any of the armed services for reasons other than honorable? If so, give details.

N/A

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:

Villanova University - 1967-1971  
Received B.A. Degree

Delaware Law School of Widener University - 1972-1976  
Received Juris Doctor Degree

Villanova University - Graduate School - 1977-1979  
Received M.A. in Political Science

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 date of admission and if not admitted, give application dates and explain the outcome:

Admitted in all of the following jurisdictions:

Pennsylvania Bar, May 1977  
U.S. District Court for Eastern District of Pennsylvania, January 1978  
New Jersey State Bar, November 1977  
U.S. District Court for District of New Jersey, November 1977  
U.S. Supreme Court, March 1997

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, from 1977 to 1990:

..... 1004 Robinson Building, Philadelphia, Pa 19102

..... K. Nowak Law Offices, 200 Perrine Road, Old Bridge, NJ 08857  
Formerly Scherline & Nowak, 18 Throckmorton Lane, Old Bridge, NJ 08857

- 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:

June 1977 - January 1987

Intake Unit Attorney and Counsel in Family Court for City of Philadelphia, Court of Common Pleas

February 1987 to June 1990

Master in Juvenile Court - Family Division - Court of Common Pleas, City of Philadelphia

- d) Any other relevant particulars:

N/A

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

1977-1990 - Private practice was in the general Civil area.

1987-1990 - In Family Court my position as Master involved criminal trial work with delinquent and dependency cases.

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

In private practice, my clients were individuals with negligence cases, Estate planning (Wills), Real Estate & Family Law matters. My specialty area was Family Law and delinquency cases involving juveniles.

11. What judicial office do you now hold? State whether you have been appointed or elected and the dates thereof. 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 appointed Judge in June of 1990 to the Philadelphia Common Pleas Court bench. Elected Judge January 1992 to January 2002 (ten year term). I was appointed by the Pa. Supreme Court as Administrative Judge - Family Court of Philadelphia, on April 1, 1996 to December 2000. Retained as Judge of the Court of Common Pleas January 2002 to January 2012. Since May 2002, I have been assigned to the Civil Division. I was appointed Coordinating Judge of the Complex Litigation Civil Division January 2006 to April 2007, then on Day Forward Civil

Team 2007, and served as Motions Team Leader Civil Division. Later I was assigned to Civil Day Forward 2012 program. I was also appointed by Governor Edward Rendell to sit on the Court of Judicial Discipline 2003-2007. This Court has jurisdiction over the conduct of all Pennsylvania Judges/Justices.

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

a) The nature of typical matters which came before you:

Court of Common Pleas, Civil Trial Division  
Non Jury & Major Jury Complex Civil Litigation Matters including

- Medical Malpractice Trials
- Asbestos Trials
- Contractual & Real Estate Trial Work
- Motor Vehicle Injury Trials
- Mass Tort Complex Litigation & Pharmaceutical Program Trials
- Statutory Appeals from local governmental agencies

b) The percentage of your time devoted to:

1. Civil: 95% (includes Jury Trials, Statutory Appeals & Motions)
2. Criminal: 0%
3. Other: 5%

c) The percentage of your time devoted to:

1. Jury: 75%
2. Non-jury: 5%
3. Appellate argument: 15%
4. Other: 5%

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

- (1) C.C.H., as parent and natural guardian of T.G., a minor, and C.C.H., in her own right v. Philadelphia Phillies, Inc., et al., Philadelphia CCP August Term 2002, No. 1054; Superior Court Docket 3326 EDA 2005.
- (2) Matthew G. Walsh and Patricia A. Walsh, h/w v. Frederick B. Vivino, M.D., November Term 2001, No. 2509; Superior Court Docket 2867 EDA 2005.
- (3) Rhonda Wiggins and James Van Rooyen, III, v. Synthes (U.S.A.), October Term 2007, No. 1222; Superior Court Docket 2887 EDA 2010.
- (4) Parr, J. v. Ford Motor Company, et al., December Term 2009, No. 2893; Superior Court Docket 2793 EDA 2012.

(5) Hildo F. DeFranca and Maria F. DeFranca v. Trans-Fleet Concrete, INC., et al., March Term 2012, No. 2487; Superior Court Docket 1868 EDA 2014.

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 prior to my serving on the Bench.

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:

N/A

15. Have you ever held public office other than judicial office? If so, give details, including 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. I ran in the May 2007, 2009, and 2011 Republican Primary for Pennsylvania Supreme Court and Commonwealth Court and was unsuccessful in the Primary for the party nomination.

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 have not been engaged in any occupation or profession other than a law practice, but I do have real estate holdings and rental properties which may qualify as a business. I have bought and sold others from time to time during 1979 to 2013.

18. Are you now an officer or director or otherwise engaged in the management of 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:

I manage my own real estate and rental properties listed in No. 17 above.

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 for possible violation of a criminal statute? If so, give particulars:

No.

21. Has a tax lien or other collection procedure ever 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 December 2005, I was interviewed and later appeared in early 2006 as a witness in a Federal Grand Jury investigation pertaining to a School district of Philadelphia employee and their relationship to Philadelphia Family Court. This relationship occurred during the period of time that I was Administrative Judge of Philadelphia Family Court.

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. In August 2006, I had laparoscopic robotic prostatectomy. Excellent recovery and prognosis. I have doctor exams and checkups every six months with excellent results to date.

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:

Attached are copies of my Judicial Opinions authored by me in the five cases set forth in my response to 12(d).

I also attach Widener Law Journal Review Article I authored.

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):

See Resume attached.

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.

Civil Trial Division

2/21/06 – Conducted Civil Conversations in City Hall to prepare and discuss issues involved in Phen Fen cases with our Judges.

2/28/06 – PBI – Philadelphia – The CLE Conference Center  
8:30 AM-12:45 PM – “Management of Litigation in Philadelphia”

4/26/06 – Andrews Asbestos Conference held in San Antonio, Texas.  
to Gave presentation regarding our processing and procedure  
4/28/06 for asbestos cases here in Philadelphia

9/27/06 – Panel member on American Law Journal Television program taped

production on topic of "Pharmaceutical Lawsuits: Off-Label Use"

- 2007-2010- Frequent Lecturer on CLE panels with Pa/Phila Bar Association.
- 2009-2010- Widener University School of Law- Lecturer and Speaker on Professionalism Day and to students each year.
- 2013-2015- Adjunct Professor at Widener Law teaching Philadelphia Practice Course in Spring semesters

See Resume as I have participated in numerous other lectures and conferences as a panel member or lecturer over the years as a Judge and especially during my term as Administrative Judge from 1996-2000.

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:

See Resume attached.

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:

See Resume attached.

Received full four year academic scholarship to Villanova University.

Outstanding Alumnus of the Year Award, Widener University School of Law (1994).

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 election/retention to an Appellate Court of Pennsylvania:

In my general private practice as an attorney, I have represented every segment of society, including corporate clients as well as people of all nationalities. I have handled numerous cases and particularly represented the elderly, doing Estate and Real Estate matters on "pro bono" basis. As a Judge, I preside over trials and act honestly and conscientiously to base my decisions on the evidence and facts of each case.

I think it is important to note that neither I nor my committee accepted contributions from individual lawyers or law firms when I was campaigning for Judge of the Common Pleas Court in 1991 or as a Retention Judge in the 2001 and 2011 campaigns. However, my committee in the Pa. State Supreme Court race in 2007, 2009, and 2011 did accept campaign contributions from attorneys and law firms and other individuals within the guidelines and applicable State election laws.

I am proud that the Philadelphia Bar Association has enthusiastically supported me throughout my career and most especially, on October 8, 1998, I was honored by an award for outstanding service to the administration of justice in the First Judicial District of Pennsylvania as Administrative Judge for the Family Court Division of the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas.



I am especially proud of the achievement during the five years as Administrative Judge of Family Court of the programs initiated during my term, more specifically:

A. *Truancy Court - 1998*

Project S.T.A.R.T. (Stop Truancy And Recommend Treatment), which is the first of its kind not only in Pennsylvania but in the nation. This served as a model for Rhode Island's Statewide Truancy Court. See attached letter dated November 6, 2000 from Joseph R. Weisberger, Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Rhode Island, to our Chief Justice, John P. Flaherty, Jr.;

B. *Customer Service Center - 1998*

Formation of the Customer Service Division Unit for Domestic Relations. This Unit services the public in an effort to help make the Court more "user friendly";

C. *VACS Unit - 1997*

The Victim and Community Services Unit was organized to enable kids to get jobs and pay restitution for crimes committed in an effort to give back to the community;

D. *Court Improvement Project/Model Court - 1998*

A Federal project which was established to change the way dependency cases are handled in Philadelphia. My Administration has taken the lead in reducing the time kids are in foster care and helping them to achieve permanent placement sooner in their lives. We expect the results from this project to double the numbers of Adoption cases in our Court;

E. *PPP - 1998*

(Police Probation Partnership) in which the Police team with our Probation Department to apprehend youth who are in bench warrant status and have not been attending school.

F. *Networking for Jobs - 1999 and Bench Warrant Unit - 2000*

We formed a new unit to help parents obtain employment to help support their children. We also began the formation of comprehensive Bench Warrant Unit to handle the apprehension of parents who fail to pay child support obligations. Program involves intensive training of Warrant Officers to locate individuals during evening and weekend hours.

G. *Youth Violence Reduction Program*

The Court initiated a new program to target serious offenders between the ages of 16 and 25 working along with adult probation, police department and community groups to place intensive probation services on the most serious offenders and targeting specifically the highest crime rate areas in the City. The intense supervision, along with community support, began with an idea and has now grown into a major program with much local success and national prominence and recognition. Family Court staff worked arduously to get this program off the ground and running in the City of Philadelphia.

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 I am well qualified to be an Appellate Judge because I have the necessary formal qualifications as well as several personal traits that apply well to the position. I have served in the Court System for thirty nine years and have over twenty years experience as a Trial Judge in both the Family Division and Civil Trial Division of the Court of Common Pleas. I have proven myself with dedicated public service and my hard work has been acknowledged by my colleagues in the Court system I serve. I would like to continue to serve the public trust on the Appellate Bench, and I believe attainment of this position would be the highest honor and a privilege for me.

Special Strengths:

I have earned the respect of our Pennsylvania Supreme Court by being appointed Administrative Judge of the Philadelphia Family Court. I believe my appointment was based upon my reputation, judicial experience, leadership and good administrative skills. In January 2006, after four years in the Civil Trial Division, I was appointed Coordinating Judge of the Complex Litigation Center in Philadelphia which is nationally recognized for overseeing mass tort claims filed in Philadelphia each year, as well as instituting policies and programs which dispose of large numbers of cases. During this time, I have worked conscientiously to reduce the Civil backlog of cases. With my Judicial Colleagues, a very competent staff, good organization and mediation settlement techniques, we have successfully reduced our backlog (January 2006 - 10,017 cases to November 2006 - 2,564. I was also part of Team 2007 Civil Trial Division handling major complex jury trials. In April 2010 I was given the assignment of Team Leader Motion Court. This assignment is a heavy docket and includes Statutory Appeals from Governmental agencies, motion practice as well as writing numerous Opinions.

I believe I have the ability to organize and work hard to achieve goals set by myself. In addition to my Court responsibilities, I have been working since 1998 on the campaign to Stop Violence in Pennsylvania as part of the National Campaign to Stop Violence organized in Washington, D.C. In the program 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders are asked to write essays about violence, what it means to them

and offer their solutions to combat violence. This program allows students to talk and write about their thoughts and take a pledge to help stop violence in their community. To date, as Pennsylvania Chair organizing this project, Greater Philadelphia, Harrisburg, and Pittsburgh areas are part of the program and it is growing each year.

I served on the Court of Judicial Discipline appointed by Governor Rendell, which has jurisdiction over the conduct of all Pa. Judges/Justices. In that capacity, I was able to work with others, (lay persons, attorneys and Judges) and served in a position of public trust. I believe an Appellate Judge should have these qualities as well as good moral character, temperament and a true sense of responsibility for fairness.

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

Yes - attached hereto.