

## Personal Data Questionnaire

- State your full name: Dwayne D. Woodruff

Have you ever been known by any other name? If so, please list. **NO**

- Office address (include zip code):  
Court of Common Pleas  
440 Ross St. Rm. 5065  
Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Office telephone (include area code): 412 350-6281

Name of law firm, if associated:  
N/A

- Date and place of birth:  
February 18, 1957; Bowling Green, KY

- Are you a naturalized citizen? If so, give date and place of naturalization:  
N/A

- Family status:

- Are you married? If so, state the date of marriage and your spouse's full name, including maiden name, if applicable:  
May 13, 1978; Joy Maxberry Woodruff
- 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,

- Give dates, branch of service, rank of rate, and present status:  
N/A

- Have you ever been rejected or released from any of the armed services for reasons other than honorable? If so, give details:  
No

- 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:

University of Louisville, 1975 – 1979, BS in Finance

Duquesne University School of Law (Evening Program) 1984 – 1988, Juris Doctor

- 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.

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, 1988

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

- 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
- 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:

January 1989 – February 1997

Meyer Darragh Buckler Bebenek & Eck, Associate Attorney

U.S. Steel Tower, Suite 4850 600 Grant St. Pittsburgh, PA 15219

(Firm was previously located at 429 Forbes Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15219)

I served as an Associate Attorney in the practice areas of General Litigation, concentrating in product liability and insurance defense; Municipality Law (Solicitor, Wilkinsburg-Penn Joint Authority) and Sports & Entertainment Law (representing NFL, CFL and CBA athletes).

February 1997 – 2005

Capital Asset Research Corp., Regional V.P., Director of Operations and Counsel

437 Forbes Ave. Pittsburgh, PA 15219 (CARC is no longer located in

Pittsburgh)

Oversaw all aspects of municipal tax lien purchasing and servicing and directed all legal aspects of the company with regard to the Municipal Claims Act and other relevant state and federal laws.

February 1997 – December 2005

Woodruff Flaherty & Fardo, PC, Founding Partner

5541 Walnut St. Pittsburgh, PA 15232

The firm served clients in the area of general civil litigation, business, real estate, personal injury and debt collection. The majority of clients who retained my services required legal services regarding tax appeals, personal injury, debt collection, as well as probate. Additionally, I represented professional athletes doing contract negotiations and career management and developed that aspect of the firm's practice.

- 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 changed over the years?

In my initial role as an Associate Attorney with Meyer Darragh, I often sat as second chair counsel, providing research and opinions, while being mentored by the name partners of the firm. Early on (late 1989), the partners placed confidence in me and assigned me to sit as lead counsel for several major cases; all were product liability/insurance defense cases. In 1994, the firm, recognizing my background of 12 years as an NFL Player, offered me additional role as a Player Representative. Thus, I became certified as an NFL Player Representative. I also had the opportunity to represent several of my former NFL teammates in a variety of legal areas.

After founding my own firm in 1997, the majority of clients who retained my services (individuals and businesses) required legal services in the areas of real estate tax appeals, personal injury and debt collection. In addition, I continued to represent professional athletes in contract negotiations and career management. I also maintained primary responsibility for developing the professional sports aspect of the firm's practice.

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

See 9c and 10a.

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:

Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Fifth Judicial District of PA, Allegheny  
County

Appointed December 2005  
Elected November 2005

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:

For the past 11 ½ years, I have presided over Juvenile Delinquency, Juvenile Dependency, Adult Family, Protection from Abuse, Custody, Termination of Parental Rights and Adoption Cases; all have been non-jury.

b) The percentage of your time devoted to:

1. Civil:
2. Criminal
3. Other: Family 100%

c) The percentage of your time devoted to:

1. Jury:
2. Non-jury: 100%
3. Appellate argument:
4. Other:

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

In the Interest of: N.R. 1490 WDA 2011 (Opinion addresses the issues of reasonable or appropriate restitution and juvenile delinquency).

In the Interest of: D.O. 1098 WDA 2012 (Opinion addresses a biological parent's compliance with permanency plan and Family Service Plan goals and the consequential Permanency Review Order).

In the Interest of: T.W. 733 WDA 2014 (Opinion addresses the issue of constructive possession in a delinquency adjudication for carrying firearms without a license).

In Re: Adoption of: K.D. a.k.a. K.D. (Opinion addresses the grounds for termination of parental rights as to biological father).

In Re: Adoption of: R.K., L.K., E.H., Minors (Opinion addresses the grounds for termination of parental rights as to biological mother and father).

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:

N/A

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:

Allegheny County Democratic Committeeman: appointed 1988 – 1991

16. Have you ever been an unsuccessful candidate for elective, judicial, or other public office? If so, give details, including dates:

Yes. I was a candidate for PA Supreme Court in 2015 and did not prevail.

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:

NFL Player, Pittsburgh Steelers (Defensive Back 1979-1990)

Part Owner, Semi-Pro basketball team, Charlotte, NC and Pittsburgh, PA

Founder/Owner, Sports Entertainment Management Group, LLC: Contract negotiations and career management services for NFL Players (2003 – Present)

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.

Yes.

- I am the President and Treasurer of Woodruff Enterprises, Inc. (Incorporated January 15, 1997), a corporation that serves for-profit and not-for-profit businesses through consulting and marketing. (e.g. speaking engagements performed in my capacity as a Steeler/former Steeler is through this corporation).

- I am also a partner in RFW Ventures, LLC (formed March 18, 2002) formed by three individuals, for the sole purpose of purchasing a piece of real estate. It is important to note that while I am an owner, I am not an officer and I do not otherwise hold a management position in this entity.

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:

Yes. I am a party in several class action lawsuits versus the NFL/  
Pittsburgh Steelers.

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.)

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? 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:

See attached.

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).

Allegheny County Bar Association, member  
Pennsylvania Bar Association, member  
American Bar Association, member  
National Council of Juvenile & Family Court Judges, board member  
PA Interbranch Commission on Juvenile Justice, member  
Allegheny County Interbranch Commission on Juvenile Justice, Chair

2011 - 2012

Juvenile Court Judges' Commission, past member  
PA Juvenile Court Procedural Rules Committee, Vice Chair 2013 – '14,

past member

SAFE Workgroup (Shared Accountability for Education) Chair 2010 –

present

Educational Success & Truancy Prevention Committee, member  
National Campaign to Stop Violence, board member  
Allegheny County Judiciary Committee, past elected member  
PA House of Delegates, past elected 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.

I have prepared and presented several CLE programs on topics that include, but are not limited to ethics, education, school dropout prevention, rules changes, and sports agent and representation. I have also served as a presenter and panelist at State Trial Judges Conferences. Additionally, I preside over Mock Trials annually for urban middle schools and make appearances and speeches at multiple elementary, middle school, high school, college and community college classes in Pennsylvania, Ohio, West Virginia and Kentucky. Lastly, I am often requested to speak to companies and non-profit organizations and I accept as most or as many as I can comfortably fit in my schedule.

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:

Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh, Chairman  
NFL Alumni Pittsburgh Chapter, V. President  
Allegheny Center Alliance Church, Elder & Class Facilitator  
Pittsburgh "Do the Write Thing Challenge", Chair  
Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity, member  
NAACP, Lifetime Member  
Urban Impact Foundation, Past Board member  
American Cancer Society, Past Board chair  
Inner City Youth Development Program, Past Board member  
LaRoche College, Past Board member

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.

University of Louisville - Dean's List and Scholar-Athlete Award 1978, 1979  
Pittsburgh Steelers – Most Valuable Player 1982, 1987 Courage Award  
(comeback player), Chief Award 1988

Most recently:

- University of Louisville's "WOODRUFF ACADEMIC CENTER," dedicated 11.2.2006
- Juvenile Court Judges' Commission "Outstanding Leadership Award" (Nov. 2015)
- Mel Blount Youth Home Award (April 2015),
- HCEF "Champion for Children Award" (March 2015)
- WHIRL Magazine "Couples Who Make a Difference" (February 2014)
- Kentucky Athletic Hall of Fame (June 2013)
- "Leather Helmet Award" by the Minor Pro Football Hall of Fame (May 2013)
- Small Seeds Development, Inc. 2012 "Chairman Award"
- 2012 NAACP Pittsburgh – Homer S. Brown Award for Legal Service
- Steelers Alumni 2011 "Old Ranger Memorial Award" for Community Service



- UPMC 2011 "Community Champion Award" for DtWT
- 2011 Philadelphia Legal Intelligencer Diverse Attorney Award
- 2010 Life's Work Career -Achievement Award
- 2010 Three Rivers Youth Hall of Fame Award
- 2009 Pittsburgh - Courier Man of Excellence Award
- Duquesne University Law Alumni Outstanding Achievement Award (2007)
- Talk Magazine Salute for Achievement
- The North Hills Monthly Magazine "Mover and Shaker of the Month" (August 2006).

Prior to 2006, I received numerous awards, including Man of the Year Awards from the Pittsburgh YMCA, the American Cancer Society and the Multiple Sclerosis Society. I have also received numerous awards from the University of Louisville and New Richmond High School.

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.

- Rated "Highly recommended" by Allegheny County Bar Association (2004) for Common Pleas Court
- Rated "Highly recommended" by Allegheny County Bar Association (2012) for Federal Court Judge
- See attached Bio

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 am uniquely qualified to serve as a Justice on the PA Supreme Court and fulfill its foremost duties toward the citizens of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania due to my unparalleled life background/experiences of work and service. Also I would bring to the bench, a diverse perspective that is currently and has been sorely lacking for some time.

I possess an innate and nurtured ability to listen, hear and perceive acutely, as well as a proven and exhibited even temperament, fortified with the appropriate amount of empathy and wisdom. My nearly 12 years as a judge, coupled with the judicial commissions/committees that I have served on since my first year as a judge, have provided me with in-depth knowledge and invaluable insight into the law and the importance of properly and uniformly interpreting the laws.

Finally to answer the question of "why I wish to become a Justice", I believe that my primary life purpose is one of service to others. I desire to attain the position of Supreme Court Justice to fulfill my purpose.

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.

Type or print name

Signature

Date