

PERSONAL DATA QUESTIONNAIRE

1. State your full name:

Emiddio Anthony Giordano

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

Emil Anthony Giordano

2. Office address (include zip code):

**Northampton County Courthouse
669 Washington Street, Easton, PA 18042**

Office telephone (include area code):

(610) 829-6945

3. Date and place of birth:

November 8, 1959, Brooklyn, New York

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:

Yes, November 20, 1994, Tina Louise Giordano, Maiden Name: Quier

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

Yes, July 12, 1990, CV-1990-1768, Northampton County Court of Common Pleas

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:

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 School of Law, Villanova, PA 1982 - 1985
Juris Doctorate - Graduated 1985

Moravian College, Bethlehem, PA 1980 - 1982
Bachelor of Arts Degree - Political Science - Graduated 1982

The Pennsylvania State University - Lehigh Valley, Allentown, PA 1977 - 1980
Transferred 1980

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 the State of New York, 1985.

Admitted to practice in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, 1986.

Admitted to practice in United States District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania, 1987.

Admitted to practice before Northampton County Court of Common Pleas, 1987.

Admitted to practice before Lehigh County Court of Common Pleas, 1988

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

Court of Common Pleas of Northampton County

669 Washington St., Easton, PA 18042

(2004 - Present)

Judge, Third Judicial District

- Presides over jury and non-jury, criminal and civil matters
- Compensated position.

Giordano Law Offices

1001 Old Post Rd., Coplay, PA 18037

(1988 - 2003)

Private law practice.

- Litigated criminal, civil, municipal, construction and commercial cases in Federal and State courts.
- Compensated position.
- Ceased practice to become a Judge of the Court of Common Pleas.
- Served as Solicitor to the following municipalities:
- Hanover Township, Northampton County, *Special Solicitor*, 2001 – 2003

- Borough of Chapman, 1999 – 2003
- Borough of North Catasauqua, 1995 – 2003
- Borough of Northampton, 1994 – 2003
- Moore Township, 1992 – 1993
- Upper Mount Bethel Township Policeman's Association, 1990 – 1995
- Assistant Public Defender, Northampton County Public Defender's Office, Easton, PA 1994 - 1996
- Assistant Public Defender, Lehigh County Public Defender's Office, Allentown, PA, 1990
- Solicitor, Tri-Boro Sportsmen Club, 1992 - 2003
- Solicitor, F.O.P Le-Hampton Lodge, 1988 - 1991

Piosa, Hixson, Giordano & Reilly

1001 Old Post Rd., Coplay, PA 18037

(1997 - 1999)

Partner

- Maintained private case load, as well as performed litigation for other partners.
- Compensated position.
- Resigned to focus on my own private practice.

Johnson, Ashcraft & Giordano

1001 Old Post Rd., Coplay, PA 18037

(1993)

Partner

- Maintained private case load, as well as performed litigation for other partners.
- Compensated position.
- Resigned to become a partner at a new firm.

Steckel & Stopp

1036 Main St., Slatington, PA 18080

(1989 - 1992)

Of counsel

- Maintained private case load, as well as performed litigation for other counsel.
- Compensated position.
- Resigned to become a partner at a new firm.

Holland, Taylor and Sorrentino, P.C.

561 East Market St., Bethlehem, PA 18018

(1987 - 1988)

Associate

- Civil litigator, managed all aspects of insurance defense from discovery through trial.
- Compensated position.
- Resigned to join new firm.

Broome County District Attorney's Office

45 Hawley St. Binghamton, NY 13901

(1985 - 1987)

Assistant District Attorney

- Prosecuted summary, misdemeanor and felony cases.
- Handled grand jury presentments.
- Compensated position.
- Resigned to litigate in Pennsylvania firm.

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

As my history outlines, I began as an Assistant District Attorney, was a Public Defender, worked with labor unions, municipalities, did insurance defense, workers' compensation litigation, plaintiffs' personal injury work, real estate and business law.

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

Injured plaintiffs- 30%

Construction/small or medium companies- 25%

Municipal- landowner or municipality- 30%

Wills/estates- 15%

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 am a Judge of the Court of Common Pleas. I was elected to office in 2003. I sit in the trial court of general jurisdiction and handle cases of all origination.

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:

As a Judge on the Court of Common Pleas I handle matters of all origination.

b) The percentage of your time devoted to:

1. Civil: 20%

2. Criminal: 15%

3. Estates: 20%

4. Domestic Relations: 15%

5. Other: 30%

c) The percentage of your time devoted to:

1. Jury: 20%

2. Non-jury: 40%

3. Appellate argument: 20%

4. Other: 20%

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

KMRD, L.P. vs. Forks Township Zoning Hearing Board (Northampton County No. CV-2008-5549); KMRD, L.P vs. Forks Township Zoning Hearing Board (Northampton County No. CV-2008-13548)

Commonwealth acting by Attorney General Thomas W. Corbett, Jr. v. Lawrence Manson, Jr., individually and as Chief Executor Officer, Unclaimed Freight Company, LLC and Unclaimed Freight Company, LLC (Northampton County No. CV-2002-8399)

Roy Seiple, James DePalma, Michael Melinsky, Gary Hammer, and Darrin Windling v. Borough of Nazareth and Nazareth Borough Council (Northampton County No. CV-2004-1167)

Muretta v. Williams Township Board of Supervisors and Chrin Brothers, Inc. (Northampton County No. CV-2009-7623); Baratta v. Williams Township Board of Supervisors and Chrin Brothers, Inc. (Northampton County No. CV-2010-0079)

Peter J. DeBonis and Lynn E. DeBonis v. J.R. Faust & Sons Construction, LLC, TJF Land Development, LLC, Faust Construction, Inc., Hidden Tall Oaks, I L.P., Hidden Tall Oaks, II L.P. and Lower Nazareth Township and Schlouch Incorporated (Northampton County No. CV-2006-7329)

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:

Pennsylvania Superior Court- 2%

Pennsylvania Commonwealth Court- 2%

Workers' Compensation Appellate Board- 2%

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:

Please see Question 13.

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:

- I was an unsuccessful candidate against John Morganelli for the Office of District Attorney of Northampton County in 1991.
- I was an unsuccessful candidate against Cindy Marakovits for the Office of Northampton County Council in 1995.
- I was nominated by Governor Mark Schweiker in 2002 for a Northampton County Court of Common Pleas bench vacancy, but I was not confirmed by the Senate.
- I was an unsuccessful candidate for Superior Court in 2015.

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 also worked as a fitness instructor, a musician and in my family's pizza business.

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:

I was a defendant in a legal malpractice case in which I failed to file a complaint within the applicable statute of limitations. Upon discovery of the same, I advised my client to obtain counsel and contact my insurance carrier. The matter was settled quickly in favor of my client. Attorney Richard Kovacs represented me in that matter.

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:

I had been the plaintiff in several collection actions when I was a private attorney. Those records have been destroyed and I have no further information regarding the same.

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.)

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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:

Please see the attached judicial opinions

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, 2003 - present
American Bar Association, 1990 - present
Pennsylvania Bar Association, 1987 - present
Northampton County Bar Association, 1987 - present
**Northampton County Bar Association Continuing Legal Education
Committee, *Chairman*, 2003**
**Northampton County Bar Association Municipal Law Committee, *Chairman
and Lecturer*, 2001 - 2002**
Northampton County Judicial Selection Commission, 2001
**Northampton County Bar Association Labor Law Committee, date not
recalled**
Pennsylvania Uninsured Motorist Commission, date not recalled
Lehigh County Bar Association, *Member* - 1987 to date not recalled

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.

Moravian College, Bethlehem, PA

2005 - Present

Adjunct Professor

Teaching the following Undergraduate classes:

- Corrections in America
- Criminal Law and Society
- Crimes and Courts
- Criminal Law and Process
- Criminal Law and Evidence
- Family Law

DeSales University, Center Valley, PA

2005 - 2015

Adjunct Professor

Teaching the following Graduate *Masters of Criminal Justice* class:

- Issues in Criminal Law

Teaching the following Undergraduate classes:

- Criminal Law
- Criminal Procedure
- Senior Seminar

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:

Justinian Society of Philadelphia, 2015 - present
 Pennsylvania Conference of State Trial Judges, 2003 - present
 American Bar Association, 1990 - present
 Pennsylvania Bar Association, 1987 - present
 Northampton County Bar Association, 1987 - present

Civic:

Saint Thomas More Society, *Member of Board of Governors*,
 2012 - present
 UNICO, *Member*, 1996 – 2004, 2012 - present
 Hellertown Lions Club, *Member*, 2003 - present
 Notre Dame CYO, *Member of Board of Directors*, 2012 - 2015
 Bethlehem Catholic High School, *Member of Endowment Board*,
 2011 –dissolution
 Lower Saucon Historical Society, *Member*, 2002 to date not
 recalled
 Notre Dame CYO, *Coach*, 2001 - 2011
 Lehigh Little League, *Board of Directors and Coach*, 2000 – 2010
 Hanover Township, Northampton County, Park & Recreation
 Advisory Board, *Member*, 2006 - 2008
 Hanover Township, Northampton County, *Crime Watch*
Coordinator, 1998 - 2001
 Lehigh Valley Yankees Fan Club, 1996 to date not recalled.

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.

- Tom Schmidt Coaching Award For Portraying Christian Values, Sportsmanship, and Teamwork , 2015
- Lehigh Valley Crime Victims Council Award for Outstanding Commitment to Victims' Rights - 2005 (*first judge to receive this award*)
- Bethlehem Catholic High School Distinguished Graduate Award - 2005
- Sons of Italy Annual Achievement Award - 2004
- Victims of Irreparable Crime Experience endorsed candidate, Office of District Attorney of Northampton County - 1991
- Fraternity brother with highest GPA, Moravian College - 1982
- Who's Who in American Junior Colleges, Penn State University - Lehigh Valley - 197

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.

As a candidate for Superior Court in 2015 I was recommended by the Pennsylvania Bar Association for both the Superior and Commonwealth Courts.

I am a member of the Judicial Continuing Education Committee and will be presenting on the topic of guardianships to other judges in February of 2017.

I am also a member of the Pennsylvania Orphans Court Committee and have been contributing to the creation of an Orphans' Court Bench Book.

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 Judge, I think I have developed a reputation to be fair, honest and approachable, who balances the need to move dockets with the rights of litigants to have their day in Court.

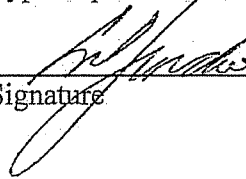
35. Did you sign the PBA Judicial Campaign Advertising Guidelines? (Please return signed pledge with completed questionnaire.)

Yes, please see attached.

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.

Emil Giordano
Type or print name


Signature

12/13/16
Date