

PERSONAL DATA QUESTIONNAIRE

1. State your full name:

Lillian Harris Ransom

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

Lillian Harris

2. Office address (include zip code):

The Public Ledger Building

600 Chestnut Street, Suite 705

Philadelphia, PA 19106

Office telephone (include area code):

(215) 560-1990

Name of law firm, if associated:

N/A

3. Date and place of birth:

10/28/1947 - Virginia

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:

No

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

Yes - (8/2/1985) - Court: Montgomery County, Pennsylvania.

Case#: 84-18655

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:

Hampton University (Institute) 1966-1970 Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education. Graduated with Honors.

Temple University, 1970-1972 Master of Education. Graduated with Highest Honors.

Saint Louis University School of Law, 1978-1980. Completed course work in two and one half years, finishing in December 1980 however, the school only graduated students once per year so the graduation was not until Spring 1981.

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.

Missouri – 1981

Pennsylvania - 1981

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, 1985-1995. 4841 Germantown Avenue, Philadelphia, PA.

- 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:

Hampton Institute Early Childhood Laboratory School, Instructor, 1972-74

Norfolk State University, Adjunct Professor—1973-75

**South Eastern Tidewater Opportunity Project, Director of Model Cities
Child Care Programs --1973-1975**

University of Missouri—St. Louis, Adjunct Professor, 1975-1976

St. Louis Housing Authority, Asst. Director of Social Services, 1976-1978

Harris-Stowe State Teachers College, Adjunct Professor, 1978-1980

Union Electric Utility Company-Legal Department, March-July, 1981

Law Offices of Ted Thompson, Associate, 1982-1983

Law Offices of Bradley & Associate, Associate 1983-1985

Law Offices of Lillian Harris Ransom, 1985-1995

**Judge – Court of Common Pleas, First Judicial District of Pennsylvania:
1995 - 2016**

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?

Typical clients were individuals. Areas of practice included bankruptcy, wills and estates, criminal defense.

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

See 10 a.

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, Superior Court of Pennsylvania. Appointed June, 2016. This is a mid-level appellate court with general jurisdiction. Prior to joining the Superior Court, I served for 21 years on the Court of Common Pleas for the First Judicial District of Pennsylvania. Elected in 1995. Retained in 2005 and in 2015.

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:

1. **Statewide appellate general jurisdiction except matters reserved for the Commonwealth Court.**
2. **Homicides**
3. **Direct File Juveniles**
4. **Resentencing Juvenile Lifers**

b) The percentage of your time devoted to:

1. **Civil: 35%**
2. **Criminal: 50%**
3. **Other: 15%**

c) The percentage of your time devoted to:

1. **Jury: None now – 95% in homicide cases**
2. **Non-jury: None now – 5% criminal cases**
3. **Appellate argument: 10-12 days per year**
4. **Other: Appellate cases generally are submitted on the pleadings.**

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

1. **Commonwealth vs. Clyde Green, No. 3587 EDA 2014**
2. **Commonwealth vs. John Smallwood, No. 2231 EDA 2013**
3. **Commonwealth vs. Damien Washington, No. 365 EDA 2011**
4. **Intech Metals vs. Meyer, Wagner & Jacobs, No. 374 WDA 2016**
5. **Commonwealth vs. Melvin Taylor Solomon, 1209 WDA 2015**

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:

No

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

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:

Prior to receiving my law degree, I taught college courses in Virginia and in Missouri. The students were in training to become teachers, See 9c.

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:

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:

Ransom v. Ransom (Divorce)

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

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:

These cases are attached as Addendum "A".

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).

Philadelphia Bar Association – Member

Women's Lawyers Division of the National Bar Association – Member

The Barristers' Association of Philadelphia, Inc. – Member, former Advisory Committee Member (2012 to 2013)

National Bar Association – Member

National Bar Association Judicial Council – Member, former Executive Committee (2003 to 2004)

Clifford Scott Green Chapter, National Bar Association Judicial Council – Member, Past Chair (2004 to 2006)

Pennsylvania Conference of State Trial Judges – Member (1996 to 2016)

Board of Judges, First Judicial District, Parliamentarian, Member Education Committee, Chair Bylaws Committee, Member Arts in City Hall Committee

Children's Fast Track Committee, Pennsylvania Superior Court

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.

In addition to the matters listed in 9c of this document, during my judicial career I have served as a guest lecturer at the Villanova School of Law and I have served as a teacher or discussion leader on several occasions for the National Judicial College, Reno, Nevada.

I have spoken at the Pennsylvania State Trial Judges Conference, the Annual PBI Criminal Law Symposium, the Bench Bar Conference and the Meet The Judges programs in Philadelphia.

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:

Our Garden Club of Philadelphia and Vicinity

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.

1992-Presidential Award— The Barristers' Association of Philadelphia, Inc.

1994-President's Award—The Barristers' Association of Philadelphia, Inc.

1994-Outstanding Leadership and Service Award 1988-1994—Germantown YMCA

1995-Madame C.J.Walker Award—National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc. – Pennsylvania Chapter

1999-Spirit Award—YMCA of Germantown

2000-Chisolm Award—Philadelphia Congress of National Political Congress of Black Women

2000-Mary Philbrook Public Interest Award—Rutgers Law School

2000-Doris May Image Award—Women Lawyers' Division of the National Bar Association

2000-Community Service Award—Supportive Child/Award Network

2002-Meritorious Accomplishment Award—National Bar Association Judicial Council, Clifford Scott Green Chapter

2002-Recognition of Accomplishment—National Bar Association Judicial Council, Clifford Scott Green Chapter

2002-Award for Contributions to Public Education—Preparatory Charter High School

2004-Most Valuable Peacemaker Award--Good Shepherd Mediation Program

2004-Award of Appreciation—National Bar Association Judicial Council, Clifford Scott Green Chapter

2011-Chair's Award—National Bar Association Judicial Council, Clifford Scott Green Chapter

2012-President's Award— National Bar Association Judicial Council, Clifford Scott Green Chapter

2014-Judge Doris May Harris Image Award--Women Lawyer's Award, National Bar Association

2015-A. Leon Higginbotham Award—The Barristers' Association of Philadelphia, Inc.

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.

Since my appointment to the Superior Court of Pennsylvania, I have sat twice for Argument Panels and will sit on the En Banc Panel in December. I have overseen the submission of 15 Memoranda or Opinions for each of the Argument Panels as well s 15 Memoranda or Opinions for each of the seven (7) Submission Panels to which I have been assigned. I have also served as Single Judge Motions judge and as a member of three judge motions panels.

As a member of the Superior Court of Pennsylvania, I have successfully managed an enormous case load, have served on at least one committee of this court and have managed a staff of highly trained law clerks.

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?

Having served as a judge of the Court of Common Pleas since 1996 I believe that I have demonstrated my knowledge of established legal principles and procedures as well as having shown the ability to apply these principles and procedures to specific factual situations. In several instances I have been a leader in the efforts to implement system wide changes such as presiding over Discovery Court for one year, as well as serving as one of the first Smart Room judges. Both of these initiatives and others such as the Model Dependency Court Program have highlighted my devotion to the improvement to the quality of justice.

My actions both on and off the bench have demonstrated a consistently high degree of integrity and ethical standards. This includes my demonstrated financial responsibility. I have maintained good physical and mental health and am fully capable of continuing to perform the duties of this office.

Judicial temperament is paramount to having a successful judicial career. During the course of the court day there are many factors which must be balanced.

During the time that I have served on the bench, I believe that I have demonstrated the ability to be courteous and tactful with all who have appeared before me, whether they have been attorneys, witnesses, family members, defendants or jurors. I have listened and have made every effort to render decisions which are both fair minded and just.

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.

Honorable Lillian Harris Ransom
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Signature

December 9, 2016
Date