

## PERSONAL DATA QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Write your full name.

Thomas G. Saylor

2. Date and place of birth:

December 14, 1946  
Meyersdale, Pennsylvania

3. 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, June 19, 1971; Patricia Ruth (Edgell) Saylor

b) Since assuming your current judicial position, have you been divorced? If so, state the date, the number of the case and the court:

No

4. Have you had any military service? If so,

a) Provide dates, branch of service, rank of rate, serial number 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, please provide details:

No

5. List each college and law school you attended, including dates of attendance, and the degrees awarded.

University of Virginia	1965-1969	B.A. with Distinction
Columbia Law School	1969-1972	J.D.
University of Virginia Law School	Summers 2002-2003	LL.M.

By way of further explanation, the LL.M. degree is a Masters of Laws in the Judicial Process through the University of Virginia School of Law's Graduate Program for Judges.

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

a) The percentage of your time devoted to:

1. Civil: Approximately 30 percent

2. Criminal: Approximately 30 percent

3. Other: Approximately 10 percent

4. Administrative responsibilities: Approximately 30 percent

b) Please identify ten (10) of the more significant opinions you have rendered and citations thereto if the cases were reported:

Per the letter from the Chair of the Judicial Evaluation Commission dated May 24, 2017, I understand that the requirement to provide ten opinions has been suspended pending reexamination, and that the Committee will undertake on its own initiative to select and review some of the opinions that I have authored.

7. Are you now an officer or director or otherwise actively engaged in the management of any business enterprise? If so, please provide details, including the name of the business 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

8. Since assuming your current judicial position, have you 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, please provide details. Do not include summary traffic offenses:

No

9. Are you under any ongoing federal, state or local investigation for possible violation of a criminal statute? If so, please provide particulars:

No

10. Since assuming your current judicial position, has a tax lien or other collection procedure been instituted against you by federal, state or local authorities? If so, please provide particulars:

No

11. Since assuming your current judicial position, have you been a party to or otherwise been involved in any other legal proceedings? If so, please provide particulars. Do not list proceedings in which you were merely a guardian ad litem or stakeholder. Do include all legal proceedings in which you were a party in interest, a material witness, were named as a co-conspirator or a co-respondent and any grand jury investigations in which you figured as a subject or in which you appeared as a witness:

During my tenure, I have not been named a party to any litigation in my personal capacity. I have been named in my official capacity, along with other Justices and public officials, in various suits filed in federal court, typically by prisoners and other *pro se* litigants. These matters are handled by the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts, which can provide details if necessary. I do not maintain any independent records concerning these types of matters.

12. Since assuming your current judicial position, have you been disciplined or cited for a breach of ethics or unprofessional conduct by, or been the subject of a complaint to, any court, administrative agency, bar association, disciplinary committee, or other professional group? If so, please provide particulars:

I have never been disciplined or cited for a breach of ethics or unprofessional conduct. A spurious and unfounded complaint was apparently filed in the Judicial Conduct Board in 2015. The complaint alleged improprieties associated with a nomination that I had made for a lay position on the Court of Judicial Discipline. After investigation, that complaint was dismissed as unsubstantiated.

13. If you so desire, please 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).

Legal Intelligencer, Distinguished Leaders Award, 2017

Duquesne Law Alumni, Distinguished Public Service Award, 2015

Lawyers Club of Philadelphia, Distinguished Judicial Service Award, 2015

Widener University School of Law, Jurist in Residence, 2009-2014

Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania, Doctor of Laws, honoris causa, 2012

Cumberland County Law Enforcement Officers Association, Outstanding Public Service/Lifetime Membership Award, 2007

In 2006, the Gideon Award from Temple University James E. Beasley School of Law was given in my honor "for adhering to the principle that the constitutional rights of all persons accused of crime should be respected and for achieving in his opinions a sensitive balance between the Bill of Rights and laws enacted by legislatures."

Widener University School of Law, Doctor of Laws, honoris causa, 2002

14. In the space provided below, if desired, please provide any additional comments concerning your retention candidacy.

I have been privileged to serve on the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania for the last nineteen years, in which I have focused on producing judicial opinions that advance fairness, stability and certainty in the law, consistent with the interests of justice. Although I have assumed greater administrative and supervisory responsibilities, my original commitment remains.


15. 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.

Thomas G. Saylor  
Type or print name

  
Signature

6/5/17  
Date