

PERSONAL DATA QUESTIONNAIRE

1. State your full name:

Wade Alan Kagarise

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

No

2. Office address (include zip code):

423 Allegheny Street, Suite 244, Hollidaysburg, PA 16648

Office telephone (include area code):

(814) 693-3070

Name of law firm, if associated: N/A

3. Date and place of birth: January 29, 1973, Altoona, Pennsylvania

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:

No

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

a) Give dates, branch of service, rank of rate, and present status:

Yes. United States Army Reserves 1990-1996, Obtained E-4 Specialist Rank
Awarded Honorable Discharge

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:

Indiana University of Pennsylvania, 1992-1995, B.A., Graduated Cum Laude

Mount Aloysius College, Summer of 1992 & 1993

Widener University School of Law, 1995-1997, J.D., Moot Court Honor Society, Trial Advocacy Honor Society, Dean's Honors List (2x), Certificate of Achievement-Trial Methods

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.

Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, May 14, 1998

U.S. District Court, Western District of Pennsylvania, March 18, 2002

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, October 8, 2010

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:

N/A

- b) Whether you practiced alone and, if so, the addresses and the dates:

Law Office of Wade A. Kagarise, 2001-1013, 304 Union Street, Hollidaysburg, PA 16648 (2001-2006), 507 Allegheny Street, Hollidaysburg, PA 16648 (2006-2012) and 300 Union Street, Hollidaysburg, PA 16648 (2012-2013)

- 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:

Blair County Assistant District Attorney, Hollidaysburg PA 1998-2006

Blair County Chief Deputy District Attorney, Hollidaysburg, PA 2006-2013

- 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 changed over the years?

As a solo practitioner from 2001 to 2013, I engaged in a litigation practice focusing mostly on family, civil, and labor law litigation. I was in a court or hearing almost daily. As an assistant district attorney and chief deputy district attorney from 1998 to 2013, I was responsible for the prosecution of various criminal cases including serious criminal matters such as rape, assault, homicide by vehicle and murder (including death penalty cases). As a chief deputy district attorney, I was also responsible for the supervision of other attorneys and staff.

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

As a solo practitioner, my clients were everyday citizens and occasionally entities such as small business owners, estates, or non profits. As a prosecutor, my "client" would be the citizens of the Commonwealth.

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 was elected to a ten year term on the Court of Common Pleas of Blair County in 2013 and began my service in January 2014. I am a general jurisdiction judge and handle any matter that would fall within the jurisdiction of the Court of Common Pleas. I have not held any other judicial office.

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:

All matters under the jurisdiction of the Court of Common Pleas including criminal, civil, family and orphans court matters.

- b) The percentage of your time devoted to:

1. Civil: Approximately 20%

2. Criminal: Approximately 40%

3. Other: Family Matters. Approximately 40%

c) The percentage of your time devoted to:

1. Jury: 5-10%
2. Non-jury: 90-95%
3. Appellate argument: N/A
4. Other: Committees, Administrative responsibilities

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

None of my opinions have resulted in reported decisions. I respectfully submit that the Court of Common Pleas Courts in Pennsylvania issue significant and important decisions on a daily basis. Therefore, I have reviewed my opinions for the preceding six months to provide examples of opinions I have rendered. While I wouldn't consider any of them more significant than others, they are in my opinion significant: 1. Commonwealth v Andrews, decided June 9, 2016 (Post Sentence Motion denied in case where Defendant was sentenced to thirty-three to sixty-six years as a result of convictions of drug law violations resulting from a prescription drug ring that operated in over forty counties in Pennsylvania.) 2. Vargas et al. v. Estate of Wagner et al. decided August 9, 2016 (Summary Judgment granted in part. Commonwealth removed as a defendant in multiple injury automobile accident case involving five different counsel) 3. Commonwealth v. Clark, decided August 9, 2016 (Defendant's omnibus pre-trial motion denied. Case involves criminal charges against defendant for alleged physical injuries incurred by a six week old baby) 4. Commonwealth v. Stephenson, decided August 11, 2016 (Motion to Modify Sentence denied after sentence of eighteen to forty years resulting from third degree murder conviction) 5. Rabenstein v. City of Altoona, decided October 7, 2016 (City of Altoona Plumbing Board decision constituted a local agency decision and therefore written findings required for decision to deny applicant a license to operate as a plumber)

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:

Approximately twenty percent of my private practice resulted from litigation in the Unemployment Compensation Board of Review, Bureau of Workers Compensation, or State Civil Service Commission. I also occasionally represented clients concerning filings with the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission.

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:

A less than substantial portion of my private law practice involved matters in the Appellate Courts. However, I occasionally litigated appeals in the Commonwealth Court and Superior Court on behalf of clients. One of those cases resulted in a reported en banc decision from the Commonwealth Court the day I was sworn in as Judge.

As a prosecutor, I consistently handled matters in the Superior Court. The District Attorney's Office I worked for followed a vertical prosecution model and therefore I defended all of my convictions in the Appellate Courts when an appeal was filed. This occurred often. I also initiated appeals on behalf of the Commonwealth when appropriate. In the five years prior to being a member of the judiciary, I was also a supervisor in the District Attorney's Office (one of two prosecutors acting as the functional equivalent of First Assistant). In this capacity, I occasionally handled matters filed with the Supreme Court and I oversaw and provided guidance in Appellate work conducted by assistants subordinate to me. I also assisted in making decisions as to whether our office would initiate an appeal on behalf of the Commonwealth.

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:

Yes. Assistant District Attorney and Chief Deputy District Attorney, 1998-2013. I also held elected positions in the Republican Party but believe these positions do not constitute "public office".

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

Yes. Hollidaysburg Area School Board. 1991

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:

While a student in high school and college, I worked in numerous jobs including factory work, fast food, and other service work. Ironically, one of my first jobs was as a baseball umpire. After becoming an attorney, I became employed as an Adjunct Professor in the Criminal Justice/Sociology Department at Saint Francis University in Loretto, Pennsylvania. This employment began in 2009 and continues to this day. For a few years, I was also employed as a Professor in Saint Francis University's paralegal program.

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:

In 2001, while a member of the executive board of the Blair County Republican Party, I, along with other members of the Board, was sued in a Declaratory Judgment action. In 2004, a dispute between a roofing company and myself and another property owner in my townhouse complex resulted in litigation over the cost of services. The litigation for which I was a party was settled amicably in 2005.

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.)

I am in very good health

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:

I have provided copies of the five opinions referenced in the answer to question 12(d). One through four were entirely my personal work. Number five was a collaborative effort with my law clerk.

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, current legislative committee member
State Council for Interstate Juvenile Supervision, appointed by Governor Corbett
Blair County Court Mental Health Services Committee, Chair
Jeremiah S. Black, Inn of Court
Blair County Bar Association, former Public Relations Chair
Western Pennsylvania Federal District Court Nominating Committee, appointed by
United States Senator Patrick Toomey

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.

Adjunct Professor, Criminal Justice/Sociology Department, Saint Francis University,
Loretto, Pennsylvania. 2009 to the Present

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:

Rotary, Current Vice-President and Sergeant at Arms
American Legion
Operation Our Town
Blair County Crime Solvers
Blair County Chamber

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.

In addition to answer 7, I also received a partial academic scholarship after my first year in law school for my academic standing. In 2010, I received a Certificate of Appreciation from the Blair County Bar Association for my participation in a Pro Bono Program

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.

See answer to #34

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 that I have the broad based legal and judicial experience to be an effective Judge on the Superior Court. I have a reputation for having a strong work ethic and dedication to the law. I also believe strongly in public service. As a Veteran of the United States Army Reserves, former prosecutor and now Judge I believe in giving back to my country and community. I desire to continue my service in this capacity.

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.

Wade Alan Kagarise

Type or print name

Wade Alan Kagarise

Signature

December 6 2016

Date