AS A CANDIDATE FOR THE PENNSYLVANIA APPELLATE COURTS, I HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE AND AUTHORIZE THE PROCEEDURES OF THE PENNSYLVANIA BAR ASSOCIATION JUDICIAL EVALUATION COMMISSION, INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING:

1. The Pennsylvania Bar Association Judicial Evaluation Commission will make available to the public the Questionnaire and my responses to it, except for the questions and responses which are acknowledged to be confidential, which information shall remain available only to the Commission and an investigative panel.

2. The rating assigned to me by the Commission will be publicly announced and will be accompanied by an explanation of reasons for the rating.

3. Should I receive a Not Recommended rating, the Commission will endeavor to notify me prior to a public announcement. If I withdraw from the race, the unfavorable recommendation will not be announced during this current election cycle.

4. I hereby authorize the Pennsylvania Judicial Conduct Board, the Disciplinary Board of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, and the Pennsylvania Board of Law Examiners to transmit my entire file and record, including confidential information contained therein, to the Pennsylvania Bar Association Judicial Evaluation Commission. I hereby specifically waive any confidentiality rights I may have in those records.

5. I hereby authorize the Judicial Conduct Board, the Disciplinary Board, and the Board of Law Examiners, or the equivalent, in any jurisdiction where I have practiced, been admitted to practice or have applied to either take a bar examination or for admission to the bar to transmit my entire file and record, including confidential information contained therein, to the Pennsylvania Bar Association Judicial Evaluation Commission. I hereby specifically waive any confidentiality rights I may have in those records.

6. The Pennsylvania Bar Association Judicial Evaluation Commission may change, during the course of my campaign for office, the original rating assigned to me for cause. Cause shall include a violation of the Judicial Campaign Advertising Guidelines. I acknowledge receipt of a copy of the Guidelines.

Bryan S. Neft
Type or print name

Signature

January 25, 2021
Date
PERSONAL DATA QUESTIONNAIRE

1. State your full name:  Bryan Scott Neft

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

2. Office address (include zip code):

301 Grant Street
Suite 3440
Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Office telephone (include area code): (412) 325-3317

Name of law firm, if associated: Spilman Thomas & Battle PLLC

3. Date and place of birth:

Pittsburgh, PA
1964 (month and day removed by PBA JEC)

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:

   I am married.
   Date of Marriage: August 21, 1994
   Spouse: Julie Kim Cohen
b) Have you been divorced? If so, state the date, the number of the case and the court:

I have not been divorced.

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

I did not serve in the military.

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

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:

Boston University School of Law, September 1986-May 1989, J.D. received May 1989

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.

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9. Describe chronologically your law practice and experience after your graduation from law school, 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:

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

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:

d) Any other relevant particulars:

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10. With respect to your practice:
   a) What has been the general character of your practice, dividing it into periods with dates if its character has changed over the years?

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

   • **1989-90**: While working at Wolf & Leo, I worked on first-party insurance defense matters for various insurance company clients. The firm defended the clients in...
claims for insurance coverage and bad faith. My work was done for other attorneys. This work took place prior to my admission to the bar.

- **Areas of Practice**: Insurance Coverage and Bad Faith handling claims brought by homeowners seeking insurance for land subsidence
- **Typical Clients**: Insurance Companies

- **1990-91**: Upon returning to Pittsburgh, I clerked for two law firms handling research assignments and writing briefs. Attorney Larry Zurawsky handled municipal law matters. Zittrain and Zittrain acted as outside general counsel for individuals and small companies, and also represented plaintiffs in personal injury litigation and estate disputes.

  - **Areas of Practice**: Municipal law, Plaintiff's Personal Injury, Estate Disputes
  - **Typical Clients**: Municipalities, individuals, sports figures.

- **1991-95**: While serving as a law clerk for the Honorable William F. Cercone of the Pennsylvania Superior Court, I drafted opinions and memoranda for Judge Cercone on cases assigned to him, and also made recommendations on the opinions and memoranda of other judges serving on the same panels as him. The Superior Court handled criminal cases, family law cases and civil cases between private parties.

  - **Areas of Practice**: Criminal Law, Family Law, Juvenile Law, Contract Disputes, Shareholder Disputes, Estate Disputes, Personal Injury.

- **1995-99**: My work at Frankovitch, Anetakis, Colantonio & Simon was as a general practitioner. I worked on civil, family law and criminal matters in West Virginia and Pennsylvania. Civil matters included both plaintiff personal injury matters, defense cases and probate matters. I also worked with the firm partners as general counsel for various hospitals, physician practices, steel manufacturers and financial institutions. The work included client counseling, court appearances, discovery and trial.

  - **Areas of Practice**: Criminal Law, Family Law, Estate Disputes, Asbestos Toxic Tort Defense, Health Care law including fraud and abuse, Plaintiff personal injury matters, environmental matters, corporate regulatory matters and due diligence
  - **Typical Clients**: Individuals, Multi-National Corporations, Steel Manufacturers, Health Care Providers, Financial Institutions

- **1999-2004**: During this time period, while at Bower Greer & Panzarella, Klett Rooney Lieber & Schorling and DKW Law Group, my practice consisted primarily of commercial litigation. These firms represented medium-sized and large corporations in high stakes litigation. I also represented a number of smaller companies and governmental agencies in litigation pending in courts and administrative bodies. The work included all phases of litigation.
Areas of Practice: Commercial Litigation, Health Care Litigation, Shareholder Disputes, Antitrust, False Advertising and Unfair Trade Practices

Typical Clients: Integrated health care systems including hospitals and health care insurers; physicians, closed corporation shareholders and officers; real estate brokers; financial institutions.

2004 - Present. Upon beginning work at Pietragallo Gordon Alfano Bosick & Raspanti and continuing to the present at Spilman, Thomas and Battle, my defense litigation work increased substantially. I have handled and continue to handle accounts for several large multi-national corporations defending their asbestos liabilities in Western Pennsylvania. I also handled some insurance defense matters involving first-party and third-party liability claims. In 2008, Pietragallo Gordon Alfano Bosick & Raspanti took on a qui tam practice in which I participated, primarily triaging potential claims to determine their viability. In that capacity I was able to work with several United States Attorneys regarding cases and potential cases. I handled a number of commercial litigation matters for various clients. Finally, I have acted as outside general counsel for one company for the last eleven years. In that role, I have reviewed contracts, evaluated risks and handled most of their litigation needs.

Areas of Practice: Asbestos/Toxic Tort litigation; insurance defense and bad faith, personal injury matters; commercial litigation; closed corporations and shareholder disputes; false claims act/qui tam litigation; general counsel services

Typical Clients: corporations with asbestos liabilities; insurance companies; individuals; whistleblowers; broker of raw materials to the steel industry, health care insurers.

11. With respect to the last five years:
   a) Did you appear in court regularly, occasionally, or not at all? If the frequency of your appearances in court has varied during this period, describe each such variance, giving the dates thereof:

   Within the last five years, I have appeared in court regularly to argue motions, to commence trial and to participate in court-ordered conciliations. My appearances haven’t varied significantly.

   b) What percentage of these appearances was in:
      1. Federal courts:
         2. State courts of record:
      3. Other courts:

         1. Federal courts: 5-10%
         2. State courts of record: 90-95%
         3. Other courts: 0%
c) What percentage of your litigation was:

1. Civil: 100%
2. Criminal: 0%

d) State the number of cases in courts of record you tried to verdict or judgment (rather than settled), indicating whether you were sole counsel, chief counsel or associate counsel:

None within the last five years.

e) What percentage of these trials were:

1. Jury:
2. Non-jury:

Not applicable.

12. Summarize your experience in court prior to the last five years, indicating as to that period:

a) Whether your appearances in court were more or less frequent:

b) Any significant changes in the percentages stated in your answers to question 11(b), (c) and (e):

c) Any significant changes in the number of cases per year in courts of record you tried to verdict or judgment (rather than settled), as sole counsel, chief counsel or associate counsel.

I estimate that the percentage of my practice in litigation has been approximately 90%. Since I began private practice in 1995, I have been in court regularly to argue motions and participate in hearings and try cases. In 2005, when I began to handle more toxic tort matters, I argued more discovery and summary judgment motions given the large number of asbestos cases set for trial during each trial term. I prepared cases for trial. In toxic tort matters, those cases settled during the voir dire. During this time, I also tried cases in court and through AAA arbitration. In 2020, I was appointed by the Honorable Kimberly Clark of the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County to represent the privacy interests of jurors in a case
where the trial judge was accused of racial bias. A newspaper attempted to obtain their names and addresses.

13. Describe five of the most significant litigated matters which you personally handled and give the citations thereto, if the cases were reported. Give a capsule summary of the substance of each case and a succinct statement of what you believe to be the particular significance of the case. Identify the party or parties whom you represented and describe in detail the nature of your participation in the litigation and the final disposition of the case. Also state as to each case a) the dates of the trial periods; b) the name of the court and the judge before whom the case was tried; and c) the individual name, address and telephone numbers of co-counsel for each of the other parties;

1. McGuigan v. Guardian Insurance:
   Court: United States District Court for the Northern District of West Virginia
   Docket No.: 5:1995cv00128
   Judge: Frederick P. Stamp, Jr.
   Dates of Representation: August 1995 - May 1997
   Case Summary: ERISA claim against Health Insurer for hospital expenses associated with the birth of the Plaintiff’s son. I represented the Plaintiff.
   Party Represented: Plaintiff, Nancy McGuigan
   Co-Counsel: M. Eric Frankovitch
   Frankovitch, Anetakis, Colantonio & Simon
   337 Penco Rd.
   Weirton, WV 26062-3828
   304-723-4400
   Opposing Counsel: Samuel H. Foreman
   Weber, Goldstein, Greenberg, & Gallagher, LLP
   Two Gateway Center
   Suite 1450
   Pittsburgh, PA 15222
   412-281-4541
   Nature of my participation. I prepared the pleadings and papers in this matter until I was admitted to the Northern District of West Virginia, at which time I took over the entire representation of the Plaintiff. The Plaintiff lived in Ohio across the river from Wheeling, West Virginia. We filed this claim in the Northern District of West Virginia against the insurer even though the hospital services they refused to cover were rendered in New York. I was successful in having the Court retain jurisdiction and venue over the defendant based upon nationwide service of process and the convenience to the Plaintiff. The case settled for an amount that satisfied the outstanding hospital bills and paid my attorney fees. This was one of my first cases in private practice and I was so happy that I could help a mother in financial distress so that she did not have to pay hospital expenses that should have been covered by insurance.
2. Commonwealth v. Firman

Courts: Superior Court of Pennsylvania, Supreme Court of Pennsylvania
Docket Nos. Superior Court No. 402 WDA 2000; Supreme Court Allocatur Docket No. 64 WAL 2002; Supreme Court Appeal Docket No. 29 WAP 2002

Judges:
Superior Court Panel: Joan Orie Melvin, Zoran Popovich, Joseph Hudock
Superior Court En Banc Panel: Joseph Del Sole, Kate Ford Elliott, J. Michael Eakin, Michael Joyce, Correale Stevens, John Musmanno, Joan Orie Melvin, Stephen McEwen, Justin Johnson
Supreme Court of Pennsylvania Panel: Stephen Zappala, Ralph Cappy, Ronald Castille, Thomas Saylor, Russell Nigro, Sandra Schultz Newman


Party Represented: Defendant, David Firman


Opposing Counsel:
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(412) 350-4377

Summary of Case: Appellate litigation of an order suppressing the evidence of a crime pretrial based on the arresting officer's lack of jurisdiction.

Nature of my Representation: I represented the Defendant, David Firman, at the preliminary hearing, and later in the Commonwealth’s appeal of an order suppressing evidence of his driving under the influence of alcohol because the transit police officer who arrested him was outside of his jurisdiction. I argued the case to a Superior Court panel that sua sponte referred the case to the full court for en banc consideration. I argued the case again to the en banc panel. That panel reversed, finding that the police officer was within his jurisdiction as long as he was on duty at the time of the arrest. I filed a petition for allowance of appeal, which was granted. I briefed and argued the appeal before the Pennsylvania Supreme Court. My argument was that the jurisdictional statute was more nuanced, and restricted the authority of transit police to a greater extent than the Superior Court’s “on duty” standard. Although the Supreme Court agreed with my interpretation of the jurisdictional statute, they carved a narrow exception that found the police officer was within his jurisdiction as long as he was protecting himself and his squad car. The Supreme Court therefore affirmed the Superior Court. I was able to take this case all the way through appeal to the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania. And, although my client did not prevail in the end, I was successful in establishing standards that apply to transit police officers to this day.

3. Highmark et al. v. UPMC Health System, Inc.

Courts: United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania
Docket No: 2:2001cv01114

Dates of Representation: February 2001 - April 2002

Party Represented: Defendant, UPMC Health System, Inc.

Judge: Gary Lancaster
Co-Counsel:

Edwin Klett (deceased)

The Honorable Christine L. Donohue
Supreme Court of Pennsylvania
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3000 Koppers Building
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Steven B. Silverman
Babst, Calland, Clements and Zomnir, P.C.
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Pittsburgh, PA 15222
(412) 253-8818

Summary of the Case: Lawsuit to enjoin the merger of UPMC Health System, Inc. ("UPMC") with Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh on antitrust grounds.

Nature of my Participation in the Case. This was the largest case that I ever litigated. The...
plaintiffs filed for a preliminary injunction to enjoin the merger between UPMC and Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh from taking place. My role was to supervise the document productions and review, and to outline the applicable antitrust law regarding hospital mergers. The document review alone involved approximately fifteen to twenty attorneys reviewing the documents over several weeks. The number of documents was in the hundreds of thousands, which then had to be reviewed and refined for relevancy, privilege and confidentiality. The case concluded with the entry of a consent decree that allowed the Plaintiffs continuing access to Children’s Hospital for a period of years. Working on this case was exhilarating, and it sealed my passion for antitrust jurisprudence.

4. Bognar and Company v. AEP Memco et al.

Court: United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana
Docket No: 2:2008cv01290
Judge: Martin L.C. Feldman
Party Represented: Plaintiff, Bognar and Company
Dates of Representation: April 2009 - November 2009

Co-Counsel:
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412-263-1818

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Gary Alan Hemphill
Phelps Dunbar, LLP (New Orleans)
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New Orleans, LA 70130-6534
(504) 566-1311
Summary of the Case: Our client, a broker of raw materials to the steel and other industries, sued a shipping company responsible for transporting a loan of calcined carbon pitch coke from New Orleans to Charleroi. During the transport, the load was contaminated with fresh corn kernels that rendered the load unusable to the plaintiff’s client. The plaintiff sued the shipping company for damages. The Court rendered a verdict for the Plaintiff, which the defendant satisfied.

Nature of My Involvement: I began working on the case several months before trial and was responsible for deposing key witnesses. I was also responsible for briefing summary judgment motions, particularly on Federal Rule of Civil procedure 17 governing “real parties in interest.” The court ultimately allowed the case to go forward finding that the Plaintiff was the “real party in interest.” I was associate counsel at trial and was responsible for ensuring that all trial materials were shipped to and received in New Orleans in time for trial. I also participated in preparing witnesses to testify. Because of the favorable results, achieved, I continue to represent the Plaintiff as outside general counsel to this day on a variety of matters concerning the business.

14. If a substantial period of your practice has been before administrative boards, commissions or agencies during the past five years, identify the boards, commissions or agencies before which you have practiced and estimate percentages of practice time devoted thereto:

Not applicable.

15. If a substantial portion of your practice has been before Appellate courts during the past five years, identify the Appellate Courts before which you have practiced and estimate percentages of practice time devoted thereto:

In the last five years, I have had one appellate case before the Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania that included briefing and argument.

16. a) Have you ever held judicial office? If so, give dates and details, including the courts involved, whether elected or appointed, periods of service, and a description of the jurisdiction of each of such courts with any limitations upon the jurisdiction of each court:

I have never held a judicial office

b) 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 service, giving details:

Until recently, I served as an elected committee member for the Mt. Lebanon Democratic party. I held this position as an associate member beginning in 2016. In
May 2018, I was elected as a full committee member. I recently resigned that position to pursue judicial election.

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

No. I have never been an unsuccessful candidate for elective, judicial or other public office.

18. 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:

No. I have not been engaged in any occupation, business or profession other than the practice of law or the holding of judicial or other public office. Are you now an officer or director or otherwise engaged in the management of any business enterprise?

a) 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.

I am a member of my law firm’s professional limited liability company. I am not an officer and do not hold a management title within the firm. I am not an officer or director or otherwise engaged in the management of any business enterprise.

b) Is it your intention to resign such positions and withdraw from any participation in the management of any such enterprises if you are elected and confirmed? If not, give reasons:

It is my intention to resign from my law firm if elected and confirmed.

19. Have you ever been 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. I have never been convicted of violating any federal law or regulation, state law or regulation, or county or municipal law, regulation or ordinance.

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. I am not under any ongoing federal, state or local investigation or indictment for possible violation of a criminal statute.
21. Has a tax lien or other collection procedure been instituted against you by federal, state or local authorities? If so, give particulars:

No tax lien or other procedure has been instituted against me by federal, state or local authorities.

22. Have you ever been sued by a client? If so, give particulars:

No. I have never been sued by a client.

23. 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 the 1980's, I was a defendant in a lawsuit concerning an automobile accident. The lawsuit was filed in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. I was driving a car that was involved in an accident with a motorcycle. A passenger on the motorcycle sued the driver of the motorcycle, me, my brother, and my father's business. The case was settled in or around 1991 before trial.

24. Have you ever 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, give the particulars:

I have never 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.

25. 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.)

My current health is good. I do not have any significant health problems.

(1) I treat for high cholesterol. I take prescription medication and aspirin to control my cholesterol level.

(2) I have seasonal allergies and take non-drowsy over-the-counter antihistamines regularly.

(3) I suffer from dry eyes and take prescription medication regularly.

(4) I take prescription medication to control frequent urination at night.
(5) I take over the counter medication to control indigestion.

(6) I recently obtained hearing aids to help with moderate hearing loss in both ears.

26. 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 circumstances exist that would affect my ability to perform the function of the position I seek or fulfill the term of office.

27. 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:

(1) Appellant's Brief, Commonwealth v. Firman, 571 Pa. 610, 813 A.2d 643 (Pa. 2002). I wrote and revised the brief a number of times before filing. I also shared the brief with colleagues who offered constructive comments to improve the brief.

(2) Appellant's Brief in Rozgonyi et al. v. The Department of Public Welfare, In the Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania Nos. 5 C.D. 2002, 6 C.D. 2002, 7 C.D. 2002 and 8 C.D. 2002. At the time I drafted this brief I was an associate at Klett Rooney Lieber & Schorling. I drafted the brief and received comments and revisions from the Honorable Christine L. Donohue who was the partner in charge at the time I drafted the brief.

(3) Brief of Defendant General Electric Company in Opposition to Plaintiff's Motion to Remand, In the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania, Seigfried et ux., v. Allegheny Ludlum Corp., No. 2:09-cv-125-AJS-RCM. I wrote the brief with the assistance of an associate who performed legal research.

(4) Answer and New Matter to Complaint in Mandamus, Joseph P. Moses v. Retirement Board of Allegheny County, In the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County, No. GD 02-012412. I wrote this pleading under the supervision of William Pietragallo II, the partner in charge. The work product is primarily my own.

(5) Meet Our Ace in the Hole When it Comes to Advocacy, Allegheny County Bar Association Lawyers Journal, August 17, 2018

(6) Anecdotes Drive Home the Need for Anti-Bias Training, Allegheny County Bar Association Lawyers Journal, October 26, 2018.

(7) The Time Has Come for Mandatory Pro Bono Service, Allegheny County Bar Association Lawyers Journal, January 4, 2019

28. 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 Supreme Court


- Acted as fiduciary for IOLTA funds and other fee-based funds on behalf of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court.
- Developed policies and grant guidelines for IOLTA grantees.
- Reviewed and voted on annual grant recommendations.
- Worked with members of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court to implement court-driven priorities.
- Engaged in extensive search process for executive director.
- Attended ABA Day on the Hill to lobby for funding for legal services, 2013 – 15.

United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania

Committee to evaluate Magistrate Judge Lenihan for Reappointment, 2019-20
Local Rules Committee, Appointed Member, 2005 – 14.

Allegheny County Bar Association, Member 1991-Present

Immediate Past-President, 2019 - 20
President, 2018 - 19
President-Elect, 2017 - 18
Treasurer, 2014 – 16.
- Member, Ad Hoc Committee concerning the Bench-Bar Conference, 2017-Present.
- Member, Ad Hoc Committee on Emerging Issues in the Profession.
- Chair, Ad Hoc Committee on Code of Professionalism. Drafted Code of Professionalism that the Board approved and adopted in May 2010.
- Member, Ad Hoc Committee on Fee Dispute Resolution Procedures.
- Speaker, Lawyers and Judges in the Classroom, Peabody High School, March 2010.
- Member, Gender Equality Task Force, 2005 – 08.
- Member, Task Force for Implementation of Independent Audit Committee in light of best practices under Sarbanes-Oxley, 2004 – 05.

Allegheny County Bar Foundation (501(c)(3)) non-profit charitable subsidiary.
Chair, Attorneys Against Hunger annual charitable campaign, 2001 – 12.
- Organized bar association annual campaign to benefit community hunger relief agencies, and coordinated related volunteer efforts.
  - During my term as chair, contributions to the annual campaign increased nearly 500%.
  - Cumulative contributions to campaign exceeded $1 million.
• Campaign received the following awards during my tenure:
  o Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank, Hunger Awareness Day Award, 2008.
  o Just Harvest, Seeds of Justice Award, 2005.
Member, Fellows Sub-committee, 2004 – Present.
Member, Loan and Scholarship Committee, 2001 – Present.
Member, Lawyers Fund Committee, 2005 – 07.

Homer S. Brown Division, Member 2011 – Present.

Women in the Law Division, Gender Bias Subcommittee, 2007 – Present.
  • Member, Committee to Advance Professionalism and End Bias, 2016 – Present.
  • Co-develop GBS program on Best Employment Practices for Small and Medium Size Firms in Conjunction with the Institute for Gender Equality, Fall 2012.

Young Lawyers Division
  • Speaker, VIP Program on Fraud against the Elderly.
  • Speaker, Stepping Out Program.
  • Participant, Homeless Children’s Christmas Party.

Civil Litigation Section
  Section Council, Chair, 2012 –13; Chair-elect, 2011 –12; Vice Chair, 2010 –11; Secretary, 2009 –10; Treasurer, 2008 – 09; Member, 2002 – Present.
  • Section devoted to working with state trial court judges on issues concerning civil litigation.
  o Assisted development of pro bono program for landlord tenant appeals in the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County.
  o Coordinate and plan “lunch and learn” and continuing legal education programs on electronic discovery, including scope, case law, limitations, cost, and technology.

Federal Court Section
  • Section comprised of federal court practitioners and federal court judiciary working on issues relating to federal civil and criminal practice.
  o Coordinated and planned “lunch and learn” and continuing legal education programs.
Appellate Practice Committee
Chair, 2002 – 04.
Committee dedicated to education and the development of professional relationships in the area of federal and state appellate practice and procedure.
• Coordinated and moderated committee educational programming, including seminars by distinguished Pennsylvania and federal appellate jurists on effective appellate practice and appellate mediation.
• Planned receptions with members of state appellate courts.
• Organized first appellate practice moot court program for young lawyers.

Bench-Bar Committee, Co-Chair, 2016 – Present, Member, 2015 – Present.
Programming Subcommittee, Member, 2015 – 16.
Speaker Subcommittee, Chair, 2016-17.

Finance Committee, Chair, 2015 – Present; Member, 2001 – Present.
• Investments Subcommittee, 2014 – Present.
• Bills Sub-Committee, Member, 2014 – Present, 2002 – 08.
• Ad Hoc Subcommittee to Consider Association reserve Policies, 2016 – Present.

LGBT Rights Committee, Member, January 2015 – Present.

PAC Committee, Chair, 2015-17; Treasurer, 2012 – 15; Member, 2009 – 2020 (resigned).
• Assisted in the development of ACBA legislative priorities and made recommendations concerning donations to candidates.
• Assisted in fundraising.
• Met with members of the Pennsylvania General Assembly to promote ACBA legislative priorities.
• Met with legislators locally to promote ACBA legislative priorities and legal services for the indigent.

Judicial Excellence Committee, Chair, 2019 - 20 (resigned).

Task Force to Develop Desert Storm Legal Assistance Program, Member, 1991.


Pennsylvania Bar Association, Member (ongoing)
Post Trial and Appellate Practice Committee, Member.
Civil Litigation Section, Member. Continuing Education Liaison

American Bar Association
• House of Delegates, 2019-present
29. List your experiences in teaching and lecturing, including law school, continuing legal education and to non-legal audiences.

- Piercing the Corporate Veil, Pennsylvania Bar Institute 2008
- Best practices for Addressing Gender Bias, Allegheny County Bar Association bench-Bar Conference, 2018. This seminar taught ways to address instances of gender bias in the profession and to facilitate favorable outcomes.
- Mini Camp on the New Securities and Exchange Regulations for Whistleblower claims, Taxpayers Against Fraud, 2011. This day-long seminar instructed on the new securities and exchange regulations for whistleblower claims.
- Encyclopedia of Electronic Discovery. Allegheny County Bar Association, Civil Litigation Section, 2004. This class was designed to teach attendees basic information about electronic discovery at a time when the law on this subject was evolving.
- Gender Bias Subcommittee, Allegheny County Bar Association, 2012. This course was developed for human relations professionals at law firms to teach about gender issues in the workplace and how to address them.

30. 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:

**Mt. Lebanon Democratic Committee**
Committee Member and Associate Committee Member, 2017 - 20 (resigned)

**Mt. Lebanon Traffic Board**, Member, 2016-17

Board of Governors, Sep. 2010 – Present.

**Beth El Congregation of the South Hills**, Mt. Lebanon, Pa.
Member, Board of Trustees, July 2008 – June 2018.
Treasurer, July 2016 - June 2018
Assistant Financial Secretary, July 2014 – June 2016.

**Jewish Community Center of Greater Pittsburgh**
Member of the Board of Directors, 2002 – 08.
Audit subcommittee.
Facilities subcommittee.
Human Resources subcommittee.
United Jewish Federation of Pittsburgh

Jewish Community Life Commission, Member, 2007 – 16

UJF Funding Committee, Member 2009 – Present.

Young Adult Division,
Chair, Sep. 2004 – August 2005, responsible for programming, leadership development and charitable campaign for individuals age 25 – 45.

Campaign Chair, 2004.

Shady Side Academy


Hunger Services Network

Vice President and member of the Board of Directors of local hunger service agency dedicated to helping individuals with emergency food assistance and qualification for government food programs. May 2002 – May 2004.

31. 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.

I was named one of 2003’s “Pennsylvania Lawyers on the Fast Track,” an award given by American Lawyer Media to recognize attorneys under the age of forty who have made significant contributions to the practice of law through case work, bar association involvement, and pro bono efforts.

32. 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 to an Appellate Court of Pennsylvania.

An appellate judge should be able to draft persuasive decisions not only to convince other judges of the wisdom of a decision but also to convince the parties that they were given due consideration and that justice was served. A Superior Court judge needs to do that for hundreds of cases each year. That requires intellect, integrity, compassion and efficiency--four qualities that I possess. I research the law extensively to understand its application. My practice is fast-paced, and I handle an average of 50 or more cases in the court system at a time. That requires identifying material issues quickly and drafting pleadings and motions to achieve client goals. As an advocate, I have to understand the positions and motivations of the parties in order to arrive at a result that is just. This requires compassion and respect for all parties and the counsel that represent them. And finally, those who know me know that my word is my bond.

A judge also has to be a steward of the profession and a role model to others. Giving back to my profession and to my community is just as important as the work I perform zealously advocating for my clients. That is why I have been involved in important projects through the bar association that advocate for fairness in the profession, fairness for marginalized members of the profession, and pro bono efforts.
profession, and equal access to justice for all. I have also worked hard to give back to the community through fundraising, community outreach, and participation in community agencies.

33. 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 was fortunate to be a law clerk for a wonderful judge on the Pennsylvania Superior Court. My clerkship came at a time when I became disillusioned with certain aspects of the private practice I experienced. My judge taught me the skills needed to be an effective appellate judge including extensive legal research and effective writing, both of which have continued to improve throughout my career. He also taught me compassion, fairness and collegiality. By the time my clerkship ended, I was able to see both sides of the cases I handled very clearly and to understand how to equitably apply the law. In several respects my work resulted in a reevaluation of laws or changes in the law for the better. Continuing that work as a judge would play to my strengths and allow me to have an impact on those who interact with the judicial system as well as the Citizens of the Commonwealth.

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

Yes. I signed and submitted the PBA Judicial Campaign Advertising Guidelines Pledge and submitted it along with this application.
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.

Bryan S. Neft
Type or print name

Signature

December 22, 2020
Date