ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND AUTHORIZATION

As a candidate for the Pennsylvania Appellate Courts, I hereby acknowledge and authorize the procedures 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.

[Signature]

[Date]
PERSONAL DATA QUESTIONNAIRE

1. State your full name:

Deborah L. Canty

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

No

2. Office address (include zip code):

First Judicial District
Family Court Division
1501 Arch Street, Suite 1432
Philadelphia, PA 19102

Office telephone (include area code):

(215) 686-4127

Name of law firm, if associated:

NIA

3. Date and place of birth:

1967 (month and day removed by PBA JEC), Philadelphia, PA

4. Are you a naturalized citizen? If so, give date and place of naturalization:

NIA

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:
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:

No

b) Have you ever been rejected or released from any of the armed services for reasons other than honorable? If so, give details:

NIA

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:

- Messiah College - BS, Business Administration, 1984 - 1988
- Temple University (Beasley School of Law & Fox School of Business) - JD/MBA, 1996 - 2000

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:

- New Jersey - Admitted 2000 - ineligible to practice since approximately 2004 for non-payment of fees
- U.S.D.C New Jersey-Admitted 2000 - ineligible to practice since approximately 2004 for non-payment of fees
- Pennsylvania - Admitted 2001 - currently active

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:

NIA

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:

- IKON Office Solutions, Inc. (now Ricoh America Corporation) - 17 Lee Boulevard, Malvern, PA 19355 - 02/2004 - 09/2006
- City of Philadelphia Law Department (Child Welfare Unit) - 2515 Arch Street, 16th floor, Philadelphia, PA 19106 - 07/2007 - 07/2016
- ChildFirst Services, Inc. - 2021 N. 63rd Street, Philadelphia, PA 19151 - 07/2016 - 12/2017

d) Any other relevant particulars:

Elected Judge of the Court of Common Pleas Philadelphia, PA November 2017, assumed office January 2018 - present

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

- 2000 - 2007 - corporate/transactional practice
- 2007 - 2016 - litigation/child welfare practice
- 2016 & 2017 - compliance officer
- 2018 - Present - judge in Family Court presiding over dependency matters

When I started practicing law in 2000, I started in the corporate department of a medium to large law firm in Philadelphia. I subsequently transitioned to in house counsel. In both of those jobs, I drafted and negotiated transactional documents.

In 2007, my practice changed completely when I joined the City of Philadelphia's Law Department. I was assigned to the Child Welfare Unit ("CWU") and began a litigation based practice. I transitioned into the role of compliance officer in 2016 within a child welfare agency. I assumed office in January 2018.

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

During my time at the law firm, my transactional work was for multi-national companies, small business owners and some non-profit organizations. When I transitioned to the CWU, my sole client was the Philadelphia Department of Human Services ("PDHS"). The areas of law necessary to practice in the child welfare arena are the Child Protective Services Act, the Juvenile Act, the
Adoption Act and their correlating regulations. I primarily handled dependency cases. However, I also handled crossover cases (cases where kids had both dependent and delinquent matters) and human trafficking cases.

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 in the Court of Common Pleas for Philadelphia County. I was elected in 2017 and assumed office in January 2018. My court is a court of original jurisdiction. As such, all of my cases can be appealed to Superior Court.

I have never 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:

I am assigned to the First Judicial District's Family Court Division in the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas. I handle dependency cases. The cases that come before me include scheduling pre-trial conferences for very contested matters, hearing motions to compel cooperation, dependency petitions, voluntary & involuntary petitions to terminate parental rights and subsidized and unsubsidized permanent legal custody petitions.

b) The percentage of your time devoted to:

1. Civil: **100%**
2. Criminal: **0%**
3. Other: **0%**

b) The percentage of your time devoted to:

1. Jury: **0%**
2. Non-jury: **100%**
3. Appellate argument: **0%**
4. Other: **0%**
d) Five of the more significant opinions you have rendered and citations thereto if the cases were reported:

- In the Interest of M.M., a minor, N.M., a minor (mother's appeal)
- In Re: M.R., alka M.C.R. a minor (mother's appeal)
- In the Interest of A.M.W. aka A.M., a minor (mother's appeal)
- In the Interest of M.R., alka M.C.R. a minor (father's appeal)
- In the Interest of D.N.R., a minor

See Attached opinions

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:

NIA

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:

NIA

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:
Yes. I practiced as a case manager/social worker from 1988 through 1996. Initially I worked as a house parent for adults with mental disabilities. I.transitioned to being a case manager for senior citizens. My final social services job was with an agency that provided services to children and their families. It was during my court appearances to testify regarding those families that I was inspired to attend law school.

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.

Yes. I am a member of Jubilee Investment Properties, LLC ("Jubilee"). Jubilee is a family owned, Pennsylvania formed LLC, that owns, rents and rehabs properties in Philadelphia. I am the representative of the family that lives in Philadelphia so I take care of the day to day management issues.

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:

No

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. I have asthma and high blood pressure. However, they are both well controlled with medication.

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:

Given the nature of my practice since September 2003, I don't have any examples of my writings other than the Opinions that are attached.

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 chairmanship 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).

Judicial Council - secretary - current
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.

**Periodically I teach a 12-week adult finance class at my church**

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:

- Member Christian Stronghold Baptist Church, current
- Alpha CDC, Board Member, current
- Rotary, past
- National Coalition of 100 Black Women, past
- Philadelphia Corporation on Aging Advisory Board & Homemaker Committee, past

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.

- Distinguished class performance in Property, Torts, Criminal Law, Constitutional Law and Secured Transactions
- 1996 Wilbur E. Hobbs Memorial Scholarship
- 1997 Barrister Scholarship Recipient
- 2000 Beth Earley Farnbach Award

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.

**Prior to being elected to the bench, and spanning my careers as a social worker and attorney, I cultivated relationships, established rapport and developed credibility with my colleagues, judges, prosecutors, defense attorneys, child advocates, social workers, CUA workers and court personnel. I have a reputation for being a relentless, hardworking and fair minded woman of integrity who has a genuine passion and respect for the law. Being on the bench has not changed my fundamental character, the way in which I operate or the respect I show the attorneys, parents, children and families that appear before me.**

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 decided to go to law school based on my social work experiences. I wanted to help people as a social worker and viewed the law as the next step to achieving that goal. My corporate legal and business experiences, combined with my social work training and career, uniquely position me to analyze the law. I also have the ability to be fair and unbiased. Additionally, my experiences of growing up in another country and traveling abroad to study the legal systems of other countries offers a wider lens through which I can view otherwise everyday and ordinary events. I ran to become a common pleas judge to be in a different position to help people. I am seeking to ascend to a higher bench for the same reason - to help people.

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.

Deborah L. Canty
Type or print name

Signature

Date: 3/11/2021