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.

Type or print name

Signature

Date
PERSONAL DATA QUESTIONNAIRE

1. State your full name: Sierra Thomas Street

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

    Yes. Sierra Thomas, Sierra Street

2. Office address (include zip code):

    The Justice Juanita Kidd Stout Center for Criminal Justice

    1301 Filbert Street, Ste. 1212, Philadelphia, PA 19107

    Office telephone (include area code): (215) 683-7053/54

    Name of law firm, if associated:

3. Date and place of birth: 1973 (month and day removed by PBA JEC), Queens, New York

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

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, approximately ten years ago.
       Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas
       Docket No. 10-00850
       PACSES Case Number: 888111806
6. Have you had any military service?  **No.** If so,
   a) Give dates, branch of service, rank of rate, and present status:  **N/A**

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

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:

   **Spelman College**
   Honors Program
   August 1991-May 1992

   **Howard University**
   BA in Political Science and English, *cum laude*
   August 1992-May 1995

   **Temple University Beasley School of Law**
   Distinguished Classroom Performance:
   Criminal Law and Legal Decision Making
   August 1996-May 1999

   *I left Spelman College to move closer to home.*

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 York,** Unsuccessful on Exam, 1999
   **Pennsylvania,** Admitted: January 2003
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: 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:

- **Consultant, Temple LEAP, Temple University Beasley School of Law**
  May 2000-May 2001

- **Law Clerk, PCRA Unit, Judge Webster Keogh, The Justice Juanita Kidd Stout Center for Criminal Justice, 1301 Filbert St, Suite. 1212, Phila, PA (19107)**
  May 2001-December 2002

- **Associate, Nattiel, Seay & Associates, PC, 1315 Walnut St (19102)**
  September 2003-August 2007

- **Hearing Officer, Philadelphia Family Court, 1501 Arch St (19102)**
  June 2004-June 2006

- **Staff Attorney, Defender Association of Philadelphia, 1441 Sansom St (19107)**
  August 2007-August 2011

- **Chief Counsel, Friends Rehabilitation Program, Inc., 701 Girard Avenue (19121)**
  September 2011-December 2013

*I briefly stopped working after the births of my children in 1999 and 2002, respectively.

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

First, I represented local labor union members as pre-paid legal services in criminal, family and civil matters. Then, I represented indigent juveniles and adults in criminal matters. Later, I represented a non-profit organization in civil matters.

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

My clients typically included indigent adults and youth, low to moderate income families, and working-class union members.
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 the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas in 2013 and assumed office in January 2014. The Court of Common Pleas has jurisdiction over: dependency, delinquency, and domestic relations matters in Family Court; all cases involving felony matters in the Criminal Trial Division; and all Civil matters involving amounts exceeding $10,000, etc.

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 Criminal Division, Major Trials Program where I preside over bench and jury trials in matters including Attempted Murder, Rape, Theft, Assault and Family Violence. My duties include scheduling conferences, pre-trial motions, post-trial motions, sentences, appeals and PCRA matters. As the lead Supervising Judge of the Philadelphia Indicting Grand Jury Program, I hear all pre-trial motions and preliminary hearings. I also swear in participants, jury panels, and decide whether jurors may be excused.

   b) The percentage of your time devoted to:

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

   c) The percentage of your time devoted to:

      1. Jury: 50%
      2. Non-jury: 50%
      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: Please see attached.
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:

**Zoning Board of Adjustment, City of Philadelphia-15%**

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 small percentage of my practice was before Appellate Courts.**

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 worked in a clothing retail store while attending college from 1994-1995 and in a bank as a Customer Service Representative from September 1995-May 1996. I also taught as an Adjunct Professor at a college for one semester in a temporary position from August 2002-December 2002.**
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.

I have been on the Board of Trustees at Bright Hope Baptist Church since 2016. Trustees are responsible for the fiscal management and well-being of the church. I am also on the Board of the Stephen Smith Towers for the Elderly Inc. My duties include attending monthly meetings and reviewing reports. I am also the owner of one rental property.

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:

As referenced above, I was a party in my 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: Please see attached opinions.

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).

   FJD Board of Judges Martin Luther King Jr., Committee
   Immediate Past Chair, 2014-2020

   NBA Judicial Council Clifford Scott Green Chapter
   Immediate Past Chair, 2018-2020

   Temple American Inn of Court
   Admitted in 2019
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.

Growing Judges Program Panelist, Duquesne Law School, Rutgers Law Camden

Panelist, Law Week at Community College of Philadelphia, “Judicial Independence” with Federal Judges Felipe Restrepo and Midge Rendell, and PA Supreme Court Justice Kevin Dougherty

Keynote Speaker, Barristers’ Association Annual Education Forum at Drexel University

College Mentoring Program Panelist at area High Schools

Carpe Diem Program at the Juvenile Justice Services Center

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:

Bright Hope Baptist Church Trustee
NAACP Member-Pottstown Branch
Temple Law Alumni Association

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.

College

- Patricia Roberts Harris Fellow
- Intern, US Dept of State

Law School

- Distinguished Class Performance Criminal Law and Legal Decision Making;
- Recipient, Barristers’ Association Student Scholarship
- President, Black Law Students Association;
- Intern, The White House

Judicial

- Chair, FJD Board of Judges Martin Luther Jr. Committee;
- Guest Judge, National Bar Association MLK Drum Major for Justice Advocacy Competition Championship in New Orleans
- Guest Judge, Barristers’ Association of Philadelphia MLK Drum Major for Justice Advocacy Competition Regional Contest
- Co-Planner, First Judicial District Judicial Education Retreat at Normandy Farms.
7. Please list all social media and communication accounts (i.e. Facebook, Twitter, blogs, vlogs) that you use, or have used, along with your account name, handle or other identifying information. Please be advised that your social media and online activity will be a great part of the investigative panel’s review, which may include communication with persons who are connected to you on those platforms.

Facebook: Sierra Thomas Street

LinkedIn: Sierra Street

Instagram: @judgesierrastreet
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.

As a judge, I have also participated in the following charitable or community activities: Youth Courts Program; Pipeline to Possibilities Mentoring Program; Women of Tomorrow Mentoring Program; MLK Jr., Committee Day of Service and Annual School Supply Drive.

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 have worked diligently in one of the most intense trial divisions over the past seven years. I am grateful for the confidence of my senior peers by way of support, selection ad appointment to multiple positions of authority. I have never turned down any challenge and have consistently met or exceeded work requirements and expectations. I have also remained steadfast in my mission to serve the community at large as much as possible. Appellate courts provide an opportunity to become immersed in a variety of issues on a larger scale. I would bring my trial management skills, command of difficult issues and circumstances, and my commitment to serving the community to the appellate level in order to achieve a fair and balanced disposition while also adhering to the rule of law. In the field of law, learning never stops while the wheels of justice keep on turning. It is my desire to continue to help move our great profession and system of justice in the right direction.

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.

Sierra Thomas Street

Type or print name

Signature

Date 01/28/21