

**INSTRUCTIONS AND
SUPPLEMENTAL QUESTIONNAIRE FOR ACBA COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY**

All responses on any Questionnaire submitted to the ACBA Committee on the Judiciary should be completed without breaching client confidentiality as embodied in Rule 1.6 of the Rules of Professional Conduct.

You may submit a copy of the Questionnaire submitted to the Pennsylvania Bar Association (PBA) in lieu of the ACBA Questionnaire, however, note the differences between the two sets of forms shown on the attached "Differences between PBA and ACBA Forms".¹ In that event, only provide one (1) writing sample in response to a request for writing samples. Further, any question that refers to "Appellate" Judges is intended to apply to any judicial position.

In addition, you must also complete the Supplemental Questions below and the Confidential Information for ACBA Committee on the Judiciary.

1. Please provide the web addresses of any website, blog or social networking page that belongs to you, your firm and/or your business.

2. Have you ever been charged or convicted of any misdemeanor or felony, court-martialed, been granted immunity from prosecution, been held in contempt of court, or been the subject of a final protection from abuse order? If so, give details.

3. If you are a Judge or have been a Judge, have you ever been the subject of a Motion or Petition for Recusal? If so, on how many occasions?

4. What do you consider a significant achievement in your life outside your profession? Describe it.

5. The Allegheny County Bar Association considers diversity and gender equality and inclusion to be important to the continuing vitality of our legal profession. Please identify specific efforts you have made, or been involved with, to achieve diversity and gender equality and inclusion in the legal profession? If you have not directly been involved in any such endeavor, how would you plan to achieve this objective as a member of the bench

¹ The ACBA acknowledges and thanks the PBA for consenting to ACBA adoption and use of the PBA forms.

Differences between PBA and ACBA Forms

PERSONAL DATA QUESTIONNAIRE FOR APPLICANTS CURRENTLY ON THE BENCH

- Removed “arrested, charged with or” from No. 19 to read:
 - 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:
- Eliminated No. 22 (tax returns) Replaced No. 26 with old ACBA language which reads:
 - Currently or within the past five (5) years have you suffered from any medical or other condition which could affect or impair your judgment, reliability, or ability to perform the essential functions of the judicial position you are seeking? If so, describe.

PERSONAL DATA QUESTIONNAIRE FOR LAWYER APPLICANTS

- Removed “arrested, charged with or” from No. 20 to read:
 - 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:
- Replaced No. 26 with old ACBA language which reads:
 - Currently or within the past five (5) years have you suffered from any medical or other condition which could affect or impair your judgment, reliability, or ability to perform the essential functions of the judicial position you are seeking? If so, describe.

CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

- No changes

PROPOSED STANDARD QUESTIONS TO BE ASKED OF ALL JUDICIAL CANDIDATES WHO APPEAR BEFORE THE ACBA JUDICIARY COMMITTEE – Approved 02-2022

- **How would your background, personal and professional experiences and/or community involvement, contribute to and/or improve our current bench?**

- **Describe the ideal judge including how you believe a judge should approach litigants and counsel addressing how concepts such as judicial temperament, inclusion, diversity and/or cultural competencies impact the judicial system.**

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION FOR ACBA COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY (Not to be released to the public)

- **Eliminated No. 1 (SSN)**
- **Replaced No. 7 with old ACBA language which reads:**
 - **Currently or within the past five (5) years have you suffered from any medical or other condition which could affect or impair your judgment, reliability, or ability to perform the essential functions of the judicial position you are seeking? If so, describe.**
- **Eliminated No. 8.b. (tax returns)**

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- **Added qualified “final” for PFA in No. 2:**
 - **Have you ever been charged or convicted of any misdemeanor or felony, court-martialed, been granted immunity from prosecution, been held in contempt of court, or been the subject of a final protection from abuse order? If so, give details.**