

Questions for Judicial Candidates

1.) Have you read the US Constitution in its entirety? **Yes** No

2.) On a scale of 1 to 10 where do you place your judicial philosophy? 1 representing "living document" philosophy and 10 representing "strict constructionist" philosophy.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 **10**

3.) Do you believe the Federalist Papers play a significant role in helping us interpret the true meaning of the US Constitution? **Yes** No Have you read the Federalist Papers? **Yes** No Please indicate which: I have read 1.) all or **2.) part of the Federalist Papers.**

4.) Have you read the PA Constitution in its entirety? **Yes** No

5.) Which sitting US Supreme Court Justice best exemplifies your judicial philosophy? (Please circle)

John Roberts Clarence Thomas Samuel Alito Sonia Sotomayor Elena Kagan Amy Coney Barret **Neil Gorsuch** Brett Kavanaugh Kentanji Brown Jackson

6.) Name at least one past US Supreme Court Justice which you admire because of his or her judicial philosophy. **Scalia**

7.) Which former US president within recent decades represents your political philosophy? (circle)

John F. Kennedy Lyndon B. Johnson Richard Nixon Gerald Ford Jimmy Carter **Ronald Reagan** George H.W. Bush Bill Clinton George H. Bush Barack Obama Donald Trump Joe Biden

8.) If you are currently a judge, were you appointed or elected to that position?

I was elected in 2011 and successfully retained in 2021 to the Chester County Court of Common Pleas. In addition, I was elected to serve as President Judge, by my peers, in January 2025.

9.) Either as a judge or, if you are not currently a judge, as an attorney, please name two prominent cases you have been involved in – please include a brief description of the case.

a) CW v David Desper - road rage murder case that garnered national media attention. He pleaded guilty to 3rd degree Murder rather than stand trial for first degree.

Sentencing hearing was covered by all Philadelphia media stations. I imposed the maximum sentence of 20-40 years.

b) CW v Clayton Carter - case involving an ongoing dispute between neighbors. Defendant shot Jennings, his neighbor, twice in the face during an argument they had while standing at the line that separated their properties. Defendant claimed he shot Jennings in self defense after Jennings encroached over the line on to Defendant's property and pulled a knife lunging at him. Expert testimony revealed the knife had Defendant's DNA, not Jennings's DNA. A "Ring" camera on a home a block over, recorded audio of the incident. The time between the first gunshot and the second is chilling and did not support Defendant's version of events and his claim of self-defense. Jury convicted Defendant of first-degree murder and tampering with evidence. At sentencing, I sentenced him to the mandatory life sentence.

In both cases there were appeals to Superior Court. I was affirmed on both cases.

10.) To which organizations do you currently belong and for how long? Please include civic, charitable, religious, educational, social and fraternal organizations.

MEMBERSHIPS:

- Bar of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania since February 1994
- Chester County Bar Association 1995 – 2001, 2012 – Present. Board Member 2019-2021
- Member of Young Lawyers 1995 - 1998 (was involved in start-up of Teen Court program)
- Pennsylvania District Attorney's Association 2000 – 2011
- Chester County Republican Committee
 - Committee Woman for New London Township 1999 - 2002
 - Assistant Solicitor 2004 – 2011
 - Graduate of the 2009 – 2010 Anne Anstine Excellence in Public Service Series

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:

- Volunteer at Adventure Aquarium as scuba diver monthly.
- Member of Assumption BVM Parish, West Grove, PA
- Canine Partners for Life, Volunteer - fostered and trained service dogs take dogs as requested for testing as a courthouse dog
- Technical College High School, Pennocks Bridge, Occupational Advisory Board for Policing and Criminal Justice, 2016 - Present
- Merit Badge Counselor, Boy Scouts of America Troop 191, Avondale, PA 2006 - 2011
- Treasurer Avon Grove Wildcats Football League 2009 to 2011
- Board member of Thunderhill Homeowners Association 1999 – 2002
- Organized and made presentations for community youth
 - October 2009 – Girls Safety Awareness Night

- November 2010, April 2011 – Anatomy of a Car Crash

11.) Have you been endorsed, if so by whom or by which organization?

Republican Party of Pennsylvania

Chester County Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge 11

Pennsylvania Bar Association - Highly Recommended. The PA Bar Association does not endorse but rates judicial candidates and I received the highest recommendation and I am the only Republican candidate recommended by the PA Bar Association.