

**ALLEGHENY COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION JUDICIARY COMMITTEE
PERSONAL DATA QUESTIONNAIRE
FOR LAWYER APPLICANTS**

1. State your full name:

Sabrina Korbel, Esquire

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

I was also known by my maiden name, Sabrina Comarnitsky

2. Office address (include zip code):

**P.O. Box 3742
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15230**

Office telephone (include area code):

412-355-7400 (ext. 114)

Name of law firm, if associated:

Women's Center and Shelter Civil Law Project

3. Date and place of birth:

**February 6, 1977
Pottstown, Pennsylvania**

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:

**Married to Stephen Leonard Korbel, Esquire
Date of Marriage: October 9, 2004**

b) Have you been divorced? If so, state the date, the number of the case and the court:

I have never been divorced.

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

I do not have any military service.

- 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:

University of Pittsburgh School of Law, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Dates of Attendance August 1999 – May 2002
Juris Doctor
President, Student Bar Association
2002 Student Leader of the Year Award

Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove, Pennsylvania
Dates of Attendance August 1995 – June 1999
Bachelor of Arts in Political Science;
Minor Legal Studies
Graduated cum laude with University Honors

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.

Pennsylvania State Bar (November 15, 2002)
U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania (2002)

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:

Since graduation from law school, I have not served as a clerk to a judge.

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

Since graduation from law school, I have not practiced alone.

- 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:

**Women's Center and Shelter Civil Law Project
P.O. Box 3742
Pittsburgh, PA 15230
2002 to the present**

- d) Any other relevant particulars:

In the spring of 2002, during my third year of law school, Women's Center and Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh ("WC&S") hired me as a fulltime certified legal intern in the Civil Law Project ("CLP"). I immediately began representing clients under the supervision of the CLP Legal Director. While working full time as a certified legal intern, I also studied to take the Pennsylvania Bar Exam. Upon passing the Pennsylvania Bar Exam in October of 2002, WC&S hired me as a fulltime attorney. Since 2002, I have worked continuously for the Women's Center and Shelter Civil Law Project ("WC&S-CLP"). WC&S-CLP is one of approximately thirteen legal aid programs across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania established by the Pennsylvania Coalition of Domestic Violence through designated grant funding. Over time, this work has expanded and now includes legal representation funded by the Pennsylvania IOLTA Board, the Office of the Victim Advocate, the Violence Against Women Act and the Allegheny County Bar Foundation. WC&S-CLP provides free and direct, holistic legal representation for income-eligible victims of intimate partner domestic violence with a primary focus on the victim's justice, autonomy, restoration and safety.

I initially began employment as a Staff Attorney with WC&S-CLP in 2002, providing representation in hundreds of new and ongoing cases annually. WC&S-CLP promoted me to Senior Staff Attorney in 2007, to Supervising Attorney in 2009 and to Legal Director in 2017. As the Legal Director of the Women's Center and Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh, I am responsible for managing the work of two senior attorneys, a staff attorney, an attorney whose practice focuses on the refugee, immigrant and limited English speaking community, two paralegals and a legal assistant in addition to maintaining my own individual full caseload. I am also responsible for conducting grant reporting, systems advocacy, collaborate project and policy work, and the supervision of the non-attorney Legal Advocacy Manager.

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:

In my practice, I have managed and represented victims of intimate partner violence in over 7000 cases, primarily in the Family Division and primarily in the area of protection from abuse, child and spousal support, custody, and divorce and property division matters. In this capacity, I have participated in thousands of negotiations, hundreds of conferences, hearings and trials before judges, masters and hearing offices. I have prepared, in total, thousands of court pleadings, including complaints that raise legal claims, discovery requests, pre-trial statements, consent orders and marriage settlement agreements. I have drafted and argued hundreds of motions. I litigate matters in court nearly everyday and, in the last twenty years, I have appeared before almost every judge seated on the Court of Common Pleas Family Division, including many who have retired or moved on to other Divisions. In certain, more complex cases, I have pursued and/or defended against appeals filed in the Pennsylvania Superior Court.

While I provide direct representation in only civil matters, many of the cases that I handle have a related criminal component. As such, I have gained wide-ranging knowledge of the criminal justice system, having appeared with survivors of domestic violence who testify as witnesses in criminal cases. I also work on many collaborate projects with the Domestic Violence Unit of the District Attorney's office, law enforcement officials, Court Administration and the Office of the Public Defender that examine the criminal justice system's response to domestic violence cases. In the Orphans Court Division, I have handled a number of adoption cases - truly one of the most rewarding ways a Court can impact families. Finally, I serve as a Hearing Officer for the Allegheny County Retirement Board and while this does not fall within the realm of the Court of Common Pleas, it does put me in a position of presiding over hearings in a decision-making role similar to that of a judge. The combination of all these experiences, particularly in the area of the law where most individuals enter the justice system, means that I have gained the experience, temperament and work ethic that would allow me to immediately take the bench and handle cases without much need for training or direction. This would be particularly valuable in the Family or Criminal Division where the caseload is great, the outcomes life-changing and where the Court is presently understaffed.

In addition to my litigation experience, my roles and responsibilities with WC&S-CLP include but are not limited to the following: (1) Expand WC&S-CLP to represent low-income victims of domestic violence; (2) Conduct systems

advocacy in the legal and general community; (3) Work on legislative matters and pertinent issues with the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence, the Allegheny County Domestic Violence Task force, and other domestic violence agencies, legal aid programs, local non-profits, Court Administration, workgroups and service providers; (4) Assist the development department with grant writing; and (5) Teach CLE's and other training courses on matters related to domestic violence and current policy.

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:

With respect to the last five years, I have appeared in court regularly. As stated above, my practice is primarily in the Family Division and on average I appear in court on family law related matters (divorce, custody, child and spousal support, protection from abuse) several times per week, sometimes handling multiple cases each day.

- b) What percentage of these appearances was in:

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|----|-------------------------|-------------|
| 1. | Federal courts: | 0% |
| 2. | State courts of record: | 100% |
| 3. | Other courts: | 0% |

- c) What percentage of your litigation was:

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

(although see description above in question #10)

- 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:

Because of the nature of the practice of family law (i.e. cases settle on the day of trial, clients may need representation at trial in more than one area of the law, and all PFA matters are scheduled for a final hearing), it is difficult to provide the exact number of cases that I have tried to verdict. However, I would estimate the number to be approximately 600 or 25% of the cases that I have handled during my practice as an attorney with WC&S-CLP.

- e) What percentage of these trials were:
- | | |
|--------------|-------|
| 1. Jury: | 0% |
| 2. Non-jury: | 100%* |

***Family law matters are never tried before a jury.**

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:

The frequency of my appearances in court has remained the same since beginning my practice with WC&S-CLP. With the exception that as a result of my promotion to Legal Director, I also occasionally appear in Court in a supervisory capacity.

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

No.

- 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.

No.

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;

I have dedicated my entire legal career to public service as both a staff attorney and the Legal Director of WC&S-CLP. In that role, I have provided civil legal representation in thousands of new and on-going cases for income-eligible victims of intimate partner domestic violence primarily in the area of family law, including protection from abuse, custody, divorce and property distribution, and child and spousal support matters. The purpose of my representation is to obtain justice for victims of domestic violence through the

court system and to restore autonomy, stability and safety for those victims and their children. My most significant cases are ones that produce outcomes that reach those goals. Because of the nature of family law cases and the circumstances involved therein, I often represent victims of domestic violence in legal matters over several years and with regard to a variety of issues before obtaining safety from their abusers. Below is a list of five significant cases that I have personally handled that demonstrate the success of my representation of survivors of intimate partner violence. Due to the sensitive and dangerous nature of my cases, I have listed the parties by their initials only.

L.Z. v. E.Z.

**Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas
Before the Honorable Donald R. Walko, Jr.
and now the Honorable Jennifer Satler
Date of representation: 2012 to the present**

Attorneys for E. Z:

**Todd Zwinkl, Esquire, Deborah Erbstein, Esquire
Suite 660, USX Tower, 600 Grant Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15219
412-227-5950**

Guardian Ad Litem for the parties' children:

**William Clifford, Esquire
Dickie, McCamey & Chilcote, P.C.
Two PPG Place, Suite 400
Pittsburgh, PA 15222
412-392-5411**

I represent Wife in her custody, support and divorce matters. Husband and Wife met and began a relationship in 1991. During their marriage, they raised four children together. Wife provided fulltime care for the children and Husband worked outside the home. Wife faced daily mental, emotional and verbal abuse from Husband. In 2011, Wife underwent surgery. She suffered serious medical complications that required numerous other surgeries, leaving her near death. While Wife recovered, Husband began a relationship with another woman. Anticipating Wife's demise, he slowly created a new and separate life. His anger increased and his abusive behavior toward Wife escalated. Husband routinely threatened Wife's life and damaged her belongings. As a result, Wife's care facility prohibited Husband from entering the nursing home until Wife stabilized. While Wife received skilled medical care, Husband removed Wife's items from the parties' marital home and listed the home for sale. As Wife's health failed and she remained semi unconscious, Husband deceived her into signing real estate documents that permitted him to sell their home. Husband also prohibited all

contact between the children and Wife. It was at that time that concerned neighbors helped Wife connect with CLP. I represented Wife through ongoing litigation that included numerous requests to protect her home, a two-day trial to address whether the parties had entered into a common law marriage, a complex support and property division trial, frequent custody proceedings and a pending appeal in the Pennsylvania Superior Court. My representation provided Wife substantial custody periods, rights as a married person, financial stability, and a home for her and the children where Wife can continue to recover free from Husband's abuse and intimidation.

**E. B. v. S. B.
Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas
Before the Honorable Kim Eaton
Date of representation: 2010 to the 2019**

Attorneys for S.B.:

**Mildred Sweeney, Esquire
8001 Rowan Road, Suite 212
Cranberry Township, PA 16066
724-742-2590**

**Lauren Darbouze, Esquire
One Oxford Center
301 Grant Street, Suite 4300
Pittsburgh, PA 15219
412-849-6831**

**Guardian Ad Litem for the parties' children:
Sally Frick, Esquire (and formerly Katie Mills, Esquire)
Dickie, McCamey & Chilcote, P.C.
Two PPG Place, Suite 400
Pittsburgh, PA 15222
412-392-5411**

I represented the mother of six children, presently ages 7 through 20 who have suffered from Father's ongoing control, abuse and manipulative behavior. While living as an intact family, Father's threats of violence were continuous, routinely made in the presence of the children and often escalated due to his regular consumption of alcohol. Father refused to provide for the parties' financial needs causing the family to be homeless for a period of time. I handled Mother's custody, divorce, and protection from abuse violation matters. I initially litigated a PFA violation matter and obtained continued protection for Mother for a period of three years. This outcome included a defined

custody arrangement that prohibited Father from relocating the children to another state. Over time, I represented Mother in three separate custody trials, a divorce and property distribution trial and countless requests for special relief and contempt. Father's relentless non-compliance with court directives, attempts to control Mother and demands to relocate the children to another state have resulted in years of litigation. Because of my representation, Mother has successfully defended against Father's ongoing manipulation. I have afforded her the opportunity to live in the same home for the last twelve years, secure employment and financial stability, maintain custody of the youngest children in Pennsylvania, and become involved with her community without fearing for her safety from Father.

D.W. v. J.W.

Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas

Before the Honorable Arnold Klein

Date of representation: 2002 through 2013

Attorney for J.W.:

Frederick Sproull, Esquire

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Pittsburgh, PA 15219

412-355-0770

During their marriage, Husband's physical abuse of Wife included punching, strangulation and threats to her life. Husband also routinely engaged in emotional abuse and, on one occasion, held a gun to Wife's head. Wife had limited access to income and resources, which made leaving extremely difficult. I represented Wife in her protection from abuse, custody, support and complex divorce matters. I secured enforceable safety provisions in an order of court and primary custody of Wife's children. Also, through his employment, Husband acquired substantial retirement benefits that failed to provide for Wife as a beneficiary upon Husband's death. I obtained protections for Wife and access to regular distributions from Husband's retirement benefit with alternative options for support upon Husband's death. My representation provided Wife with financial and emotional stability that allowed her to purchase a home and return to work full-time. Wife now regularly donates gift cards during the holiday season for my clients who are experiencing the same obstacles and abuse that Wife overcame as a result of my representation.

J.M. v. J.D.

Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas

Before the Honorable David N. Wecht

Date of representation: 2003 through 2009

Attorney for J.D.:

Marilyn Gilman, Esquire (deceased)

I represented Mother in custody litigation over the course of several years. During their relationship, Father threatened Mother's life, strangled her, punched her in the stomach during pregnancy, spit on her, shoved her to the floor and nearly killed her pets. Father's abuse often occurred in the presence of their young child causing Mother to fear for her and the child's safety. Upon separation, Father continued to stalk and harass Mother and took steps to bring further harm to her. On one occasion, Father snuck onto Mother's property and loosened the nozzle on Mother's outdoor grill which caused gas to slowly leak into Mother's home. I connected Mother to the Allegheny County District Attorney's Office so she could pursue criminal charges and assisted her with safety planning and relocation. Also, despite Father's relentless attempts at custody litigation and appeals filed to the Superior Court, I successfully limited Father's contact with the child to supervised visitation. Mother is now safe from Father. My representation provided Mother with a violence free life where she could care for her son in a protected and loving environment. In the beginning of this case, Mother was paralyzed by her fear of Father. She rarely left her home and refused to provide her address or phone number to anyone out of fear that Father would locate her and her son. However, in a recent conversation, Mother stated to me that, "she is now able to order pizza over the telephone without fearing for her life." The protections afforded to Mother through my representation allowed Mother to live her life, even at the basic level, free from Father's abuse and harm.

N.S. v. B.S.

Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas

Before the Honorable Beth Lazzara

Date of representation: 2002 through 2010

Attorney for B.S.:

Marc Rosenwasser, Esquire

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Pittsburgh, PA 15213

412-261-7074

Husband and Wife were the parents of two teenaged children. During their marriage, Wife received a diagnosis of ALS. Husband engaged in physical and emotional abuse of Wife both before and after her diagnosis. At the time of separation, Wife had outlived the five-year life expectancy for her disease. Husband refused access to the children and rejected

Wife's request to equally divide their marital property on the basis that Wife would die shortly and therefore did not need access to assets. I obtained regular custody and contact for Wife and the children and represented Wife through her lengthy and complex property distribution case where Wife ultimately received 65% of the marital estate. I connected Wife to resources to assist her with establishing a trust for the benefit of her children so her assets could be protected. Wife died shortly after accomplishing this goal. My representation provided Wife with the knowledge that even after her death, her children would thrive, free and clear of Husband's control and abuse.

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:

In my practice, I have never appeared before administrative boards, commissions or agencies.

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:

Only small percentage of my practice has been before the Pennsylvania Superior Court.

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

I have never held judicial office. However, I have served as a Hearing Officer for the Retirement Board of Allegheny County since 2018.

(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:

**Allegheny County Democratic Committee Person (2010 – November 2020)
Ross Township Democratic Committee Person (2010 – November 2020)**

I have served as Treasurer to a political committee -- "Friends of Steve Korbel" - from 2012 to December 2020; this is the campaign committee for my husband's candidacy for the Ross Township Board of Commissioners. He was

elected to a four-year term beginning in January 2013 and re-elected to a second term in January 2017.

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

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:

I have never been engaged in any occupation, business or profession other than the practice of law.

19. Are you now an officer or director or otherwise engaged in the management of any business enterprise?

I am not 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.

N/A

- 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:

N/A

20. 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:

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

21. Are you under any ongoing federal, state or local investigation or indictment for

possible violation of a criminal statute? If so, give particulars:

I am not presently nor have I been under any federal, state or local investigation or indictment for possible violation of a criminal statute.

22. Has a tax lien or other collection procedure been instituted against you by federal, state or local authorities? If so, give particulars:

I have never been subject to a tax lien or other collection procedure by federal, state or local authorities.

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

I have never been sued by a client.

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:

In 2019 and 2020, a defendant in one of WC&S-CLP cases filed a lawsuit in the New Jersey District Court (3:2019cv12893) and in the Pennsylvania Western District Court (2:2020cv 00224) against the Fifth Judicial District, the Honorable Judge Dan Regan, the Honorable Judge Jennifer Satler, the Allegheny County Law Department, Attorney Donald Jerich, the Women's Center and Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh, Attorney Margaret Prescott, The Allegheny County Sheriff's Department, Attorney Donald Macerjka and Attorney Sabrina Korbee. While my name is not spelled correctly, I believe that this includes me as a party to these two cases. There is has been proper service upon any of the parties by the Petitioner and at present the cases have not been further litigated since they were filed.

25. 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 beach 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.

26. 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.

I do not currently and have not within the past five years suffered from any medical or other condition that could affect or impair my judgment, reliability, or ability to perform the essential functions of a member of the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas.

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.

There are no circumstances that exist that would affect my ability to perform the function of a member of the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas.

28. Furnish one (1) example of a legal article, law review article, brief, or other legal writing which reflects your personal work. If a brief is submitted, indicate the degree to which it represents your personal work:

See attached – “Statement of the Case and Argument” from a filed Brief for the Appellee which is 100% my personal work.

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).

Pennsylvania Bar Association

Member (June 2002 – Present)
Legal Ethics and Professional Responsibility Committee (2015 – 2019)

Allegheny County Bar Association

Member (June 2002 – Present)
Judiciary Committee (2010-2013)
Board of Governors (2013-2015)
By-Laws Committee, Chair (2015 – 2017)
Ad Hoc Governance Committee (2015 – Present)
Family Law Section
Member (2002 – Present)
Public Service Committee Chair (2010 – Present)
Children’s Issues Committee (2004 – Present)

Women in the Law Division (2004 - Present)
Public Service Committee (2009 - Present)

Allegheny County Bar Foundation
Young Fellow (2009 - 2018)
Fellow (2018 - Present)

City of Pittsburgh Gender Equity Commission (2018 - Present)
Founding Commissioner
Secretary (2019-2020)
Governance and Leadership Committee
Chair (2019 to Present)

Allegheny County Women's Bar Association
Member (2004 - Present)
Nominating Committee (2014)

Allegheny County Domestic Violence Task Force
Member (May 2002 - Present)

Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence
Member, Attorney Network (May 2002 - Present)

National Council of Jewish Women Children's Room in the Courts
Member (2004 - Present)

Pittsburgh Matrimonial Inns of Court
Member (2005 - Present)
Secretary (2011-2103)
President (2013-2015; 2019 to present)

Allegheny County Children's Roundtable
Member (January 2016 - present)
Family Violence Committee Implementation Team
(January 2016 - Present)

30. List your experiences in teaching and lecturing, including law school, continuing legal education and to non-legal audiences.

Neighborhood Legal Services Association Pro Bono PFA Continuing Legal Education training: "Helping Domestic Violence Victims Obtain Protection Orders" - This program is presented twice annually and I have been a co-presenter each year since 2004.

Domestic Violence Trainer for the City of Pittsburgh Police Academy and Allegheny County Police Academy. Trainings are conducted

several times per year for cadets entering the police academy and include information about the dynamics of domestic violence and the protection from abuse laws. I have performed this training from 2002 and through 2018.

Women's Center and Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh Volunteer Training. This is a forty-hour training established by the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence for individuals interested in volunteering in direct service roles with the agency. All new WC&S staff are required to participate in this training. I perform this training on an annual basis.

From time to time, I have instructed students at the University of Pittsburgh School of Law, Duquesne University School of Law and Point Park College about the dynamics of domestic violence and the protection from abuse laws.

I also serve as a regular resource for attorneys with regard to domestic violence and have lectured before several committees of the ACBA about trends and issues in the area of domestic violence.

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:

Susquehanna University Pittsburgh Alumni Chapter	
Member	(1999 - Present)
Junior League - Pittsburgh Chapter	
Member	(2003 - 2005)
Women's Club of White Oak Heights	
Member	(2005 - Present)
Program Chair	(2007 - 2019)
White Oak Heights Civic Association	
Member	(2007 - 2012)
Ross Township Democratic Committee	
Committee Person	(2010 - November 2020)
Secretary	(2011 - November 2020)
Allegheny County Democratic Committee	
Committee Person	(2010 - November 2020)

Berkeley Hills Civic Association
Member (2012 – Present)

North Hills School District-Ross Elementary PTO
Member (2012 – 2019)
Board Member and Secretary (2015 – 2019)

Girl Scouts of Western Pennsylvania
Member and Volunteer (2012 – 2020)

National Council of Jewish Women – Pittsburgh Chapter
Member (2013 – Present)

Greater Pittsburgh Business and Professional Women
Member (2016 – Present)

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.

2010 Allegheny County Bar Foundation Public Interest Attorney Award
2011 Pennsylvania Bar Association Civil Legal Aid Attorney of the Year
2017 Women of Achievement Award
2020 Salute to Legal Excellence 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 to a Court of Pennsylvania.

I have dedicated my entire practice to serving the most vulnerable members of our community in cases that involve lethal matters and very private and emotional circumstances. I am specially trained to work with trauma victims and have conducted my practice with the highest level of integrity, kindness and respect for others. In addition, I am an experienced family law attorney who is well respected by my peers. I desire to become a judge in the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas so that I can use my unique experience and skills to advance the judicial system (specifically the Family Division) so that parties and their children feel safe, informed and engaged as they pursue fair outcomes in their legal matters.

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?

With at least 8 seats open on the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas in

2021, there is an opportunity to elect judges who can make a positive, substantial and lasting impact on the way our justice system looks, operates and engages with the people who use the courts.

My work as the Legal Director of the Women's Center and Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh has provided me with just that type of training and experience. I have devoted my entire legal career to providing free representation to survivors of domestic violence and their children in the trial and appellate courts. Through this work, I have stood with, and given a voice to, victims who face daily violence, housing and transportation obstacles, impediments to employment, financial burdens, mental health crises and their own involvement in the criminal justice system. I have witnessed the courage that it takes for individuals to engage in a confusing, expensive and overwhelming court system - often left feeling shut out and without access to justice. Most importantly, I have experienced how fair, unbiased and compassionate judges, with the right temperament, can empower an individual and launch them on their own authentic path to success.

I am running as a candidate for the Court of Common Pleas because I believe that through my experience and training as a hard working legal aid attorney, I have developed the type of compassion, temperament and fairness that will improve the Court of Common Pleas and make Allegheny County a model judicial system.

In my nearly twenty years of practice at the Women's Center and Shelter Civil Law Project, I have gained experience and training as a trauma-informed attorney who has managed and litigated over 7,000 cases in the areas of family law and domestic violence. I handle cases in Court on a daily basis and I know firsthand that we have a great deal of work to do to reform the court and restore our community's trust in the justice system. During my career, I have fought alongside countless community partners to prioritize systemic changes that have made the courts more transparent, accessible and safe for our friends and neighbors who are the most resource burdened. I believe that when we make these types of changes, we improve the justice system for everyone.

While I have valued my time as Legal Director at the Women's Center and Shelter and the impact I have had in the individual lives of survivors and their children, I am excited about the opportunity to take my experience and passion to the bench where I could focus on championing necessary changes by:

- ❖ Returning our Court to the community by expanding community-based court locations that serve individuals within their own neighborhoods.**
- ❖ Expanding the use of remote services to individuals using the Court to reduce the burden of transportation costs, missed work time and childcare in order to have access to justice.**

- ❖ **Improving the Court's customer service and transparency by (1) creating and providing easy to understand written materials and videos to make court less confusing and more accessible for litigants; (2) expanding existing programs such as the *pro se* clinic where self- represented parties can obtain assistance with filing cases in Court and creating new programs such as remote filing services for protection from abuse cases; (3) improving communication between the different Divisions of the Court so that court services are more holistic and unified which should create more efficiency with cases and less continuances or time spent in court.**

- ❖ **Ensure that our Court and its policies and procedures are inclusive and gender and racially equitable. Mandate that all members of the Court participate in regular training on implicit bias and equity, diversity and inclusion.**

- ❖ **Prioritize criminal justice reform and use the position of judge to collaborate with community leaders and state and local legislators to make real and substantive changes.**

- ❖ **Focus on reform beyond criminal justice so that all Divisions of the Court establish practices that eliminate implicit bias, racism and access to justice obstacles for low-income individuals and people of color – those individuals who are most negatively impacted by the Court's current practices.**

- ❖ **Create additional specialized courts in accordance with national standards and models where judges become experts and hear cases in specific areas that have daily impacts on families and children, such as in the area of domestic violence.**

- ❖ **Create a Trauma-Informed culture within the Court and require that all court policies and procedures be conducted in a Trauma-Informed manner.**

Within this crowded field, there are a number of incredibly qualified candidates running for the Court of Common Pleas. With the 2021 election, we have the opportunity to elect judges who will make our Court more diverse, inclusive and focused on judicial reform that will positively improve an individual's experience in the justice system and ensure that everyone's rights and freedoms are protected. Throughout my career, I have shown that I am hard working, compassionate and fair. I have the temperament and compassion necessary to succeed at this work and I am truly committed to transforming the Court.

Did you sign the ACBA Judicial Campaign Advertising Guidelines Pledge? (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.

Sabrina Korbel, Esquire

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sabrina Korbel', written over a horizontal line.

Signature

January 26, 2020

Date

ALLEGHENY COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

JUDICIAL CANDIDATE PLEDGE

I, Sabrina Korbel, a candidate for judicial office, have familiarized myself with the Code of Judicial Conduct and the Code of Civility, as promulgated by the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania. I have directed special attention to Canon 4 of the Code of Judicial Conduct, including Rules 4.1, 4.2 and 4.4. I agree to conduct my judicial campaign consistent therewith and further consistent with *Republican Party of Minnesota v. White*, 536 U.S. (2002). I further pledge that all campaign advertising will be done fairly, accurately, truthfully, and will maintain the dignity appropriate to the judicial office which I am seeking.

Amended 11/18/2014



Signature of Candidate

January 26, 2021

Date