

**ALLEGHENY COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION JUDICIARY COMMITTEE  
PERSONAL DATA QUESTIONNAIRE  
FOR APPLICANTS CURRENTLY ON THE BENCH**

I am seeking a rating for the following court:

- Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas
- Pennsylvania Commonwealth Court
- Pennsylvania Superior Court
- Pennsylvania Supreme Court
- United States District Court for Western District of Pennsylvania
- United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit

1. State your full name:

Bruce R. Beemer

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

No

2. Office address (include zip code):

528 Courthouse  
436 Grant Street  
Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Office telephone (include area code):

412-350-2504

3. Date and place of birth:

Washington, D.C. (Date of Birth: December 14, 1968)

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:

Yes, I am married to Jodi (Goodwin) Beemer and we were married on October 9, 2004

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

No, I have never been divorced.

6. Have you had any military service? If so,
- a) Give dates, branch of service, rank of rate, and present status:
  - b) Have you ever been rejected or released from any of the armed services for reasons other than honorable? If so, give details:

Never served in United States Armed Forces  
Registered for selective service on September 15, 1987  
(Selective Service Number is 6816700592)

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, PA  
Juris Doctor Degree conferred June 1995  
Dates Attended: August 1992 through June 1995

UNIVERSITY OF SCRANTON, Scranton, PA  
Bachelor of Arts in History conferred June 1992, summa cum laude.  
Dates Attended: August 1989 through June 1992

COLLEGE OF WILLIAM AND MARY, Williamsburg, VA  
Dates Attended: August 1987 through June 1989  
No degree obtained

Transferred to the University of Scranton in 1989 to pursue athletic opportunities and to be closer to home for personal reasons.

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.
- Admitted by the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania on November 27, 1995 to the bar of the Courts of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as an Attorney at Law Pennsylvania I.D. Number is 76148. There has been no lapse in membership.
  - Admitted to practice by the United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania on December 1, 1995. There has been no lapse in membership.
  - Admitted to practice by the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania on July 24, 2010. There has been no lapse in membership.
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:

PENNSYLVANIA OFFICE OF STATE INSPECTOR GENERAL

555 Walnut Street, 8th Floor

Harrisburg, PA 17101

Dates of Employment: July 25, 2016 to August 30, 2016 and January 17, 2017 to December 31, 2019.

Position: State Inspector General

Salaried: Yes

PENNSYLVANIA OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL

16th Floor, Strawberry Square

Harrisburg, PA 17101

Dates of Employment: September 26, 2011 to July 22, 2016; appointed as Attorney General of Pennsylvania from August 30, 2016 until January 17, 2017.

Positions: Attorney General of Pennsylvania (2016-2017), First Deputy Attorney General, Senior Counsel to the Attorney General, Chief of Criminal Prosecutions, Chief of Staff

Salaried: Yes

LAW FIRM OF BEEMER & BEEMER

310 Grant Street, Suite 1230

Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Dates of Employment: July 2, 2010 to September 25, 2011

Position: Partner

Salaried: Yes

UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH SCHOOL OF LAW, PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

Dates of Employment: 2005 to 2011

Position: Adjunct Professor of Law

Salaried: Yes

Course Title: Criminal Prosecution Practicum

Course Description: Combined advocacy type courtroom instruction with practical criminal prosecution experience in order to prepare students for the practice of criminal law upon graduation. Classroom instruction involves both defense and criminal prosecution issues along with practical exercises. I taught the class with another Adjunct professor, the Honorable Edward J. Borkowski, a Judge in the Allegheny Court of Common Pleas, Criminal Division.

ALLEGHENY COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

401 Allegheny County Courthouse

436 Grant Street

Pittsburgh, PA 15219-2489

Dates of Employment: June 24, 1996 to July 1, 2010  
Position: Deputy District Attorney  
Salaried: Yes

LAW FIRM OF BEEMER & BEEMER

114-116 N. Abington Road  
Clarks Summit, PA 18411

Dates of Employment: August 1995 through June 14, 1996

Position: Associate Attorney/Legal Assistant

Salaried: Yes

Job Description: Associate attorney with a small three-person law firm focusing primarily on civil litigation.

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

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

Following my admission to the bar in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in November of 1995, I joined the law firm founded by my mother and father, Beemer & Beemer. The firm focused primarily on plaintiff and environmental civil litigation. I worked on a number of civil matters representing plaintiffs during this period. In January of 1996, I was appointed as the solicitor for the Second Class Township of Newton in Lackawanna County. I resigned as an active member of the firm in June of 1996 to move back to Pittsburgh.

On June 24, 1996, I accepted a position with the Allegheny County District Attorney's Office as an Assistant District Attorney. Initially, I was assigned to the General Trial Unit. I appeared in court on a daily basis representing the Commonwealth. I prosecuted approximately twenty jury trials in the General Trial Unit between June of 1996 and March of 1999 on charges ranging from driving under the influence of alcohol to attempted homicide. I also prosecuted over one hundred bench trials.

In 1999 I was promoted to the Narcotics Unit, which was responsible for prosecuting the most serious offenses involving drug delivery or drug trafficking. In April of 2000 I moved to the Crimes Against Persons Unit where I served until April of 2005. During that period, I tried to jury verdict dozens of cases involving homicide, rape, child abuse, aggravated assault, robbery, burglary, and computer crimes. I prosecuted twelve to fifteen murder cases annually in addition to the fifty to sixty cases on my Crimes Persons caseload. I moved briefly to the homicide unit from April to October of 2005 where I continued to prosecute murder cases. In October of 2005, I was promoted to Deputy District Attorney and placed in charge of the General Trial Unit of the office along with two other supervisors.

The General Trial Unit of the office consisted of eighteen attorneys. These lawyers collectively prosecuted approximately ten thousand cases a year. The unit was responsible for various types of prosecutions such as weapons and drug violations, driving under the influence, theft, forgery, burglary, robbery, and assault. The attorneys in this unit were often the least experienced in the office, and consequently, I developed extensive trainings to

assist them in their case preparation and presentation. I conducted monthly training sessions regarding the current state of the law on issues such as impeachment and character evidence, hearsay, crimes code updates, and other areas relating to trial work. I also conducted workshops designed to improve their trial skills in areas such as direct and cross examination, opening statements and closing arguments, introducing exhibits and documents, and witness preparation.

During this period, I was asked to supervise other areas of the office in addition to my supervisory duties in General Trial and my trial work. In 2006 I became supervisor of the Summary Appeals Unit, which consisted of seven or eight attorneys who handled de novo summary trials in front of a Common Pleas Judge. I also supervised the Extradition Unit, working regularly with other state and federal law enforcement agencies to secure the presence of prisoners for court proceedings. I ran the law student internship program within the office and participated on the office Hiring Committee for assistant district attorneys.

Throughout this period, I continued to prosecute many homicides and other serious matters. I had the privilege of prosecuting approximately one hundred jury trials, and close to seventy-five homicide cases. I spent considerable time investigating several cold case homicides through the use of our County Grand Jury. I also worked regularly with city, state and federal law enforcement agents to identify and prosecute gang related criminal activity within the City of Pittsburgh and in other areas of Allegheny County.

I made the decision to leave government service and enter private practice in June of 2010. I joined the law firm of Beemer & Beemer as a partner. The firm had been started by my mother and father in 1984. My mother passed away in 1999. The firm had only had an office located in the Scranton area, and I opened an office in Pittsburgh. For many years the firm had concentrated on representing plaintiffs in large scale toxic tort and other environmental cases as well as personal injury, medical malpractice and other plaintiff matters. I also added federal and state criminal defense work to our practice.

I routinely represented criminal defendants in both federal and state court on a variety of matters ranging from complex white-collar investigations to simple possession and driving under the influence cases. I was often sought out by other lawyers and firms across western Pennsylvania to handle criminal matters on their behalf. I also practiced in the civil arena, handling everything from automobile personal injury cases to federal 1983 claims. My primary focus in the civil area was on the representation of those harmed by environmental polluters. The firm often partnered with other environmental firms from Philadelphia and New York City in that regard. In 2011 I participated in a mediation that resulted in the largest settlement of a mass tort environmental case in the history of northeast Pennsylvania. In partnership with two other firms, the firm represented several hundred plaintiffs in this action against Sandvik Steel and other companies for toxic contamination at an industrial site near Scranton. During this period, I also represented, pro bono or by court appointment, several clients referred to me by the Center for Victims of Violence and Crime.

In August of 2011, Attorney General Linda Kelly offered me the position of Chief of Staff at the Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General. I accepted and started with that office on September 26, 2011. The Attorney General's Office employs approximately 800 people divided among sixteen offices throughout the Commonwealth. It is organized into three

principal divisions: Criminal, Civil and Public Protection.

As Chief of Staff, I was the principal policy adviser to Attorney General Kelly. I also supervised the Communications and Legislative Affairs sections. I routinely consulted directly with the Attorney General on high level criminal cases, civil matters involving the representation of state government agencies, and large-scale consumer protection actions. I was the office liaison with the Legislature, Supreme Court, and other governmental agencies on matters of office policy, legislation affecting the office, and all other matters involving the Attorney General. In this role I was asked to testify in front of both the Pennsylvania House and Senate on bills affecting the office and prosecutorial functions generally such as implementation of juvenile sentencing schemes in murder cases and the collection and analysis of DNA in statewide databases. In addition, I was assigned as lead trial attorney in criminal cases involving three administrators at Penn State University and their handling of the Jerry Sandusky child abuse allegations.

When Attorney General Kathleen Kane assumed office in January of 2013, my role changed as I was appointed Senior Counsel to the Attorney General and Chief of the Criminal Prosecutions Section. In this capacity I oversaw several dozen prosecutors, agents and staff responsible for the investigation and prosecution of criminal offenses varying from criminal homicide to complex political corruption cases.

During my seventeen months in this position I either personally handled or directly oversaw complex Grand Jury investigations that led to charges being filed in a number of significant matters, including an investigation into the Harrisburg Incinerator matter leading to charges against a former mayor of Harrisburg, a comprehensive investigation into child abuse issues flowing out of the Altoona Johnstown Diocese, the arrest and conviction of a southeast Pennsylvania State Senator for theft and conflict of interest charges related to the misuse of her office, and significant governmental investigations involving fraud and corruption of millions of dollars at both the Pennsylvania Turnpike and the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.

In 2013, on the recommendation of the Attorney General, I was appointed by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court to the state Criminal Rules Committee. For over three years I worked with judges, defense attorneys, clerks of court and prosecutors in formulating and implementing changes and additions to the state criminal procedural rules. I also represented the Attorney General at quarterly meetings for the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency.

In June of 2014, Attorney General Kane asked me to assume the position of First Deputy Attorney General. This position is the chief legal and policy adviser to the Attorney General, and directly oversees the three principal legal divisions of the office. The First Deputy also has traditionally handled many of the personnel and employment related issues of the office. The Attorney General's Office has over 800 employees and sixteen offices spread throughout Pennsylvania. I managed employees and offices daily. I was directly involved in several of the Office's most important civil and public protection matters. For example, I was part of a team (along with other members of the OAG, the Department of Health, and the Pa. Insurance Department) that in conjunction with the Governor's Office helped negotiate a Consent Decree between health care entities UPMC and Highmark. The

consent decree helped provide stability within the western Pennsylvania health care market during the period when the two entities were splitting after being unable to negotiate a contract extension affecting hundreds of thousands of consumers.

I also directly supervised several other significant matters in the Office including litigation of a Master Settlement Agreement involving the major tobacco companies under which they pay approximately 340 million dollars annually to the Commonwealth, five lawsuits against electric generation suppliers for over-billing of customers during a polar vortex, and a lawsuit against Chesapeake Energy regarding the misrepresentation to landowners who entered into lease agreements with Chesapeake that their royalty fees would be millions of dollars greater than what they actually were. In addition, I regularly consulted with our Civil Division regarding their representation of the Commonwealth's executive branch agencies in matters such as excessive force complaints involving the Pennsylvania State Police and the defense of the Department of Corrections in prisoner litigation.

In October of 2015, the Attorney General's license to practice law was temporarily suspended by Order of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court. By virtue of my position as First Deputy I had to assume final authority on all legal matters in the office. This included the signing of wiretaps before the Pennsylvania Superior Court, immunity orders, the approval of all settlements and contracts on behalf of the agency and other executive branch agencies, and a wide array of other matters that the Attorney General must routinely handle.

On July 25, 2016 Governor Tom Wolf appointed me to the position of Inspector General of Pennsylvania. This is a Cabinet level position responsible for investigating waste, fraud and abuse within the executive branch agencies of state government. The office also investigates welfare fraud, food stamp trafficking, and overpayment of benefits from inception to final prosecution or adjudication. There are approximately two-hundred and twenty (220) employees located in four offices (Harrisburg, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and Wilkes-Barre) throughout the Commonwealth.

Shortly after my appointment as Inspector General, Attorney General Kathleen Kane resigned as Attorney General of Pennsylvania. Kane had been convicted on August 15, 2016 of various crimes including Perjury and Obstructing the Administration of Law. On August 16 she announced she would be resigning effective the following day. On August 18 Governor Wolf publicly announced he was nominating me as Attorney General to fill the rest of Kane's unexpired term. I was confirmed unanimously by the Pennsylvania Senate on August 30, 2016 by a vote of 44-0.

The Attorney General's office has over eight hundred employees and fourteen offices spread throughout the Commonwealth. The Attorney General is the chief law enforcement officer of the Commonwealth and is charged with the responsibility of investigating and prosecuting drug offenses, organized crime, political corruption, Medicaid and insurance fraud, and a variety of other criminal statutes. The office also represents the Commonwealth and all of its agencies in any action brought by or against those agencies. It also administers relevant provisions of consumer protection laws, as well as any antitrust laws or oversight of charitable institutions.

During my more than five months as Attorney General my senior staff and I spent

considerable time working on restoring the morale of the employees following a very difficult period in the office. I also spent time restoring the office's working partnerships with other local, state and federal law enforcement agencies. Those partnerships had suffered severe damage during the period when the previous sitting Attorney General was under indictment. I also sat as the Vice-Chair of the Pennsylvania Board of Pardons, where myself and other members worked on making the pardons process more accessible and utilized by citizens of the Commonwealth.

I resumed my tenure as Inspector General on January 17, 2017, when newly elected Attorney General Josh Shapiro was sworn in. The Office of Inspector General was created by Executive Order 1987-7 in April of 1987 by Governor Robert P. Casey. On July 20, 2017, Governor Wolf signed Act 29-2017 which established the Office of State Inspector General under statute. I worked closely with the Governor's Office and members of the General Assembly to create a statutory Office of State Inspector General that would have sufficient powers and resources to effectively carry out its mission. The new statute provides the agency with the ability to issue subpoenas, criminally investigate certain crimes involving public benefits programs, file police criminal complaints and access criminal justice databases. As a result of this significant legislation, we were able to design and implement a first of its kind training program for our office personnel. The training teaches our staff best investigative practices and critical criminal justice techniques. During my time as the State Inspector General, we undertook major investigations into such areas as the Pennsylvania State Police Academy and issues regarding cheating, the Department of Aging and its oversight of County Areas on Aging, and issues regarding the Department of Human Services oversight of county children and youth service agencies. The agency has also saved close to 100 million dollars in the last three fiscal years by identifying and preventing fraud in the public benefits system administered by the Department of Human Services.

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 currently a Judge on the Allegheny Court of Common Pleas, assigned to the Criminal Division. Criminal Division judges handle all felony and misdemeanor cases filed in Allegheny County that have been held for court after a preliminary hearing. I was nominated to the position by Governor Tom Wolf in November of 2019 and confirmed by the Senate of Pennsylvania on December 18, 2019 by a vote of 49-0 (I was voted out of the Senate Judiciary Committee the same day by a vote of 14-0). There were five judges confirmed that day (one to Commonwealth Court and three for the Court of Common Pleas in Philadelphia) and my nomination was the only one that passed the Senate unanimously. I was sworn in on January 3, 2020 for a seat that expires in January 2022.

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 was sworn in as a Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County (5th Judicial District) on January 3, 2020. I was immediately assigned to the Criminal Division, where I was given the Phoenix Docket. The Phoenix Docket consists of a high volume of primarily misdemeanor cases including charges involving driving under the influence, possession of a controlled substance, retail theft and others. This docket seeks the expeditious resolution of minor criminal matters. In late February 2020 I was asked to transfer to handling a specialty court docket in Sex Offender Court (SOC). SOC was created in 2011 in Allegheny County to provide consistency in adjudications, sentencing, and in the imposition of charge-specific conditions for offenders. I am one of two judges that handles this high volume and difficult docket that prioritizes efficient and fair disposition of matters for all involved. My SOC docket focuses primarily on cases involving minor complainants. I also maintain a regular docket of cases with charges ranging from criminal homicide to lower-level misdemeanor crimes.

b) The percentage of your time devoted to:

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

c) The percentage of your time devoted to:

1. Jury: Less than 5%

Note: This number is considerably lower in 2020 than would normally be expected as Allegheny County stopped conducting jury trials from March 16, 2020 through October 17, 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic. As a result, the SOC docket has had a much lower percentage of cases resolved via jury trial in 2020.

2. Non-jury: 20%
3. Appellate argument:
4. Other: 75%

This would include guilty pleas, sentencings, conducting SOC Formal Arraignments and Pre-Trial Conferences, and the resolution of pre-trial motions, including motions to suppress.

d) Five of the more significant opinions you have rendered and citations thereto if the cases were reported:

During my time on the bench, there are four cases which have been appealed and for which I have submitted opinions. They are:

- Com v. Frances Corbett; 263 WDA 2020
- Com v. Aaron Williams; 559 WDA 2020
- Com v. Lance Rucker; 634 WDA 2020
- Com v. Terry Lipinski; 678 WDA 2020

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:

N/A

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:

N/A

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:

STATE INSPECTOR GENERAL OF PENNSYLVANIA, Harrisburg, PA  
 Pennsylvania Office of State Inspector General, July 25, 2016 to August 30, 2016

- Appointed by Governor Tom Wolf to Cabinet position (does not require Senate confirmation) that is responsible for investigating waste, fraud and abuse in the executive branch agencies of state government. The Office also investigates welfare fraud, food stamp trafficking, and overpayment of benefits from inception to final prosecution or adjudication.
- Supervision of over 200 employees in four different offices across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

ATTORNEY GENERAL OF PENNSYLVANIA, Harrisburg, PA  
 Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General, August 30, 2016 to January 17, 2017

- Nominated by Governor Tom Wolf on August 18, 2016 to serve as Attorney General of Pennsylvania. Confirmed unanimously by Pennsylvania Senate (vote of 44-0) on August 30, 2016.
- Management of an office of over 800 employees and fourteen offices across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
- As the Chief Law Enforcement Officer of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania the Attorney General is charged with the responsibility for the prosecution of drug offenses, organized crime, political corruption, Medicaid and insurance fraud, and a variety of

other criminal statutes.

- The Office also represents the Commonwealth and all of its agencies in any action brought by or against those agencies. It also administers relevant provisions of consumer protection laws, as well as any antitrust laws or oversight of charitable institutions.

STATE INSPECTOR GENERAL OF PENNSYLVANIA, Harrisburg, PA  
Pennsylvania Office of State Inspector General, January 17, 2017 until present

- Reappointed to position by Governor Tom Wolf on January 17, 2017 after term as Attorney General expired at noon that day.

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:

PENN TRAFFORD HIGH SCHOOL

3381 Route 130

Harrison City, PA 15636

(724) 744-4471

Dates of Employment: July 1993 through December 1994

Position: Head Football Coach, 8th-9th Grade Junior High Team

Salaried: Yes

Job Description: Head Junior High Football coach responsible for managing 40-50 players and three assistant coaches for the 1993 and 1994 high school football seasons. Also assisted varsity football team with film review, scouting, and summer camp

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.

No

19. 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:

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. Prior to taking the bench, were you ever sued by a client? If so, give particulars:

No

23. 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:

I have been called as a witness in a grand jury investigation. While serving as First Deputy Attorney General I was called to testify twice (in September and again in December of 2014) by a special prosecutor appointed by the Hon. William Carpenter. The special prosecutor was investigating the release of secret grand jury material from within the Attorney General's office. The investigation ultimately led to the filing of criminal charges against then Attorney General Kathleen Kane in August of 2015. I also provided testimony for the Commonwealth at the trial on these charges in August of 2016. Attorney General Kane was ultimately found guilty by a jury of all nine charges (including perjury and obstruction of law or other governmental function) on August 15, 2016. She resigned from office the following day.

I was also called as a witness in a grand jury investigation conducted by the District Attorney of Philadelphia and involved Attorney General Kane and her handling of an investigation involving bribery and corrupt influence surrounding various legislators from Philadelphia. This testimony occurred in November of 2014.

24. 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

25. 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.

No

26. 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:

27. Furnish one (1) example of a legal article, law review article, briefs, 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

28. 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).

- Member Allegheny County Bar Association
- Member National Association of Attorneys General
- Member Association of Inspectors General
- Former Member Pennsylvania Bar Association
- Former Member American Bar Association
- Former Member Pennsylvania District Attorneys Association

29. 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.

I have taught the following Continuing Legal Education courses:

- Ethical Challenges in Government, presented at the Association of Inspectors General annual national meeting in Austin, TX on November 16, 2017.
- Explaining the new changes at the Inspector General's Office, presented at OGC (Office of General Counsel) University in Camp Hill, PA on September 8, 2017.
- The role of the Inspector General, presented to the Dauphin County Bar Association in Harrisburg, PA on January 30, 2018
- Investigating the Catholic Church, presented as the Keynote Address for the Washington County Bar Association Bench Bar Conference in Southpointe, PA on March 1, 2019.

During my time serving as State Inspector General, I provided testimony before the State Legislature on the following topics:

- Testified on May 9, 2017 before the Senate State Government Committee regarding Senate Bill 527 and the statutory creation of the Office of State Inspector General.
- Testified on February 27, 2018 before the Senate Appropriations Committee about the State Inspector General Budget for Fiscal Year 2018-2019.
- Testified on March 7, 2018 before the House Appropriations Committee about the State Inspector General Budget for Fiscal Year 2018-2019.

I taught the following Continuing Legal Education courses on behalf of the Pennsylvania District Attorney's Association:

- Anticipating Defenses, Delivered at the Basic Prosecutor Course in Carlisle, PA on December 4, 2006.
- Impeachment Evidence, Delivered at the Pennsylvania District Attorney Association Mid-Winter Meeting at Station Square in Pittsburgh, PA on February 7, 2007.
- Character Evidence, Delivered at the Pennsylvania District Attorney Association Mid-Winter Meeting at Station Square in Pittsburgh, PA on February 8, 2007.
- Pre-Trial Preparation in Capital Cases, Delivered at the Atherton Hotel in State College, PA on June 27, 2007.
- Sentencing Changes and the New Prison Package, delivered at the Allegheny County Courthouse in Pittsburgh, PA on November 21, 2008 (This lecture was not sponsored by the PDAA).

Additional Lectures:

- Courtroom Presentation, delivered for the Allegheny County District Attorney and Municipal Police Departments at the Sheraton, Station Square in Pittsburgh, PA on October 24, 2006
- Forensic Evidence in the Courtroom, Delivered at the Allegheny County Courthouse in Pittsburgh, PA on March 30, 2007.
- Police Report Writing and Courtroom Testimony, Delivered at the Allegheny County Homestead Training Center in Homestead, PA on May 7, 2009.

30. 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:

PENNSYLVANIA BOARD OF PARDONS (2016 to 2017), Vice-Chair

333 Market Street, 15th Floor

Harrisburg, PA 17126

Vice-Chair pursuant to Pennsylvania Constitution during tenure as Attorney General

- Sat on a five-member Board that reviews criminal cases to determine whether clemency should be recommended to the Governor, who has the ultimate authority to approve or deny.

PENNSYLVANIA CRIMINAL PROCEDURAL RULES COMMITTEE

(2013 to 2017), Member  
Pennsylvania Judicial Center  
601 Commonwealth Avenue  
Suite 1500  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

- The Criminal Rules Committee is an advisory group that assists the Pennsylvania Supreme Court. It is comprised of judges, prosecutors and defense attorneys from throughout the Commonwealth and is responsible for proposing new rules and rule amendments to the Pa. Rules of Criminal Procedure.

PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION ON CRIME AND DELINQUENCY (PCCD)  
(2012 to 2016), Attorney General Representative at PCCD  
3101 North Front Street  
Harrisburg, PA 17110

- Attorney General representative at large group meetings for PCCD. I was a non-voting participant in dealing with issues such as criminal justice, juvenile justice and victim services.

INTER-AGENCY ELECTION PREPAREDNESS AND SECURITY WORKGROUP  
(2018 to 2019), Member  
302 North Office Building, 401 North Street  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

- The Workgroup, which includes the Pennsylvania Secretary of State and the Pennsylvania State Police, among others, focuses on training and preparation at all levels of election administration.

CENTER FOR VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE AND CRIME (CVVC) (2008 to 2013)  
5916 Penn Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15206  
Board Member (2010 to 2013)  
Member, Community Advisory Council (2008-2010)

- Regularly attended board meetings and actively participated in the Board's goals of promoting the Center for Victims of Violence and Crime and providing outreach and training programs within the community. The Board is responsible for approximately fifty employees and a budget of several million dollars. The CVVC actively assists victims within the court system and provides advocates for victims at all stages of the criminal process.

SCRANTON COUNTRY CLUB - Member (1995 to present)

- Club includes golf, swimming, and dining facilities. I have been a non-resident member (one who resides more than 100 miles from the Club) since June of 1996.

ALCOMA GOLF CLUB, Penn Hills, PA - Member (2000 to 2003)

Club included golf, swimming and dining facilities.

RIVERS CLUB, Pittsburgh, PA - Member (2004 to 2006)  
Downtown athletic club and dining facility

YMCA, Franklin Park, PA - Member (2007 to Present)

31. 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.

UNIVERSITY OF SCRANTON:

- Graduated *summa cum laude* with G.P.A. of 3.93
- Member of GTE Kodak Regional NCAA Academic Basketball All-American First Team (Division III) and Finalist for National All-American (1991-92).
- Winner of Middle Atlantic Conference and Eastern College Athletic Conference student-athlete award for athletic and academic achievement (1991 and 1992).
- Winner of Professor Frank C. Brown award for Excellence in History (1992).

PROFESSIONAL HONORS:

- Awarded Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Honor in 2004 at the annual Mt. Lebanon Police Department banquet and dinner.
- Distinguished Leader Award given by the Legal Intelligencer (2017).

32. 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 a Court of Pennsylvania.

N/A

33. 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?

A Judge holds a truly unique and special place in upholding our system of justice. I have spent much of my legal career in a courtroom arguing cases and have seen first hand the effect, both positive and negative, that a judge can have on both the actual and perceived level of fairness that litigants receive when their day in court arrives. Our legal system is the finest in the world, but in many respects, it is only as strong as it needs to be when judges exist who dispense justice competently and fairly. The challenge I face in the courtroom as a judge, to handle matters fairly, efficiently and competently, is as great and weighty as any I could face in my legal career. I have spent a great deal of my legal career in public service, and there is no more important way to serve than to seek to ensure that all who come before a court receive



a fair and unbiased review of their case.

I believe I possess a unique combination of experience, skills and temperament that aid my ability as a judge. I spent fifteen years in a courtroom as an advocate and tried over one hundred cases to a jury verdict, developing a strong understanding of courtroom procedure and rules. I have also spent several years in charge of large government agencies managing hundreds of people and multitudes of issues. This has allowed me to manage my very heavy trial docket in an organized and efficient way. The positions I have held in government have forced me to make decisions, often subject to public scrutiny, that required a degree of moral courage. A judge must be willing to fairly apply the facts to the law, regardless of public outcry or criticism. My experiences have evidenced a willingness to make hard decisions that I believe are fair and just irrespective of any collateral consequences. I also believe I possess an even temperament and that I provide a calm and experienced demeanor to all those who appear before me.

34. 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.

Bruce R. Beemer

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Type or print name

*Bruce R. Beemer*

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Signature

11/29/2020

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Date

**ALLEGHENY COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION**

**JUDICIAL CANDIDATE PLEDGE**

I, Bruce R. Beemer, 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



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Signature of Candidate

11/29/2020

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Date