

ALLEGHENY COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY PERSONAL DATA QUESTIONNAIRE

ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND AUTHORIZATION

As a candidate or potential candidate for Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas, the Pennsylvania Appellate Courts or the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania, I hereby acknowledge and authorize the procedures of the Allegheny County Bar Association Committee on the Judiciary, including the following:

1. If I become a candidate, the Allegheny County Bar Association Committee on the Judiciary will make available to the public the Questionnaire, Supplemental Questionnaire and my responses, except for the questions and responses which are acknowledged to be confidential, which information shall remain available only to the Committee.
2. My responses are provided without breaching client confidentiality as embodied in Rule 1.6 of the Rules of Professional Conduct.
3. If I become a candidate, the rating assigned to me by the Committee will be publicly announced. The Committee's rating of any person shall expire two (2) years from the date on which the person's evaluation was completed; provided, however, when the rating period expires during the year of a Municipal Election cycle, the rating shall expire on December 31, of that year.
4. Should I receive a *Not Recommended at this time* or *Unqualified* rating the Committee will endeavor to notify me prior to a public announcement. If I withdraw from the race, the rating will not be announced and the questionnaires will not be published.
5. I hereby authorize the Pennsylvania Judicial Conduct Board, the Disciplinary Board of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, and the Pennsylvania Board of Law Examiners to transmit my entire file and record, including confidential information contained therein, to the Allegheny County Bar Association Committee on the Judiciary. I hereby specifically waive any confidentiality rights I may have in those records.
6. I hereby authorize the Judicial Conduct Board, the Disciplinary Board, and the Board of Law Examiners, or the equivalent, in any jurisdiction where I have practiced, been admitted to practice or have applied to either take a bar examination or for admission to the bar to transmit my entire file and record, including confidential information contained therein, to the Allegheny County Bar Association Committee on the Judiciary. I hereby specifically waive any confidentiality rights I may have in those records.
7. The Allegheny County Bar Association Committee on the Judiciary may change, during the course of my campaign for office, the original rating assigned to me for cause.

DANIEL J. KONIECZKA, JR

Type or print name

Daniel J. Konieczka

Signature

12/18/20

Date

**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:

Daniel John Konieczka, Jr.

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

No

2. Office (Court) address (include zip code):

Magisterial District # 05-2-03  
1007 Mt. Royal Blvd. Rear  
Pittsburgh PA 15223

Office telephone (include area code):

412 487-7630

Name of law firm, if associated:

DeLuca, Ricciuti & Konieczka

3. Date and place of birth:

08/22/1960     Pittsburgh     Pennsylvania

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:

Maureen Patricia Konieczka (Barrett) 09/27/1986 – Present

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

No

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

- a) Give dates, branch of service, rank of rate, and present status:

N/A

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

N/A

7. List each college and law school you attended, including dates of attendance, and the degrees awarded and, if you left any institution without receiving a degree, the reason for leaving. List scholastic honors:

University of Pittsburgh 1978 – 1982 BA

University of Pittsburgh 1983 – 1986 JD

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

December 1986

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:

N/A

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

356 Lehigh Avenue Pittsburgh Pa 15232

December 1986 – May 1987

- 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:

Allegheny District Attorney's Office	1987 – 2011
DeLuca, Ricciuti & Konieczka	2011 – 2018
Magisterial District Judge	2018 – Present

d) Any other relevant particulars: None

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

**Allegheny District Attorney's Office – 1987 -2011**

Assistant District Attorney	
General Trial Prosecutor	1987 – 1990
Felony Drug Prosecutor	1990 – 1996
Deputy District Attorney	
General Trial Supervisor	1996 – 1998
Supervisor – ARD, Screening and Expedited Plea	1998 – 2000
Supervisor – Municipal Court Prosecutions	2000 – 2005
Supervisor – Violent Crime, Felony Drugs & Firearms	2005 – 2011
Supervisor – Violent Crime Task Force	2006 – 2010

Special Assistant United States Attorney – 1996 – 1998  
Federal RICO investigation, indictment and prosecution – LAW

**DeLuca, Ricciuti & Konieczka – 2011 – 2018**

Criminal Defense	
State – Multi-County	
Federal – CJA panel defense attorney	
Civil	
Business Contract	
Oil & Gas Lessee representation	
Business Creation	
Family	
Protection from Abuse	
Plaintiff & Defense	
Juvenile	
Defense	

**Magisterial District Judge 2018 - Present**

District Court – 05-2-03 2018 – Present  
Shaler Township; Millvale Borough; Etna Borough & Reserve Township

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

During my tenure a defense attorney at DRK I mostly provided criminal defense at the state and federal levels and several juvenile matters. From 2011 to the middle of 2013, I represented a number of landowners in negotiating oil/gas leases and right of way easements.

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:

Elected

**Magisterial District Judge – District Court 05-2-03 – 2018 – Present**

Shaler Township; Millvale Borough; Etna Borough & Reserve Township

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:

Criminal; Civil; Landlord/Tenant; Traffic; Non-Traffic (Truancy)

- b) The percentage of your time devoted to:

1. Civil: 15%

2. Criminal: 20%

3. Traffic 35%

4. Landlord/Tenant 15%

5. Non-Traffic 15%

- c) The percentage of your time devoted to:

1. Jury: N/A

2. Non-jury: N/A

3. Appellate argument: N/A

4. Hearings: 97%

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

N/A

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:

N/A

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

2011 – Candidate for Court of Common Pleas – Allegheny County

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:

The business of oil/gas lease and land rights acquisition. From approximately 2015 through the end of 2017, I was a member and an officer in a few oil/gas companies. The businesses attempted to sign landowners to oil/gas leases or to acquire the mineral rights.

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.

None

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:

Yes. A former partner in the oil/gas leasing venture filed a lawsuit against myself and the other three stakeholders alleging a failure to include him in future unrelated ventures.

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:

Not that I am aware.

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:

No

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:

A federal court – Motion for Suppression with Citations of Authority – New Matters  
100% personal work

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).

Allegheny County Bar 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.

DANET – search and seizure instructor  
California University of Pennsylvania – yearly guest instructor on search warrants  
Allegheny County Police Academy – regular guest instructor on search warrants and preliminary hearings  
CLE - a number of sessions as an instructor on subjects to include DUI Law, Rule 404b material and Confidential Informants.



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: None

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.

LEAD Award – 2000 and 2009

US ATTY – National Director's Award for Superior Performance - 1998

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.

None

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?

My 34-year professional career has been spent in the courtroom in one way or another. First as a prosecutor for 23 years, then as a criminal defense attorney at the local, state and federal levels and finally as a magisterial district judge for the past two years. Those experiences have provided me an opportunity to not only view all sides that appear in a courtroom, but to actually be a participant on all sides that appear in a courtroom.


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.

DANIEL J. KONIECZKA, JR.  
Type or print name

  
Signature

12/18/20  
Date

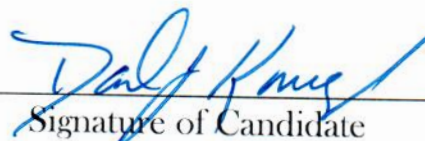


## ALLEGHENY COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

### JUDICIAL CANDIDATE PLEDGE

I, Daniel J. Kowieczka, Jr, 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

12/18/20  
Date