

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

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:

Richard William Llobering

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

NO

2. Office address (include zip code):

2225 Country Club Drive
Pittsburgh, Pa. 15241

Office telephone (include area code):

412-596-6796

Name of law firm, if associated:

K & L Bates LLP; Retired partner

3. Date and place of birth:

5/20/55
Pittsburgh Pa.

4. Are you a naturalized citizen? If so, give date and place of naturalization:

NA

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:

Divorced. Currently engaged.

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

Yes

Court of Common Pleas Allegheny County
Decree entered 3/13/2019.

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

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

NO

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

NO

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:

Dartmouth College 1973-1977
A.B. cum laude
Univ. of Pittsburgh School of Law, J.D. 1980

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.

Numerous
~~various~~ federal courts and pro hac vice in
numerous state courts. Will supplement because
I have been admitted in more than 75 courts in the U.S.

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:

NO

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

NA

- 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:

1980-2019

K&L Gates LLP

- d) Any other relevant particulars:

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?

Diverse. Complex litigation across a wide variety of substantive areas. Will supplement.

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

Varied and diverse. ^{primary counsel to} individuals and to major corporations, including Fortune 500, 100 and 50 companies. Will supplement.

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:

Frequently

b) What percentage of these appearances was in:

1. Federal courts: 50%

2. State courts of record: 50%

3. Other courts:

c) What percentage of your litigation was:

1. Civil: 100%

2. Criminal: 0%

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:

Greater than 50. I was always chief trial counsel.

e) What percentage of these trials were:

1. Jury: 75%

2. Non-jury: 25%

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:

Always frequent.

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

None, will supplement

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.

None, will supplement

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;

Will provide. I prepared significant papers for the United States Senate Judiciary Committee in regard to the United States District Court for the W.D. of Pa. These papers provide extensive information and are provided in a separate email.

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:

NA

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:

NA

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:

NO

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:

NO

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

Was short-listed for the federal bench but not nominated.

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:

NO

19.

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

NO

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.

- 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:

21. 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

22. Are you under any ongoing federal, state or local investigation or indictment for possible violation of a criminal statute? If so, give particulars:

NO

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

Alimony collection under PASCEs.

24.

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

NO

26. 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:

Plaintiff against a contractor. Allegedly Court of Common Pleas.

27. 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:

NO

28. 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

29. 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

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31. 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 federal materials

32. 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).

1. ACBA
2. American College of Trial Lawyers
3. Admissions committee of
Allegheny Academy of Trial Lawyers of Allegheny
County (prior). Retired from Academy.

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

Taught numerous trial advocacy and
evidence courses.

34. 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:

See Supplement

36. 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.

See supplement.

37. 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.

See supplement.

38. 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?

I have practiced trial law for 40 years. I believe it is time for me to serve the County in the role of Judge and mentor to younger trial lawyers.

39. 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.

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

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

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

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

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

richklosky.com

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

NO

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

NA

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

1. charitable work - especially for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

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

*2. 16 years coaching girl's sports.
3. Eagle Scout*

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

Differences between PBA and ACBA Forms

**PERSONAL DATA QUESTIONNAIRE; ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND
AUTHORIZATION:**

1. ACBA: Opportunities for minorities in the legal profession; and Job Fair Subcomm. Rec.
2. Hiring partner at K&L Gates where I worked closely with our (cont'd) →

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Chief Operating Officer, Carl Cooper, Esq.

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.

3/25/2021
Date

RICHARD W. HOSKING
Type or print name
Richard W. Hosking
Signature

ALLEGHENY COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

JUDICIAL CANDIDATE PLEDGE

I, RICHARD W. HOSKING, 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

Date 3/25/2021

Type or print name

RICHARD W. HOSKING

Signature

Richard W. Hosking

Date

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