

**BUCKS COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
MERIT SELECTION OF JUDGES COMMITTEE**

Candidate Questionnaire

NOTICE: A candidate who chooses not to answer any question in whole or in part is requested to set forth the reason(s) for not answering so as to minimize or eliminate any adverse inferences that may otherwise be drawn.

I. PERSONAL DATA

1. Name and Address. State your full name, home address and any other name by which you have been known.

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2. Age

56

3. Business Activities.

- (a) In the past ten years, have you been engaged in any occupation, business or profession, other than the practice of law or holding of judicial or other public office? If yes, state details, including name, address, description of activity and dates.

No.

- (b) Are you currently an officer or director or otherwise engaged in the management of any business enterprise?

Yes.

- (1) If yes, state the 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.

I am the owner and partner of a law firm, The THOMAS SMITH Firm, P.C. I handle all client matters and manage the daily operations of the firm.

- (2) Is it your intention to resign such positions and withdraw from any participation in the management of any such enterprise if you become a judge? If no, state reasons.

Yes.

II. EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND AND PUBLICATIONS

4. Education. State each trade school, college and/or law school attended, including the dates of attendance and the date and type of degree awarded.

**Duke University, BA in History, 1985-1989.
Howard University School of Law, JD, 1993-1996.**

5. Teaching. Have you taught any law related courses after your admission to practice? If yes, state the name and address of the institution and the name and substance of the course taught and the date when it was taught.

No.

6. Publications. Are there any publications or articles of which you are the author or a contributing author? If yes, state the name and date of the publication or article and the publisher. Include any CLE publications and seminars. CHANGE: (Candidates need not provide the materials for CLEs but only the date, place, topic, and entity for whom the CLE was presented)

March 9, 2021, Presenter, Walking While Black L.O.V.E. is the Answer. A Film and Discussion with A.J. Ali, presented by the BCBA Diversity and Inclusion Committee, The Peace Center and BCBA Women's Law Division. CLE BCBA, Doylestown, PA

December 2020, Moderator, "Taking Aim at Systemic Discrimination – Finding Solutions" CLE, BCBA, Doylestown, PA

September 2020, Moderator, "Understanding Microaggressions in the Wake of the COVID-19 Pandemic, the #BlackLivesMatter (#BLM) Movement & Following Recent SCOTUS Decisions on the Title VII Cases & What We Can Do to Effectuate Positive Change" Bench Bar CLE, Doylestown, PA

February 2020, Presenter, "Objections" CLE, BCBA, Doylestown, PA

January 23, 2020, Professional Blog, "5 Books To Start Any Journey Off Right In The New Year"

January 13, 2020. Professional Blog, "IT'S A NEW YEAR: WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HAVE A SUCCESSFUL YEAR DURING DIVORCE & POST-DIVORCE"

December 30, 2019, Professional Blog, "Understanding How The Mental And Physical Challenges Of A Parent Can Impact Child Custody"

December 3, 2019, Professional Blog, "Should I Get A Prenuptial Agreement?"

November 25, 2019, Professional Blog, "RECENT BUCKS COUNTY DECISION ON TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS: WHAT TO KNOW"

_____ associate

_____ public defender _____ district attorney

_____ other (describe)

(c) How long have you practiced law in Pennsylvania?

For 23 years, since 1998.

9. Courts.

(a) State all courts in which you have been admitted to practice, including dates of admission.

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, February 1998 and State of New Jersey, 1998.

(b) Have you ever been disciplined by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court Disciplinary Board or a disciplinary agency in any other jurisdiction? If so, please explain the circumstances.

No.

10. Employment History. State chronologically your legal experience after graduation from law school, including:

(a) whether you served as clerk to a judge and, if yes, the name of the judge and the court and the date of your clerkship;

The Honorable Thomas S. Smith, Burlington County Superior Court, Mt. Holly, New Jersey 1997 – 1998.

(b) whether you practiced alone, and, if yes, the addresses and dates of your solo practice.

**THOMAS SMITH FIRM, P.C.
October 2009 – Present
Newtown, Bucks County, PA**

(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;

**COUNTY OF BUCKS
January 2021 – Present
Doylestown, Bucks County, PA
Dependency Conflict Counsel**

**PENGLASE & BENSON, LLC
October 2007 - October 2009**

(5) If part of your practice has been before appellate courts in the past five years, identify the appellate courts before which you have practiced.

The Superior Court of Pennsylvania.

13. Judicial or Public Office Experience.

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

No.

(b) Have you ever held public office other than judicial office? If yes, give details, including the office involved, whether elected or appointed, and the length of your service, giving dates.

No.

14. Other Relevant Information: Please provide any other information such as military experience, membership in professional organizations or community involvement which you would like the committee to consider.

DEVELOPMENT/COMMITTEE WORK EXPERIENCE

**DIVERSITY & INCLUSION COMMITTEE CHAIR,
Bucks County Bar Association
January 2020 - Present**

**SOLICITOR,
Bucks County Democratic Committee
January 2020 - February 2021**

**ARBITRATION COMMITTEE CHAIR,
Bucks County Democratic Committee
February 2020 – February 2021**

MEMBERSHIP/VOLUNTEER WORK

Board of Directors, Bucks County Bar Association, Pennsylvania	December 2020
Member, Voter Protection Team, PA DEMS	November 2020
Board of Directors, United Way of Bucks County, Pennsylvania	September 2020
Team Member & Fundraiser, WISER, International, Muhuru Bay, Kenya	March 2019
Member, Collaborative Professionals of South Eastern Pennsylvania	2020 - Present

President, Bucks County Collaborative Law Group, Pennsylvania	2015, 2018–19
Member, Board of Directors, The Healing Consciousness Foundation	2010

IV. CHARACTER INVESTIGATION

15. Criminal Convictions. Have you ever been convicted of a misdemeanor or felony offense in the commonwealth of PA or any other jurisdiction? If yes, state the details.

None.

16. Authorizations. I agree to authorize, as indicated below, the Bucks County Bar Association Merit Selection of Judges Committee to solicit disciplinary and/or conviction information about me from the entities stated below and agree to execute the authorizations attached hereto authorizing the entities, as indicated below, to release all information to said Committee.

<u>Entities</u>	<u>Granted</u>	<u>Denied</u>
* (1) Disciplinary Board of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania and any other jurisdiction stated in Paragraph 14	X	
(2) Federal or State governmental agencies	X	

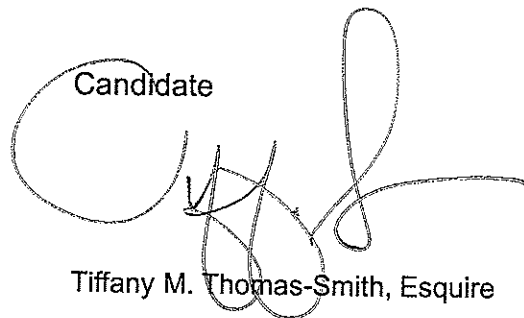
CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

The undersigned certifies that all 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 and done so with the understanding they will be made public.

Date

March 22, 2021

Candidate



Tiffany M. Thomas-Smith, Esquire

¹ Revised and approved by the Ad hoc Merit Selection Committee, November 2000.