



2019 Pennsylvania Family Council
Voter's Guide Questionnaire for Judicial Candidates
Reply Requested by April 12, 2019

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1. Which of the following U.S. presidents best represents your political philosophy?

- John F. Kennedy
- Ronald Reagan
- George Bush (former)
- Bill Clinton
- George W. Bush
- Barack Obama

See attached.

2. Which one of the recent justices of the U.S. Supreme Court most reflects your judicial philosophy?

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| • Roberts | • Kagan | • Scalia |
| • Kennedy | • Thomas | • Sotomayor |
| • Ginsburg | • Breyer | • Alito |

3. Rate your judicial philosophy on a scale of 1-10 with "living document" approach being a "1" and "strict construction" or "originalist" being a "10."

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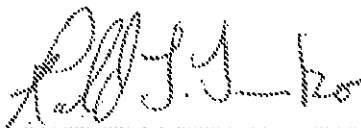
4. Please list the five organizations in which you are most involved as a member, through contributions, and/or through volunteering.

1. Dauphin County Bar Association
2. Pennsylvania Bar Association
3. American Bar Association
4. American Legion
5. Catholic Youth Organization

5. Do you believe that *Roe v. Wade*, 410 U.S. 113 (1973), insofar as it recognizes a "right to privacy" that includes abortion under the United States Constitution, was correctly or incorrectly decided? (Circle One)

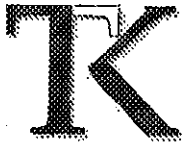
- Correctly Decided
- Incorrectly Decided
- Undecided
- Decline to answer (describe reason)

See attached

Signature  Date 04/08/2019

Thank you.

Please Sign and Reply by April 12, 2019 via Fax 717-545-8107 or E-mail to ekr@psfamily.org
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**Re: Family Council Judicial Voter
Guide Questionnaire**

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Dear Ms. Kreps:

I am attaching my completed Questionnaire; however, I feel the need to expand on both my responses and non-responses.

As to question 1, I feel very strongly that the hardworking families of Cumberland County should select a Court of Common Pleas Judge for substantive reasons that show their fitness for the job such as: professional background, practical courtroom experience and temperament -- not for any political or partisan reasons. I am running for Judge because I sincerely believe I am the most qualified candidate based upon my professional background, quantitative and qualitative practical courtroom experience compared to the other candidates and temperament-not because of who my favorite recent President may have been.

As to question 2, I selected Justice Kennedy, not because I agree with every majority opinion, concurring opinion or dissent that he authored while a Supreme Court Justice (I don't) but I believe he tried, as alluded to in response to Question 1, to decide the complex legal issues before him without interjecting political or partisan considerations.

As to question 3, I think it is easy, as well as intellectually dishonest, to simply circle "10" if you believe the role of a judge, as I do, is not to create law or "legislate from the bench" but to interpret the law based upon the intent of the Framers (Constitutional issues) or legislative history/intent (for statutory interpretation) when there is no appellate

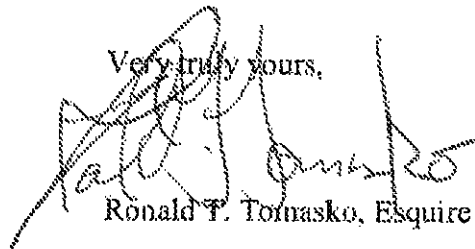
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authority to follow (which a trial court judge would be bound to follow). However, not every constitutional or statutory issue that will come before a trial court judge is crystal clear based simply on one's judicial philosophy. This is when a judge needs to review the constitutional or statutory issue consistent with the applicable principles of constitutional or statutory construction.

As to question 5, it is totally inappropriate, in my humble opinion, for a County judicial candidate to indicate whether a certain United States Supreme Court opinion was "correctly" or "incorrectly" decided since a judge has a constitutional duty to follow current precedent of the Supreme Court until the Supreme Court overrules that precedent or until Congress would pass a law which would effectively overrule that precedent.

If there are any questions regarding the Questionnaire, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ronald T. Tomasko", is written over the typed name below. The signature is stylized and somewhat cursive.

Ronald T. Tomasko, Esquire

RTT: sd

Enclosure