

PERSONAL DATA QUESTIONNAIRE FOR LAWYER CANDIDATES
FOR JUDICIAL OFFICE IN LUZERNE COUNTY

All candidates for judicial office in Luzerne County are being asked to complete this questionnaire. The information that you provide will be used by the Pennsylvania Bar Association to enable it to inform the public of your qualifications for judicial office. The PBA will make this questionnaire public by posting it on this Web site: www.pavotesmart.com

1. PERSONAL INFORMATION:

a. Full Name: Anthony Joseph Lumbis

b. Have you ever been known by any other name? yes no

If so, please state other name: Tony Lumbis

c. Firm Name: Law Office of Anthony J. Lumbis

d. Firm Address: 918 Citizens Bank Building

e. Date of Birth: 8/14/51

f. Law school where you obtained your law degree (Juris Doctor or equivalent):

Dickinson School of Law

g. Date you obtained your law degree: 1979

h. Are you a citizen of the United States? yes no

i. Have you ever had any military service? yes no

If so, have you ever been rejected or released from any of the armed services for reasons other than honorable? yes no

If so, give all details: _____

2. PERSONAL INFORMATION:

a. Are you now or have you ever been an officer or director or otherwise engaged to the management of any business enterprise? X yes no

i. If so, give details, including the name of the enterprise, nature of the business, the title of your position, the nature of your duties and the term of your services:

name: Law Office of Anthony J. Lumbis;

nature of business: law office; title: of attorney;

nature of duties: provide legal advice and services; term: since 1983

b. Have you ever held any level of judicial office? yes X no

If so, give dates and details, whether elected or appointed and a description of the jurisdiction of each such court:

c. Have you ever held public office other than a judicial office? yes X no

If so, give details: _____

3. PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND:

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| a. | <u>Firm Name</u> | <u>State Date/End Date (mo/yr)</u> |
| i. | <u>Law Office of Anthony J. Lumbis</u> | _____ |
| ii. | <u>Law Office of John P. Moses</u> | _____ |
| iii. | <u>Hourigan, Kluger and Spohrer</u> | _____ |
| iv. | <u>Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission</u> | _____ |

b. List all courts in which you have been admitted to practice and dates of admission.

Regular admission to all Pennsylvania courts: 1979

Middle District of Pennsylvania federal court: 1979

Special admission to Cumberland County Court of Common Pleas: 1978

4. EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:

a. List each college, university and law school you attended, including dates of attendance and degrees awarded:

<u>School Name</u>	<u>Start Date</u>	<u>Graduation/ End Date</u>	<u>Degree/Certificate Awarded</u>
<u>Dickinson School of Law</u>	<u>1976</u>	<u>1979</u>	<u>J.D.</u>
<u>King's College</u>		<u>1972</u>	<u>B.A. Government</u>
_____		_____	_____
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5. **TRAINING AND BACKGROUND:**

a. Describe in the space below any judicial-related training that you have received, including internship, clerkships, arbitrations, mediations, CLE course study, etc.

b. State whether you are a special trial master in the Common Pleas Court of Luzerne County or a certified mediator for the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania:

Special Trial Master	_____ yes	<u> X </u> no
Certified Mediator	_____ yes	<u> X </u> no

c. Do you currently devote full time to the practice of law?
 X yes _____ no

If not, how much time do you devote to the practice? _____ (hours per week)

c. What is the general nature of your practice and if it has changed during the years?

I have a general practice of law concentrating in family law matters. This practice entails numerous appearances in Orphan's Court. Additionally, my practice still contains elements of civil litiagation and criminal litigation, which were dominate in the first five-six years of my law practice. Additionally, I am a full-time child welfare lawyer and have been such for twenty-six years.

e. Describe your practice with particular areas of concentration, if any. _____

Full-time child welfare practice with concentration in family law litigation, as well as some civil and criminal litigation.

f. With respect to the last five years:

i. Did you appear in court regularly, occasionally or not at all?

Regularly

ii. The percentage of these appearances was the following:

Federal Court	<u>98%</u>
State Courts of Record	<u>2%</u>
Other courts/administrative agencies or other forms	<u> </u>

iii. The percentage of your litigations was the following:

Civil	<u> </u>
Criminal	<u> </u>

6. LITIGATION:

Whether you were sole counsel, chief counsel or associate counsel within the last five Years, state the following:

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| a. The number of civil jury trials you have tried to verdict. | <u> </u> |
| b. The number of civil bench trials you have tried to verdict. | <u> 1 </u> |
| c. The number of mandatory arbitrations you have tried to verdict. | <u> 1 </u> |
| d. The number of underinsured motorist cases you have tried in arbitration. | <u> </u> |
| e. The number of civil cases that you settled. | <u> 10 </u> |
| f. The number of criminal jury trials you have tried to verdict. | <u> </u> |
| g. The number of criminal bench trials you have tried to verdict. | <u> </u> |
| h. The approximate number of hearings in which you have participated, either criminal or civil, before a district justice. | <u> 50 </u> |
| i. The number of administrative hearings that you have presented before any administrative judge or board. | <u> 5 </u> |
| j. The number of cases you have presented to a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge. | <u> </u> |
| k. The number of cases you have presented to award before a Workers' Compensations Judge. | <u> </u> |
| l. The number of Orphan's Court proceedings resulting in litigation. | <u> 3,640 </u> |
| m. The number of juvenile proceedings in which you have participated. | <u> 0 </u> |

7. CORPORATE BACKGROUND:

a. Do you have any business background or corporate experience?

_____ yes X no

b. If so, please explain. _____

c. Does your practice include business or corporate litigation?

_____ yes X no

8. LICENSE:

a. Has your license to practice law ever been suspended or revoked?

_____ yes X no

If so, please explain, including the date that your license was reinstated.

b. Has any other professional entity or body with licensing authority denied, suspended, or revoked your registration or license (i.e. real estate, insurance, investment, etc.)?

_____ yes X no

If, so, please explain in detail.

- c. Have you ever been a party or otherwise involved in civil or criminal proceedings? If so, give the particulars. **Do not** list any proceeding in which you were merely a guardian ad litem or shareholder. Include all legal proceedings in which you were a conspirator, co-respondent/defendant, and/or in which you figured as a subject or appeared as a witness in any grand jury investigation.

NO

9. **CRIMINAL BACKGROUND:**

- a. Have you ever been arrested for a felony or misdemeanor (excluding motor vehicle violations)?

_____ yes X no

If so, please explain in detail including the outcome of such proceeding.

- b. Are you now the subject of any complaint, investigation or proceeding that may have criminal ramifications or adversely affect your professional license?

_____ yes X no

If so, please explain in detail.

- c. Have you ever been the subject of any complaint or proceeding that alleged sexual harassment or any form of discrimination?

_____ yes X no

Is so, please explain in detail.

- d. Have you ever been charges with DUI? _____ yes X no

10. PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNAL ACTIVIES ASSOCIATIONS:

- a. List all bar associations and professional societies of which you are or have been a member. Provide the titles and dates of any office(s) that you have held in such groups and list chairmanships of any committee or memberships on any committee that you believe to be of particular significance.

American Bar Association, Pennsylvania Bar Association, Wilkes-Barre Law Library Association.

- b. I have lectured or taught for the following law schools or bar/professional organizations:

- c. I have lectured on or taught about the following subjects:

- d. I have written for the following publications and the topics were as follows:

- e. List any honors, prizes, awards or other forms of recognition that you have received other than those mentioned above.

11. **PERSONAL POSITION:**

Please fully describe below or on a separate sheet the reasons why you consider your self qualified to be a judge and how you would improve our current system of practice.

My 31 years of trial experience, exceeded in total years only by one other candidate, and practice experience at every level of Pennsylvania Courts up to and including the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, as well as practice in every Court of Luzerne County make me eminently qualified to be a judge. Further, my 26 years of child welfare experience with over 21,000 appearances in the Orphan's Court over my career give me unique qualifications for the Orphan's Court position to which I am seeking assignment.

With regard to improvements to the current practice I would like to see greater accessibility to the judges by attorneys and the public and there are two specific proposals I have made:

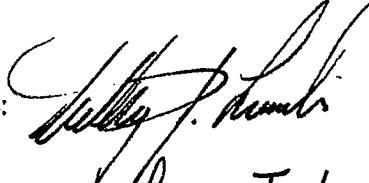
Firstly, there are routine matters, called motions, which are presented to the Court by both attorneys and pro se litigants (those without legal counsel) involving such routine matters as scheduling hearings and requesting certain relief. In the Orphan's Court, these matters are presented to Court employees, whereas I believe a judge should be available to hear them personally and I would do so.

Secondly, a judge should be more accessible geographically and with respect to time. Many people are unable to attend legal matters in Wilkes-Barre due to work constraints or lack of transportation, for example. Therefore the feasibility of scheduling routine matters in satellite offices, such as in Hazleton, or after normal work hours, should be explored, and I will do so.

THE APPLICANT MUST SIGN THE FOLLOWING AFFIRMATION

I swear or affirm that I have read and understand the preceding questions and that my answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge, information and belief. I assume the responsibility of promptly informing the Pennsylvania Bar Association of any changes to the answers provided for the questions contained on this form.

SIGNATURE:



PRINT NAME:

Anthony J. Lombis

DATE:

4/29/09