

**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](http://www.pavotesmart.com).

**1. PERSONAL INFORMATION**

- a. Full Name: Jennifer Lynne Rogers
- b. Have you ever been know by any other name?  yes  no  
If so, please state other name: Jennifer Rogers Litzzi
- c. Firm Name: The Law Offices of Jennifer Rogers, LLC
- d. Firm Address: 400 Third Ave. Suite 211  
Kingston, PA 18704
- e. Date of Birth: March 29, 1967
- f. Law school where you obtained your law degree (Juris Doctor or equivalent):  
Widener University School of Law - Wilmington, DE
- g. Date you obtained your law degree: May 1996
- 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  na no

If so, give all details. \_\_\_\_\_  
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**2. PERSONAL BACKGROUND:**

a. Are you now or have you ever been an officer or director or otherwise engaged in the management of any business enterprise? \_\_\_\_\_ 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:

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

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

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

If so, give details: \_\_\_\_\_

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3. **PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND:**

- a. Firm Name Start Date/End Date (mo/yr)
- i. Law Offices of Jennifer Rogers LLC 3/06 to present
- ii. Houigan, Kluger & Quinn, P.C. 8/96 - 3/06
- iii. \_\_\_\_\_
- iv. \_\_\_\_\_

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

- Pennsylvania Supreme Court 6/1997
- United States District Court for the Middle District of PA 5/6/9
- Supreme Court of New Jersey 6/1997
- Third Circuit Court of Appeals 10/13/2000
- United States Supreme Court 4/2005
- Court of Appeals - New York 3/2005

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>Univ. of Delaware</u>	<u>8-85</u>	<u>5-89</u>	<u>B.A.</u>
<u>Widener Univ.</u>	<u>8-93</u>	<u>5-96</u>	<u>J.D.</u>
<u>School of Law</u>	_____	_____	_____
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5. TRAINING AND BACKGROUND:

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

① Judicial Intern, Hon. Daniel E. Klein, United States District Court, MD; ② Externship w/ Delaware County Prosecutor's Office - Spring 1996; ③ Law Clerk Hourigan, Kuznetz Quinn P.C.

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  no

Certified Mediator \_\_\_\_\_ yes  no

c. Do you currently devote full time to the practice of law?

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?

My current practice involves family law, general civil litigation, real estate, wills and estates, and commercial litigation. I am currently a solo practitioner, but my prior practice at a regional law firm involved commercial litigation, estate litigation, and real estate litigation.

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

My current practice includes a significant concentration in the areas of family law and general civil litigation. I also held a position as a part-time solicitor for Luzerne County Children + Youth, focusing on child welfare law.

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>10%</u>
State Courts of Record	<u>85%</u>
Other courts/administrative agencies or other forums	<u>5%</u>

iii. The percentage of your litigations was the following:

Civil	<u>80%</u>
Criminal	<u>20%</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>2</u>   |
| b. The number of civil bench trials you have tried to verdict.   | <u>5</u>   |
| c. The number of mandatory arbitrations you have tried to verdict.   | <u>20</u>  |
| d. The number of underinsured motorist cases you have tried in arbitration.  | <u>0</u>   |
| e. The number of civil cases that you settled.   | <u>125</u> |
| f. The number of criminal jury trials you have tried to verdict.   | <u>0</u>   |
| g. The number of criminal bench trials you have tried to verdict.  | <u>0</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>0</u>   |
| k. The number of cases you have presented to award before a Workers' Compensation Judge.                                   | <u>2</u>   |
| l. The number of Orphan's Court proceedings resulting in litigation.   | <u>100</u> |
| m. The number of juvenile proceedings in which you have participated.  | <u>200</u> |

7. **CORPORATE BACKGROUND:**

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

yes  no

b. If so, please explain. Public Relations Practitioner,  
Wilkes-Barre General Hospital; 1990-1993

c. Does your practice include business or corporate litigation?

yes  no

8. **LICENSE:**

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

yes  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  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

no

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_ yes

no

If so, please explain in detail.

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

\_\_\_\_\_ yes  no

If so, please explain in detail. \_\_\_\_\_

d. Have you ever been charged with DUI? \_\_\_\_\_ yes  no

If so, when did this happen and what was the outcome in detail?

10. **PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNAL ACTIVITIES 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.

Wilkes-Barre Law + Library Association, member +  
Executive Board Member - 2 terms; PA Bar  
Association; American Bar 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:

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

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

Widener Univ. School of Law Student Achievement Award 1996  
Moot Court Honor Society, Widener Univ. School of Law  
Widener Law Symposium Journal - Law Review

11. **PERSONAL POSITION**

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

My thirteen years of courtroom  
experience have enabled me to serve as  
a fair, impartial and effective jurist.  
The courtroom is not a foreign environment

for me. There would not be a "learning curve" for me were I to assume the bench in a courtroom. I am 42 years old and at the prime of my legal career. I am seasoned with experience and have the energy of youth to sustain me in my tenure.

I am moved to make a difference in our county's judicial system in a time of great significance due to the recent unveiling of corrupt practices. I feel I have the independence, intelligence, patience, experience + compassion necessary to serve the public effectively in an effort to rebuild the public's trust in our judicial system. Anyone elected to public office will surely have a lot of work to do, I am up for the task.

I have a reputation within the legal community and the community at large as an honorable, moral, compassionate individual. I would obviously bring these traits to the bench.

I am beholden to no one and am my own person. Not a puppet. Not a player. No strings attached.

**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: Jennifer Lynne Rogers  
PRINT NAME: Jennifer Lynne Rogers  
DATE: 4-30-09