



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?  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:

I currently serve on the boards of three business entities under the Redevelopment Authority of Luzerne County. They are the Luzerne County Rail Corp., Creative Developers, Inc. and the newly formed Public Asset Management. I derive no income from them, nor from the Redevelopment Authority

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:

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

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

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3. **PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND:**

- | a.   | <u>Firm Name</u>                              | <u>Start Date/End Date (mo/yr)</u> |
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| i.   | <u>Terrana Law, P.C.</u>                      | <u>Oct. 2007 - Present</u>         |
| ii.  | <u>Congressman Paul E. Kanjerski</u>          | <u>Oct 2007 - Present</u>          |
| iii. | <u>Fahme Mae</u>                              | <u>2001-2007</u>                   |
| iv.  | <u>Congressman Paul E. Kanjerski</u>          | <u>1993-2001</u>                   |
|      | <u>Houngan K. Lager Spohrer and Quinn, PC</u> | <u>1989-2003</u>                   |
|      | <u>Sam A. DeBoe and Assoc.</u>                | <u>1987-1989</u>                   |
- b. List all courts in which you have been admitted to practice and dates of admission.

Pennsylvania - 1989

U.S. District Court for the Middle District of PA, approx 1989

Virginia (1987, Associate Member 1990)

U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Eastern District of Virginia, approx 1988

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>Georgetown University School of Law</u>	<u>9/84</u>	<u>5/87</u>	<u>JD</u>
<u>Villanova University</u>	<u>9/80</u>	<u>5/84</u>	<u>BA</u>
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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

State Courts of Record

Other courts/administrative agencies or other forums

80%

20%

iii. The percentage of your litigations was the following:

Civil

Criminal

100%

0%

6. LITIGATION:

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

*My career has included years of experience as a litigator, however for more than three of the last five years I have held a management position that by necessity did not include litigation.*

- The number of civil jury trials you have tried to verdict. 0
- b. The number of civil bench trials you have tried to verdict. 0
- c. The number of mandatory arbitrations you have tried to verdict. 0
- d. The number of underinsured motorist cases you have tried in arbitration. 0
- e. The number of civil cases that you settled. more than 50
- f. The number of criminal jury trials you have tried to verdict. 0
- g. The number of criminal bench trials you have tried to verdict. 0
- h. The approximate number of hearings in which you have participated, either criminal or civil, before a district justice. approx. 20
- i. The number of administrative hearings that you have presented before any administrative judge or board. 0
- j. The number of cases you have presented to a U. S. Bankruptcy Judge. 0
- k. The number of cases you have presented to award before a Workers' Compensation Judge. 0
- l. The number of Orphan's Court proceedings resulting in litigation. 1
- m. The number of juvenile proceedings in which you have participated. 0

7. **CORPORATE BACKGROUND:**

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

yes  no

b. If so, please explain. I was employed in a management position for a Fortune 15 company and currently serve on the boards of three corporations under the auspices of a public entity.

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.

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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.

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- 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.

In 100 Thompson Street LLC v. Luzerne County Redevelopment Authority, et.al., myself and the other members of the Redevelopment Authority were named as Defendants for the alleged removal of rail lines from the Plaintiff's property. It is Case No. 12317 of 2008. The alleged removal was performed by a contractor that had won a bid to perform the service, and we did not oversee their operation.

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                      X no

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

d. Have you ever been charged with DUI?                      \_\_\_\_\_ yes                      X 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.

Pennsylvania Bar Association, Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Association, American Trial Lawyers Association, Virginia Bar Association, Wilkes-Barre Law and Library Assoc.

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

I have lectured to mortgage bankers associations and am certified to lecture to Realtors for continuing education credit.



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

Predatory lending, home buying education, Family Medical Leave Act, Reverse Mortgages for Seniors, Home ownership Tax Credits, Grants for Communities

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

My law review article at George Mason University School of Law which was Not Published concerned liberalizing legal malpractice law to protect client's rights.

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

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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.

Please see the attached sheet which I am making a part hereof by reference.

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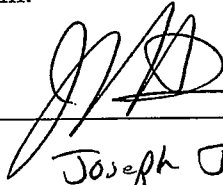
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**THE APPLICANT MUST SIGN THE FOLLOWING AFFIRMATION**

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: \_\_\_\_\_

Joseph J. Terrana

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

4/27/09

PBA Personal Data Questionnaire for Lawyer Candidates for Judicial  
Office in Luzerne County

Joseph J. Terrana, Esquire

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 justice.

I am qualified to be a judge because of my experience as a public servant and years of dedicated service to my clients and community.

Since graduating from law school, my career decisions reflect an unwavering commitment to our community and an abiding faith in the potential of Luzerne County. As a lawyer, local Congressional aide, housing and community developer and volunteer public authority member, I know our community extremely well -- and I have demonstrated that my highest priority is helping our region.

At this critical moment, what our residents need and deserve -- now more than ever -- is a Judicial Branch they can count on for fairness, justice, and compassion. I know I can help restore the integrity of our Judicial Branch because these have been the very guideposts of my two decades of public service. And they will be the pillars of my service as Judge.

I practice law in Kingston with Terrana Law, P.C., handling a variety of issues including real estate transactions, business start-up, and all types of civil litigation including commercial and personal injury litigation, and estates. I previously practiced in the litigation department of Hourigan, Kluger, Spohrer & Quinn, P.C., and with Joel A. DeBoe & Associates, of Arlington, Virginia. I am admitted to practice in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the Federal District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania. I am also an associate member of the Virginia State Bar.

I also currently serve as Counselor to Congressman Paul E. Kanjorski (PA-11). In this position I assist constituents with a wide variety of federal issues, work with community leaders on projects to improve the quality of life of their residents and assesses the local impact of federal legislation and regulations. From 1992 to 2001, I served as District Director for the Congressman, and during law school I worked on Capitol Hill.

My varied career includes six years as Director of the Northeastern and Central Pennsylvania Community Business Center of Fannie Mae, where I spearheaded efforts to prevent predatory lending practices and foreclosures in the Poconos, helped businesses in communities like Wilkes-Barre and Scranton assist their employees in buying homes and helped re-build neighborhoods with organizations like CityVest in Wilkes-Barre and the Pine Street Neighborhood in Hazleton.

I am the co-founder and President of the Luzerne County Housing Partnership, a non-profit corporation that advocates on behalf of families victimized by predatory lenders or at risk for mortgage foreclosure and provides education resources to local families, communities, elected officials and housing industry professionals on homeownership and neighborhood rebuilding. I am the Secretary/Treasurer of the Luzerne County Redevelopment Authority and the Luzerne County Rail Corporation, a member of the Board of Directors of the Greater Pittston Meals on Wheels, and member of the Wilkes-Barre Law and Library Association. I serve as a Parish Facilitator for Called to Holiness and Mission: Pastoral Planning in the Diocese of Scranton. I am a member of the St. John the Evangelist Core Committee, Chairman of the St. John the Evangelist Marketing of Buildings Committee, Instructor for the St. John the Evangelist's Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults and an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist.

I attended elementary and middle school in the Pittston Area School District and am a graduate of Scranton Preparatory School. I received my Bachelor of Arts Degree from Villanova University and a Juris Doctorate from George Mason University School of Law in Arlington, Virginia, where I was a member of the Law Review and President of Phi Delta Phi Honor Fraternity.

I will improve our legal system by putting honesty and integrity back in our Court House. By upholding the law, and not putting myself above it. I will protect the interests of the families of Luzerne County, not profit from it. I will be as fair, just and compassionate as the people of this great county. I will stand with the people of Luzerne County.