

JUDICIAL CANDIDATE RESPONSE:

1. CHARLES EDWARD KUROWSKI
2. JUDGE OF THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
3.
 - a. 75 NORTH MAIN STREET WASHINGTON, PENNA. FOR THE PAST THREE YEARS;

30 SOUTH MAIN STREET, WASHINGTON, PENNA. WITH JAMES JEFFRIES ESQ. WHILE MY OFFICE WAS BEING REMODELED FOR TWO YEARS;

98 EAST MAIDEN STREET, WASHINGTON, PENNA WITH DENNIS MAKEL, ESQ. FOR TWO YEARS; AND

WITH M. E. KUSTURISS & ASSOC IN CANONSBURG FROM 1980
 - b. HAVE LIVED MY ENTIRE LIFE IN WASHINGTON, PENNA.
4. BORN WASHINGTON, PENNA. SEPTEMBER 26, 1952
5. JURIS DOCTORATE DUQUESNE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW FROM 1997 TO 1980;

MASTERS IN SOCIOLOGY DUQUESNE UNIVERSITY FROM 1998 TO 1980;

BACHELOR OF ARTS GENEVA COLLEGE FROM 1996 TO 1998
6. M. E. KUSTURISS AND ASSOCIATES 1980 TO TIME OF MR. KUSTURISS' DEATH.
7. WHO'S WHO IN AMERICAN COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES AND AWARD FROM BAR ASSOC FOR PRO BONO WORK DONE.

8. ALLEGHENY AND WASHINGTON BAR ASSOCIATION MEMBER;
PAST PRESIDENT OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY FAMILY
BAR ASSOCIATION.
9.
 - a. PENNSYLVANIA STATE BAR 1980 NO LAPSES
 - b. WASHINGTON COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION 1980 AND
WESTERN DISRCT OF PENNSYLVANIA IN 2012
10. POLISH AMERICAN CITIZENS AND BENEFIT SOCIETY SINCE
1980 (MARSHALL); SLOVAK AMERICAN BENEFIT
SOCIETY (FINANCIAL SECRETARY) SINCE 2014; AND PAST
DIRECTOR OF HABITAT FOR HUMANITY FOR TWO YEARS
2010-2012 ?
11. PAST DEMOCRAT COMMITTEEMAN FOR MY PRECINCT; RAN
UNSUCCESSFULLY FOR JUDGE AND REGISTER OF WILLS.
12.
 - a.i. NEVER WORKED FOR A JUDGE;
 - ii. PRACTICED ALONE AT ADDRESSES AND TIMES LISTED
IN 3a.
 - iii. LISTED IN 3a.
 - iv. ARBITRATOR FOR THE WASHINGTON COUNTY COURT
SYSTEM AND AS A PAST MASTER IN CONDEMNATION
APPOINTED BY JUDGE THOMAS D. GLADDEN.
 - bi. IT IS GENERAL PRACTICE AND DO NOT HANDLE,
SOCIAL SECURITY, ASBESTOS, BLACK LUNG AND
WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION. RECENTLY WITH GAS
AND OIL FIELD BOOM, I HAVE BEEN HIRED TO SUE
SEVERAL GAS AND OIL COMPANIES INCLUDING
RANGE RESOURCES, EXCO AND 5J OILFIELD IN BOTH
STATE AND FEDERAL COURT.
 - bii. TYPICAL CLIENTS ARE WORKING CLASS PEOPLE AND

BUSINESS OWNERS.

c1A. FEDERAL COURTS 10%; STATE COURTS 75%; AND
MAGISTRATE COURTS 15%

c2A. CIVIL 80% AND CRIMINAL 20%

d. TRIED TO VERDICT OVER APPROX TWO THOUSAND, AT
MINIMUM 5 A MONTH - 12 MONTHS IN A YEAR - AND OVER 37
YEARS OF PRACTICE. MOST WERE BEFORE A JUDGE,
ARBITRATOR, MAGISTRATE, MASTER, MEDIATOR AND REFEREE.
OVER 25 JURY TRIALS.

e. 5 CRIMINAL TRIALS AND TWENTY CIVIL TRIALS.

f. IN COURT LESS FREQUENT BECAUSE THE JUDGES HAVE
SEVERELY LIMITED MOTIONS PRACTICE AND HEARINGS
FORCING ATTORNEY'S TO USE MASTERS INSTEAD. TODAY THE
TAXPAYERS PAY APPROXIMATELY ONE HALF MILLION DOLLARS
FOR ALL THE MASTERS HIRED WHICH DO JOBS JUDGES HAVE
PREVIOUSLY DONE. THIS MATTER WAS RECENTLY PUBLISHED
IN THE OBSERVER.

13. THE TEN MOST SIGNIFICANT CASES WERE THE ONES IN
WHICH I REVERSED THE ERRONEOUS DECISIONS OF SITTING
JUDGES AND WAS SUCCESSFUL IN THE HIGHER COURTS. THESE
DECISIONS MADE THE LAW BOOKS WHICH ARE USED IN
PENNSYLVANIA AND REFERENCED ACROSS THE NATION. MOST
RECENTLY THE CASE OF HUSS VS WEAVER WHICH UPHELD MY
POSITION AFTER AN APPEAL TO THE PENNSYLVANIA SUPREME
COURT WAS TAKEN BY THE OTHER SIDE. THEY ARE:

Judicial reversals

GARRETT VS GARRETT - sole counsel (DISALLE)

660 WDA 2009

FAILURE TO ADDRESS ALL ASPECTS OF A RELOCATION AND
EXPERT EVALUATION AND INSUFFICIENT REASONS
DISCOUNTED TWO OPPOSING EXPERT REPORTS

BAYNE VS SMITH - sole counsel (DISALLE)

1755 WDA 2007

DECIDED JANUARY 26, 2009; LANDLORD TENNANT MATTER

DUNN VS DUNN - sole counsel (DISALLE)

700 WDA 2009; DECIDED SEPTEMBER 7, 2010; CONTEMPT MATTER

SWARROW VS BRASUHN - sole counsel (DISALLE)

1046 WDA 2011; DECIDED NOVEMBER 13, 2012; CONTEMPT

T.H. VS M.H. - sole counsel (DISALLE)

1204 WDA 2011; DECIDED FEBRUARY 26, 2013; CONTEMPT

GRIMES VS GRIMES - sole counsel (GILMORE)

SUPPORT AND ELEMENTS OF EARNING CAPACITY

BURY VS RICHARDSON - sole counsel (GLADDEN)

ESTABLISHING ALTERNATING HOLIDAYS FOR CUSTODY

ZULLO VS ZULLO - sole counsel (GLADDEN)

ESTABLISHED PRINCIPLES OF EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION

HUSS VS WEAVER - sole counsel (EMERY)

1703 WDA 2013

DEALING WITH A CONTRACTUAL ARRANGEMENT TO PAY
ATTORNEY FEES IF PETITIONS THE COURT

CARMEN VS CARMEN - trail counsel (HENS-GRECO)

779 WDA 2013 AND 886 WDA 2013

ASSISTING COUNSEL ON AN APPEAL WITH SUPPORT ISSUES AND
CORPORATION ISSUES

14. No lobbying activities. All cases which did not progress to trial and which were settled by letter contacts with other attorneys were significant and the result of considerable communications. Also there was a better understanding of the law by both attorneys which saved both clients much money in attorney fees.

15. No conflicts. My position is clear. If an attorney files a recusal request

and thinks I cannot be fair then I believe a judge should recuse instead of making a bad situation worse. We are here to first and foremost protect our clients and if our professional judgment is so inclined, then a request for recusal should be granted and not strenuously fought. I have always wondered why judges fight so vehemently to stay on a case when they have been requested to recuse ?

16. Have received many pro bono awards from the bar association for such work. Not to mention, I as well as most attorneys do a lot of work for which we are never paid.

17. Motions practice is severely limited. When I started in 1980 all judges were on the bench every morning. Then it went to specific days with specific rules on presentment. The only time a judge is on the bench every morning is with General Motions and that is one Judge each month. Family practitioners are suffering with a once a week motions court. Family Court practice is the thread that binds our society together and family court issues occur without planning and need to be immediately addressed. I say if you don't want to be available for work, why are you running for Judge ?

I have no problem with an earlier motions court every day or a later one in the day. If you are not available every day then the doors to the courthouse are closed to our children's problems.

18. I have no problem with the Bar and it would not be affected. Once elected I would welcome a meeting with the Bar Association to sit down and get suggestions on how the courtroom could be run to be more efficient with their practice. Lawyers that practice in the courtroom are more aware of courtroom problems. I am sure there are many suggestions to be made, but at this point no Judge asks or even wants to listen to their opinion and has not in the 37 years I have practiced law. They all forget they were once a lawyer. I have no problems to continue meetings each month until no one comes to them and then maybe quarterly. A suggestion box might be necessary when lawyers fear reprisal or an independent go between created which has never been suggested by the Bar Association itself or the bench.

19.

a. A judge applies the law fairly regardless of who is before the Court after listening to the testimony, examining all exhibits and listening to arguments. A lawyer zealously represents and protects his client by presenting his case to the court.

b. Helping people is the key. That is regardless of the hat I wear; I will always do that. Presently, my wife and I operate a three quarter house which helps women get back on their feet after rehab. So far we have helped over 49 women and hope to continue.

c. Don't understand the direction of the question. An obvious problem is drugs which has found its way into the robes of the court. I campaigned in the last election for drug testing all elected officials and the "stench on the bench" that many knew about but did not address. My strongest critic was Pozonsky who sat at the lawyers debate drunk or high and laughed at me all thru my speech.

d. Absolutely and obviously someone sees the same problem that I have seen. Go up there any afternoon and you will be lucky to find many of the judges and definitely the court rooms are empty. Often times that's a scheduling matter and the way to handle that is to have an on-call list where a case/attorney can be given notice, when requested to be on the list, and can be called when another case cancels leaving a day or afternoon available. Attorneys can be on call to attend a status conference if they wish to be on a "filler" list. Its done in Allegheny County with many of the Judges.

Respectfully,

C. E. Kurowski