

1. **Name:** Christina Fox Grasso
2. **Position:** I am running for Magisterial District Judge (“MDJ”) in district 27-3-01 (Peters Township, Union Township, Nottingham, and Finleyville)
3. **Addresses:**
  - a. Office Addresses:
    - i. PNC Bank (2013 – 2017)  
One PNC Plaza, 249 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15222
    - ii. Washington County Courthouse (2010 – 2013)  
1 S. Main Street, Washington, PA 15301
  - b. Personal Residences:
    - i. My family and I moved to Venetia, PA in 2015, where we currently reside. From 2012 - 2015, we lived in North Strabane Township, PA. I grew up in Washington, PA and I am a life-long resident of Washington County.
4. **Birthplace:** I was born and raised in Washington, PA (1985).
5. **Education:**
  - a. Duquesne University School of Law, Class of 2010 (Juris Doctorate) - cum laude
  - b. Washington & Jefferson College, Class of 2007 (B.A.) - cum laude
  - c. Trinity High School, Class of 2003
6. **Employment Record:**

**Peters Township Youth Commission, McMurray, PA** (2018 – present)  
*Commission Member, Recording Secretary*

  - Mentor and provide an alternate method of adjudicating first time juvenile offenders

**PNC Bank, N.A., Pittsburgh, PA** (2015 – 2017)  
*Internal Audit – Senior Internal Auditor*

  - Managed and led audits, risk assessment, and testing to assess the effectiveness of controls, efficiency of operations, and compliance with governmental regulations

**PNC Bank, N.A., Pittsburgh, PA** (2013 – 2015)  
*Institutional Investment Account Manager- Senior Trust Officer*

  - Acted in a fiduciary capacity to ensure all trust account activities in the Charitable and Endowment Group complied with governing documents and applicable laws

**Washington County District Attorney’s Office, Washington, PA** (2011 – 2013)  
*Assistant District Attorney*

  - Prosecuted a range of criminal cases including jury trial, felony and misdemeanor cases, juvenile delinquency, preliminary, and summary appeal hearings
  - Conducted Post Conviction Relief Act hearings

**Washington County Court of Common Pleas**, Washington, PA (2010 –2011)  
*Law Clerk* to the Honorable Judge Moschetta Bell

- Drafted opinions and orders, managed the trial list, and assisted and observed all types of trials and hearings

**The Law Office of Donald D. Saxton, Jr.**, Washington, PA (2010 – 2012)  
*Attorney (part-time)*

- Assisted in researching and drafting memorandums on complex oil and gas issues

**Washington County District Attorney's Drug Task Force**, Washington, PA (2009 –2010)  
*Legal Intern*

- Drafted forfeiture petitions under the Controlled Substances Forfeiture Act

**Allegheny County District Attorney's Office**, Pittsburgh, PA (Summer 2009)  
*Certified Legal Intern*

- Drafted legal memorandums and motions for assistant DAs in the General Trial Unit

**Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas**, Pittsburgh PA (Summer 2008)  
*Legal Intern* to Honorable John A. Zottola

- Researched criminal law issues and drafted criminal opinions

**The Moschetta Law Firm, P.C.**, Washington, PA (Summer and Winter 2007 – 2008)  
*Legal Intern*

- Researched medical malpractice, maritime, personal injury, and workers compensation cases
- Assisted with pleadings, client intake, and drafted client and attorney correspondence

## **7. Honors & Awards**

I graduated from both Washington & Jefferson College and Duquesne University School of Law as a cum laude, honors graduate.

I received unanimous endorsements from the Pennsylvania State Troopers Association and Local FOP Lodge #47 in my campaign bid.

## **8. Memberships**

- a. Washington County Bar Association, since 2010.
- b. Peters Township Youth Commission (Recording Secretary), since 2018.
- c. Parent Teacher Association at Bower Hill Elementary School
- d. Parishioners at St. John XXIII Parish
- e. United States Equestrian Federation (USEF), along with my two daughters

## **9. Public Office, Political Activities & Affiliations**

- a. Public Offices
  - i. Peters Township Youth Commission. I am currently an active member and was appointed by the Peters Township Council in 2018.

- ii. I have not previously run for elective office, successfully or unsuccessfully. This is my first attempt.
- b. Political Offices/Memberships. None. I have never held any political position or played any role in a political campaign.
- c. Lobbying Activities. None. I have never performed any lobbying activities.

**10. Legal Experience**

I have a diverse range of legal experience spanning various roles to bring to the bench as an MDJ. I am a former Assistant District Attorney for Washington County. I also worked at PNC Bank as a Senior Trust Officer and a Senior Internal Auditor. Prior to those roles, I worked as a law clerk for the now retired Judge Janet Moschetta Bell. As a member of the Washington County Bar Association, I am regularly called upon to sit on an arbitration panel. I also was appointed as a member of the Peters Township Youth Commission where we provide an alternative method of adjudicating youth offenders.

Magisterial District Judges see a wide range of cases, and I believe my experiences give me a well-rounded and comprehensive understanding of the legal system that I can apply while serving on the bench.

**11. Potential Conflicts of Interests**

- a. Every person has the right to justice that is fair and impartial. I do not have my own law practice and I am not currently involved in any ongoing litigation; therefore, I do not foresee many situations where a potential conflict of interest would arise – outside of cases involving close family and friends in the community. I believe it is the responsibility of an MDJ, a community-based judge, to continuously review personal and professional relationships. To best serve the community, I would prioritize having a low threshold for identifying potential conflicts of interest.
- b. In the event a case involved a potential conflict, I would promptly disclose the conflict to all parties involved in the case. I would never hesitate to recuse myself to maintain impartiality and the integrity of the judicial process.

**12. Relationship with the Bar**

I have been an active member of the Washington County Bar Association since joining in 2010. This membership has afforded me the opportunity to be called upon as an arbitrator for Washington County and I've attended many of the CLE classes offered. The Association has also provided me with a chance to foster working relationships with fellow attorneys.

If elected, I envision my relationship with the Washington County Bar Association would evolve. In addition to regularly attending Association events, as MDJ I would work to prioritize an open line of communication and collaboration. I would be open to any feedback from members of the Association if it would help facilitate a more efficient and effective legal system.

**13. General Questions**

**a. What is the most significant challenge facing the local magisterial district courts and how can that challenge be addressed?**

Given the limited resources available, courts often have difficulty handling the high number of cases. I believe it is important for MDJs to be advocates in helping streamline the judicial system by identifying potential bottlenecks and ensuring that cases are moving efficiently. As an MDJ, I would take the responsibility to find efficiencies by keeping an open line of communication with court administrators, legal practitioners, and law enforcement agencies. Additionally, when cases are eligible to be disposed of, I will work to ensure they are handled swiftly to alleviate the burden on the Court of Common Pleas.

**b. Do you anticipate being onsite at your magisterial district office during all normal business hours?**

Yes. If elected, I will serve as a full-time judge and I will not practice law on the side. I believe it is necessary for an MDJ to maintain a reliable presence at the district office to ensure accessibility, efficiency, and responsiveness to the needs of the community, law enforcement, and legal professionals. Additionally, being present demonstrates a commitment to transparency, accountability, and engagement with the community, which are all fundamental aspects of building and promoting trust and confidence in the judicial system.

**c. Would you offer or would you anticipate offering evening or alternate hours to accommodate the public?**

My objective in running for this position is to serve the best interest of the community. There are instances where an MDJ is needed to work evening and weekend hours to serve both the public as well as law enforcement. I will make sure I am available when needed.

I will work to implement evening hours one day per week to ensure those who work daytime hours have an opportunity to appear in court without disrupting their work schedule.

Ultimately, I would take the responsibility to ensure our community has access to the judicial system in a manner that is efficient and convenient for all.