

**LIBERTY CITY LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL AND TRANSGENDER DEMOCRATIC CLUB**

**2009 JUDICIAL PRIMARY ELECTION QUESTIONNAIRE**

Name Adam M. Beloff Office Sought Judge Date 4-3-09

1) What is your experience with the LGBT community both generally and/or professionally?

I have represented, worked with and socialized with members of the LGBT community.

2) How have you advanced, through professional and personal achievements, the rights of the LGBT community, racial and ethnic minorities, and persons with disabilities?

Whenever I represent members of these groups, I represent them to the best of my ability fighting to protect their fundamental rights.

2) Do you support the rights of LGBT people to the following:

a Marriage? See below\*

b Civil Unions? See below \*

c Domestic Partnership? See below\*

d Second-parent adoption? See below\*

e Protection from workplace discrimination? Yes

f Protection from housing discrimination? See below\*

g Protection from acts of violence based on their sexual orientation or gender identity? Yes

\* I am concerned that expressing my personal views on this topic may disqualify me from cases that may come before me in the future.

3) Do you consider transgender rights a civil rights issue? Explain your answer

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4) How should a judge support public accommodations for transgender individuals appearing before them or otherwise within the criminal justice system?

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5) LGBT youth sometimes act out because of harassment at school or in the home due to their gender/sex identity. When ADAs prosecute cases against these members of our community, what will you do to prepare your staff to be sensitive to their issues? Additionally, LGBT youth who spend time in juvenile detention facilities face many dangers. What alternative sentences might you seek in their cases? Appoint a child advocate who is knowledgeable in that field to help me and the ADA understand the challenge the child is facing.

6) What has been the general nature of your practice and particular areas of concentration?

Please describe any changes throughout the years? General practice which has evolved into a Family Practice.

7) Describe a few of the most significant cases you have litigated. Please give a summary of the substance of the cases, the citations if available, and why you believe they were significant.  
See attached Exhibit "A"

8) State briefly why you are seeking the Democratic nomination to be a judge in Philadelphia, and what qualities you believe you possess that would serve you especially well if you were elected to the Court.

I sought the nomination because I have been a life long democrat and believe in the principles of equal protection and due process. Cont. page 3

9) What are the most pressing needs of reform in our judicial system in your opinion?  
Eliminating discrimination caused by gender, race and bias. Furthermore, a mandatory, economic mediation program in divorce before trial, and a cust

10) For what organizations have you done pro-bono work? neutral assessment focused on the child.  
N/A

11) Do you support a woman's right to choose?

\* I am concerned that I may be disqualified if a matter such as this came before my court. Could be basis of appeal.

12) Have you ever been sanctioned for any alleged breach of ethics or professional conduct by any court, administrative agency, bar association, disciplinary committee, judicial conduct committee, or other professional group? If so, please explain the nature of the sanction.  
Never!

13) Have you been recommended by the Philadelphia Bar Association?

Yes, on April 3, 2009

Please return by Friday April 3rd via e-mail to [matt@libertycity.org](mailto:matt@libertycity.org)

Or via mail to:

Liberty City Lesbian and Gay Democratic Club

## SIGNIFICANT CASES

1. Seneval v. Rosemond (Domestic Violence matter)  
Docket No: 0703V7302

Applicant represented Petitioner, Ms. Seneval against her husband, Rosemond who had committed acts of domestic violence against Petitioner and her four (4) year old son, Rosemond, Jr. Petitioner did not speak English. Petitioner was only in the United States for six (6) months. Defendant sought to send her back to Haiti and keep her son in the United States with him. Despite the fact that Defendant shares the same name of his wife's son, Rosemond, Jr., it was stipulated that the child was not Rosemond's son but had changed his name before arriving here from Haiti. After a highly contested trial, Petitioner was successful in obtaining a Restraining Order against her husband. A subsequent application for counsel fees was also awarded.

In retaliation, Mr. Rosemond sought to have Petitioner's immigration status adjusted in an effort to have his wife deported back to Haiti while simultaneously filing for custody of Petitioner's son, Rosemend, Jr. The complaint for custody was dismissed based on the record of the Protection from abuse matter.

The significance of the matter was that by anticipating the direction of your opponent's case, you must prevent your opponent from harming your client any further.

2. Commonwealth v. P.M. (Juvenile delinquency matter)

This young man was accused of committing a gunpoint robbery. There was an eye witness who I.D'd P.M. A detailed investigation produced enough evidence to show that the assailant was masked when he robbed the states victim. The judge found that he was not only innocent but actually, not guilty.

The significance of this matter is that you must always investigate to insure that the innocent remain free and that evidence does go unnoticed.

**Exhibit "A"**

3. **Susan Ferry v. Christian Kauffman** (Domestic Violence Matter)  
Docket No. FV-03-001777-03-Z

Applicant represented Plaintiff, Susan Ferry against her former boyfriend, Christian Kauffmann. Plaintiff and Mr. Kauffman were neighbors who had a brief dating relationship which resulted in a difficult break-up resulting in Defendant causing threatening and harassing communications; including, but not limited to, vulgar and threatening e-mails and telephone messages. Ms. Ferry filed and received both a Temporary Restraining Order and a Final Restraining Order after a full hearing. Five (5) years after the Entry of the Final Restraining Order, Defendant filed an application to have the Restraining Order dissolved. One of the reasons cited by the Defendant was that unless the Order was dismissed he would lose his job as a security guard at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital and he suffer irreparable harm because he would lose his medical benefits which he needed to maintain treatment for his documented bone disease. Another reason Defendant listed was that there had been no problems or contacts with the Plaintiff.

Under the above circumstances, Defendant's request would normally be granted. Plaintiff hired Applicant to represent her for the purpose of objecting to Defendant's request. A detailed analysis of the case facts and applicable New Jersey and Pennsylvania Law revealed that Defendant was in violation of the "Lethal Weapons Training Act" for five (5) years for failing to report to the Licensing Authority (State Police) that a Final Restraining Order was ordered against him. After a hearing which was held on September 26, 2008, the Court considered the briefs submitted and denied Defendant's request.