

State of Connecticut
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

Judicial Nomination Questionnaire

1. Full Name: Carmen Elisa Espinosa

2. Home Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

3. Business Address: Superior Court
101 Lafayette St., Hartford, CT 06106

Telephone: _____ Fax: (i) _____

4. Date of Birth: _____ Present Age: _____ Place of Birth _____

5. Social Security Number: _____

6. Marital Status: Divorced

a. If married, husband's name or wife's maiden name: _____

b. If you have children, the names of your children: _____

7. Date first appointed to the bench: January 10, 1992

Last Name: ESPINOSA, J.

8. Post-Secondary Colleges and Law Schools attended (include years of attendance, degrees and the years each degree was received):

George Washington University Law School, 1973-1976, J.D. 1976; Brown University, 1971-1973, M.A. 1973; Central Connecticut State, 1968-1971, B.S. 1971; Southern Connecticut State, 1967-1968

9. Date and place of admission to Connecticut Bar and any other State Bar:

Connecticut: 01/27/86; District of Columbia 12/21/76; U.S. District Court for the District of Connecticut: 01/30/86; U. S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit: 10/12/82

10. List any Post-Law School Studies or Courses, including Judicial Clerkship:

None

11. Names of Firms or Individuals associated with since admission to the Bar, and the years of each association:

Federal Bureau of Investigations: 10/76 to 05/80; U.S. Attorney's Office, District of Connecticut: 05/80- 01/92

12. NEW OR INTERIM APPOINTMENT? If yes, please complete 12a – f, otherwise continue onto question 13.

a. Have you regularly appeared in court? Yes No

b. What *percentage* of appearances in the last 5 years was in:

Federal Courts: _____ State Courts: _____ Other Courts: _____

c. What *percentage* of litigation in the last 5 years was:

Civil _____ Criminal _____

d. What *percentage* of litigation in the last 5 years was:

Jury _____ Non-Jury _____

e. Number of cases tried to conclusion in courts of record during the last 5 years (include whether you were sole, associate or chief counsel):

f. List ten of the most significant litigated matters you have handled and give the citation if the cases were reported:

13 List any legal books or articles you have had published:

None

14. Bar Association Memberships:

None

15. Bar Committees served on, and the offices, if any, held in any Association:

None

16. Have you ever appeared before a Grievance Committee of the Bar?

No Yes If yes, give details including the nature of the complaint and the disposition of the same:

17. Have you ever been reprimanded by any court, judge, or by a Grievance Committee?

No Yes If yes, give details:

18. Have you ever been sued or had a claim against you for malpractice?

No Yes If yes, give details:

Last Name: Espinoza, J.

19. Public offices or positions in local, state or federal governments including service on local boards or commissions and the approximate years of service in each:

None

20. Service on community boards, charitable agencies or educational institutions:

Board of Directors, Central Connecticut State University Alumni Association; Corporator, Community Mental Health Affiliates

21. Military service, if any, with years served, rank, duties, type of discharge and disability rating, if any:

None

22. Present physical condition:

Excellent

23. Have you ever been arrested?

No Yes If yes, circumstances:

24. Have you ever been convicted of a crime (motor vehicle violation excepted)?

No Yes If yes circumstances:

25. Has a complaint against you ever been before the Judicial Review Council?

No Yes If yes, state the date, the name of the complainant, substance of the complaint and the final disposition of the matter:

1. Nazra A. Mungroo: 08/16/10- The complaint involved trial issues that were also raised

26. Submission of Memoranda

a. If you are an attorney (and not a sitting judge), please submit 5 memoranda of law:
OR

- b. If you are a sitting judge, please submit 5 memoranda of decisions you have written. If less than 5 have been prepared, please submit them.

ADDITIONAL SPACE FOR ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS: Please be sure to note the number of the question being answered:

1. Mungroo: unsuccessfully on appeal. The complaint was timed barred and dismissed on 09/15/10.
2. Juan N. Santiago: 06/19/01- On 07/18/01, the complaint was found to be timed barred and dismissed.
3. Daniel Cotto Melendez: The complainant alleged that I did not give him a speedy trial and refused to appoint a different Public Defender for him. The complaint was dismissed on 07/16/97 because there was no factual basis for a finding that prohibited conduct has occurred.
4. Anthony Little: He alleged that on 06/11/97, during a court proceeding, I told his attorney that I did not want him in the courtroom and would deny his motion without him being present. He also claimed that I improperly allowed his retained counsel to withdraw his appearance and that I did not allow him to speak in court. The complaint was dismissed on 09/10/97 because there was no factual basis for a finding that prohibited conduct had occurred.
5. Elwell McPhail: 05/11/97- The complainant alleged that I was biased against him after learning some derogatory information from my then attorney-husband's prior representation of him in a separate matter years earlier. He also alleged that I did not permit him to speak in court. This complaint was dismissed on 08/20/97 because it dealt with appealable issues and there was no factual basis that prohibited conduct had occurred.
6. Donald Dick: 01/25/95- Complaint about a ruling I made in a forfeiture trial. The complaint was dismissed on 02/15/95 because it dealt with appealable issues.

Certification

I, hereby certify that the information contained in this questionnaire is true to best of my knowledge.

Signature: *Charm E. Espinoza* Date: 03/07/11
