Jack Panella (D)	Joan Orie Melvin (R)	Pennsylvania Supreme Court  Vote for One  - 10 year term each  Issues
NR	Antonin Scalia	U.S. Supreme Court Justice which most closely demonstrates your judicial philosophy
CNTA	Yes	Does PA need a Marriage Protection Amendment defining marriage as between one man and one woman?
NR	SC	Are you a strict constructionist (SC) or do you view the Constitution as a 'living document (LD)'?
NR	Yes	Does the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution permit the public display of religious monuments?
NR	No	Do you believe the Roe v Wade decision legalizing abortion was a sound judicial decision?
NR	Yes	Do you believe the government has the right to regulate sexually oriented businesses?

**Information on PA Supreme Court:** Both judicially and administratively, the Supreme Court is, by constitutional definition, Pennsylvania's highest court. In matters of law, it is the Commonwealth's court of last resort. Since 1980 the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, like the U.S. Supreme Court, can exercise discretion in accepting or rejecting appeals, allowing it to devote greater attention to cases of far-reaching impact, as well as to its constitutional obligation to administer the entire judicial system.

NR = No Response' CNTA = feel constrained not to express any view on this particular legal question, as any such statement could be construed as a promise to rule a particular way should the question come before the candidate as a judge of that court Sources: Court Cases/Candidate Responses/Outside Sources

(R) = Republican (D) = Democrat

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