

Jennifer A. Stark  
July 1, 2013

JUDICIAL NOMINATION DATA QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Please state all business interests and investment holdings in your possession at the time of your nomination, but not personal net worth.

Checking and Savings Accounts, Bank of America  
Commonwealth State Retirement Plan  
401K Retirement Plan, Fidelity Investments

2. Please list any and all law firms you have been associated with during the five years preceding your nomination as well as the names of any members of the bar practicing within the Commonwealth with whom you have been actively associated in the practice of law during the five years immediately preceding your nomination.

N/A

3. Please state any and all political contributions made by you, your spouse, or any of your children living at home, to any and all candidates for municipal, state or national office or to any political committees under Chapter 55 of the General Laws during the preceding three years.

My Contributions:

7/27/10: Katherine Clark: \$250

2011: None

2012: None

Spouse's Contributions:

2/5/10	Therese Murray	\$250
4/9/10	Jim McGovern (federal)	\$500
5/12/10	Christopher Walsh	\$500
5/27/10	Tackey Chan	\$250
6/10/10	Timothy Murray	\$250

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6/11/10	Michael Bellotti	\$250
6/26/10	Karen Spilka	\$250
8/5/10	Michael Day	\$500
10/7/10	Katherine Clark	\$250
10/20/10	Deval Patrick	\$500
2011:	None	
2012:	None	

I. BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

1. Full name (include any former names used).  
  
Jennifer Aimee Stark
2. Addresses: Residential address is discretionary.  
  
1 Ashburton Place, Rm. 1813 (mailing address)  
100 Cambridge St. (office location)  
Boston, MA 02108
3. Date and place of birth.  
  
February 14, 1972  
New York, NY
4. Citizenship.  
  
I am a United States Citizen.
5. Education: List each college and law school you attended, including dates of attendance, degree received, and the date granted.  
  
College: Northeastern University, 360 Huntington Avenue, Boston, MA 02115  
Dates Attended: September 1990 to June 1995  
Degree: Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice, *Cum Laude*, 1995  
  
Law School: Northeastern University School of Law, 400 Huntington Avenue, Boston, MA 02115  
Dates Attended: September 1997 to May 2000  
Degree: Juris Doctor, 2000
6. Employment record: List all jobs held since college including the title or description of job, name of employer, location of work, and dates of inclusive employment (include any advisory, consultative, honorary, or other part-time service or positions).

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ERC Wiping Products, Inc., Canton, MA, Receptionist and then Sales Representative, August 1995-June 1997

The Flying Bridge Restaurant, Falmouth, MA, Server, July 1997-August 1997

Andreas' Mediterranean Restaurant, West Roxbury, MA, Server, various times from September 1997-May 2000

Stern, Shapiro, Weissberg & Garin L.L.P., Boston, MA, Legal Intern, September-November 1999

Robert A. George and Associates P.C., Boston, MA, Legal Intern, June-August 1999

United States Attorney's Office, Boston, MA, Legal Intern, March-May 1999

Hon. Bruce M. Selya, U. S. Court of Appeals, 1<sup>st</sup> Circuit, Providence, RI, Legal Intern, August-November 1998

Superior Court of Massachusetts, Boston and Cambridge, MA, Law Clerk, September 2000-August 2001

Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky and Popeo P.C., Boston, MA, Associate, October 2001-September 2003 (Legal Intern from March 2000-May 2000)

Middlesex County District Attorney's Office, Various Locations in Middlesex County, Assistant District Attorney, September 2003-April 2007

Massachusetts Attorney General's Office, Boston, MA, Assistant Attorney General, April 2007-Present

7. Military service: Have you had any military service? If so, give particulars, including dates, branch of service, rank or rate, serial number and present status.

No.

8. Honors and awards: List all scholarships, fellowships, honorary degrees, honorary society memberships, and any other special recognition for outstanding service or achievements.

National Attorneys General Training & Research Institute's International Fellows Program on Human Trafficking, June 2011



9. Professional association:

- (a) List all professional societies of which you are or have been a member and give the titles and dates of any offices which you have held in such groups.

Massachusetts Bar Association  
Boston Bar Association  
Women's Bar Association

- (b) List also chairmanships of any committees in professional societies, and memberships on any committees which you believe to be of particular significance.

N/A

- (c) Describe also your participation, if any, on judicial committees or judicial conferences.

N/A

10. Other memberships: List all organizations other than professional associations or professional societies of which you are or have been a member, including civic, charitable, religious, educational, social, and fraternal organizations.

The Independent Jewish Community, Newton, MA

11. Court admission: List all courts in which you have been admitted to practice, with dates of admission. Give the same information for administrative bodies which require special admission to practice.

Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court, 2001  
United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts, 2003

12. Published writings: List the titles, publishers, and date of books, articles, reports, or other published material you have written, if any.

N/A

13. Health: What is the present state of your health?

I am in excellent health.

14. Legal Career:

(a) Describe chronologically your law practice and experience after your graduation from law school and until the present including:

- (1) Whether you served as clerk to a judge, and if so, the name of the judge, the court, and the dates of the period you were a clerk;

I served as a law clerk to the justices of the Massachusetts Superior Court from September 2000-August 2001. I assisted various justices in all phases of civil and criminal litigation mainly in the Suffolk and Middlesex Superior Courts. I prepared draft decisions, legal memoranda and proposed jury instructions and worked extensively with the justices on trials, hearings and motion sessions.

- (2) Whether you practiced alone, and if so, the address and dates;

I have not engaged in the solo practice of law.

- (3) The dates, names and addresses of law firms or offices, companies or governmental agencies with which you have been connected, and the nature of your connection with each;

From October of 2001 to September of 2003, I worked as an associate in the litigation section at Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky and Popeo P.C., which is located at One Financial Center, Boston, MA 02111. While at Mintz Levin, the general nature of my practice was complex civil litigation primarily in the area of construction law.

From September 2003 to April of 2007, I worked as an Assistant District Attorney at the Middlesex County District Attorney's Office. While at the DA's office, I prosecuted felonies and misdemeanors in district court, researched and prepared appellate briefs and argued an appeal in the Appeals Court, and supervised prosecutors in Marlborough and Framingham District Courts.

From April 2007 to the present, I have worked as an Assistant Attorney General in the Massachusetts

Attorney General's Office. As the Chief of the Policy & Government Division for five and a half years, I researched and developed policy positions for the Attorney General on a variety of issues, including criminal justice, consumer protection, and ethics and lobbying. I am currently the Chief of the Business and Labor Bureau, where I supervise approximately 120 attorneys, investigators and support staff who work in the Energy, Fair Labor, Medicaid Fraud, and Non-profit/Public Charities Divisions. I review and approve major civil and criminal filings, citations, complaints and settlement agreements.

- (4) Any other relevant particulars.

N/A

(b)

- (1) What has been the general character of your law practice, dividing it into periods with dates if its character has changed over the years?

From September 2000 to August of 2001, I served as a law clerk to the justices of the Massachusetts Superior Court. I prepared draft decisions, legal memoranda and proposed jury instructions. I worked on both civil and criminal matters.

From October of 2001 to September of 2003, I worked as an associate in the litigation section at Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky and Popeo P.C. While at Mintz Levin, the general nature of my practice was complex civil litigation primarily in the area of construction law. My responsibilities included defending depositions; drafting complaints, answers, discovery requests and responses, motions and legal memoranda; attending court hearings; preparing cases for trial and working closely with clients.

From September 2003 to April of 2007, I worked as an Assistant District Attorney at the Middlesex County District Attorney's Office. The general character of my practice at the DA's office was prosecuting criminal matters in District Court. I handled hundreds cases



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during my time at the DA's office, and prosecuted a variety of criminal matters including violent crimes, motor vehicle crimes, and narcotics distribution crimes. Approximately one dozen of my cases resulted in a jury trial, and most of them were held in Marlborough District Court, where I was the supervising Assistant District Attorney (I was also a supervisor in Framingham District Court). The rest of my trial practice involved bench trials, motions to revoke bail, motions to dismiss, dangerousness hearings, preparing discovery, motions to suppress evidence, pre-trial conferences, plea colloquies, and all other aspects of District Court practice. I worked on two motor vehicle homicide investigations and was the DA's Office's representative in the Drug Court in Framingham District Court. I also drafted two appellate briefs and had one oral argument at the Massachusetts Appeals Court.

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- (2) Describe your typical former clients, and mention the areas, if any, in which you have specialized.

When I worked at Mintz Levin, the clients I worked with were mainly in the construction industry. While I was a



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general civil practitioner, a significant part of my practice was in the construction law area.

(c)

- (1) Did you appear in court regularly, occasionally, or not all? If the frequency of your appearance in court varied, describe each such variance, giving dates.

During my time in the DA's Office, I appeared in court every day, five days a week, for most of the work day. As a law clerk, I spent a lot of time in court observing trials, motions, etc. During my time at Mintz Levin and the AG's office, I had a handful of court appearances.

- (2) What percentage of these appearances was in:
- (a) Federal Courts: 0%
  - (b) State Courts of Record: 100%
  - (c) Other Courts: 0%

The majority of my court room appearances have been in Massachusetts District Courts. I have also appeared in the Massachusetts Superior and Appeals Courts.

- (3) Approximately what percentage of your litigation was:
- (a) Civil: 25%
  - (b) Criminal: 75%
  - (c) Probate: Handled one pro bono matter
  - (d) Other:

15. Judicial office (if applicable):

- (a) State the judicial office you now hold, and the judicial offices you have previously held, giving dates and the details, including the courts involved, whether elected or appointed, and periods of service.

N/A

- (b) Describe two of the most significant decisions you have written or attach copies of them to your answers, and give the citations if the opinions were reported, as well as citations to any appellate review of such opinions.

N/A

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16. Other public office:

- (a) Have you ever held public office or been a candidate for public office? If so, give the details, including the offices involved, whether elected or appointed and the length of your service, giving dates.

No.

17. Business or other occupation:

- (a) Have you ever been engaged in any business or profession other than the practice of law or holding of judicial or other public office? If so, give details, including dates.

From August of 1995 to June 1997, I worked at ERC Wiping Products, Inc., as a receptionist and then as a Sales Representative. This company sells wiping rags to manufacturing plants, car washes, etc.

- (b) Are you now an officer or director or otherwise engaged in the management of any business enterprise? If so, give details, including the name of the enterprise, the nature of the business, the title or other description of your position, and the nature of your duties and the term of your service.

No.

II. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Dissolution of law firm (if applicable).

Please describe the arrangements you have made to dissolve your financial interest in your law firm. What time period is involved? What arrangements have you made to be compensated for your work on pending litigation?

N/A

2. Are all your taxes, federal, state, and municipal, current as of the date of this statement?

Yes.

3. While generally guided by statute, judges do have considerable discretion in the area of criminal justice sentencing. Depending upon their philosophies, judges may exercise this discretion to promote criminal rehabilitations, the protection of society, and deterrence of other criminals.

(a) Could you characterize your own views on how this discretion ought to be exercised?

The exercise of judicial discretion in criminal sentencing is one of the most important responsibilities of a judge. Judges should assess the circumstances of each case and each defendant individually when exercising discretion in sentencing, including considering input from crime victims, aggravating and mitigating factors, and any other relevant information about the case and the defendant. Judges should balance all of these considerations against the goals of protecting the public, general deterrence, protecting crime victims, punishment, and rehabilitation.

(b) Do you favor further limits on such discretion through legislation?

No.

4. Do you feel that the present compensation levels for judges in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts are adequate?

Yes.

5. Do you plan to hold any positions in order to supplement your judicial salary? If so please give details.



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No.

6. Please advise the Council of any additional information, favorable or unfavorable, which you feel should be considered in connection with your nomination.

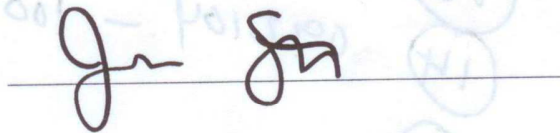
None.

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AFFIDAVIT

I, **Jennifer A. Stark**, do swear that the information  
provided in this statement is, to the best of my knowledge, true and accurate.

Dated: **July 1, 2013**




COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

*Suffolk*

SS.

Then personally appeared the above named and acknowledged the foregoing  
instrument to be a free act and deed before me.

  
Notary Public  
My commission expires:



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To Whom It May Concern:

I hereby waive my rights to confidentiality regarding my tax records, court records, and matters at the Board of Bar Overseers and release said information/documents to the councillors and/or their investigators.

I release all of the foregoing from any and all claims and liability for damages of whatever kind arising out of any attempt to comply with this authorization.

Date: 7/1/13

Name: Jennifer A. Stark

Address: 1 Ashburton Place, Boston, MA

(Discretionary)  
Date of Birth: 2/14/72

Spouse's signature:

