

Miscellaneous Docket Sheet

Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania

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In re: Nomination Petition of
Qawi Abdul-Rahman as
Democratic Candidate for
Municipal Court Judge in the
First Judicial District
(Philadelphia)

Objection of: John Brady

CASE INFORMATION

Initiating Document: Objection to Nominating Petition

Case Status: Closed

Case Processing Status: April 21, 2025 Completed

Journal Number:

Case Category: Election Case Type(s): Election

CONSOLIDATED CASES**RELATED CASES****COUNSEL INFORMATION****Petitioner Brady, John**

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FEE INFORMATION

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AGENCY/TRIAL COURT INFORMATION

Order Appealed From: Notice of Appeal Filed:
Order Type:
Documents Received: March 18, 2025

Court Below:
County: Division:
Judge: OTN:
Docket Number: Judicial District:

ORIGINAL RECORD CONTENT

Original Record Item Filed Date Content Description

Date of Remand of Record:

BRIEFING SCHEDULE

None None

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March 18, 2025	Objection to Nominating Petition Brady, John		Petitioner	
March 19, 2025	Hearing Scheduled Per Curiam			03/19/2025
Document Name: Scheduling and Case Management Order / Hearing Sched. March 24, 2025, 10:00am, Widener Bldg. Phila.				



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Filed Date	Docket Entry / Filer	Representing	Participant Type	Exit Date
	<p>Comment: NOW, March 19, 2025, upon consideration of the Petition to Set Aside Nomination Petitions (Objection Petition):</p> <p>1. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:</p> <p>A. Hearing on the Objection Petition is scheduled for Monday, March 24, 2025, at 10:00 a.m., in Courtroom Number 1, Widener Building, One South Penn Square, 1339 Chestnut Street, 9th Floor, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Objector is directed to secure the services of a court stenographer for the hearing. Failure of Objector to secure the services of a court stenographer may result in the dismissal of this matter.</p> <p>B. If signature lines are challenged, Objector shall secure, by request or subpoena, the presence of a Statewide Uniform Registry of Electors (SURE) system operator at the hearing.</p> <p>C. Service of the Objection Petition on Candidate and this Order on all parties is complete upon the posting of the Objection Petition and this Order on the Court's website in accordance with this Court's Notice and Order in In re: Objections to Nomination Petitions/Papers of Candidates for Statewide and State-Level Office (Pa. Cmwlth., No. 126 Misc. Dkt. No. 3, February 7, 2025).</p> <p>D. At the hearing, Objector shall offer proof of timely service of the Objection Petition on the Secretary of the Commonwealth.</p> <p>2. It is FURTHER ORDERED that the parties shall comply with the following in advance of the hearing:</p> <p>A. Objector shall file a list of all witnesses to be called at the hearing and the curriculum vitae and expert report for each expert witness. Any witness not identified may be precluded from testifying except for good cause shown.</p> <p>B. Candidate shall file a list of all witnesses to be called at the hearing and the curriculum vitae and expert report for each expert witness. Any witness not identified may be precluded from testifying except for good cause shown.</p> <p>3. If signature line challenges are at issue, it is FURTHER ORDERED that the parties shall comply with the following in advance of the hearing:</p> <p>A. Objector and Candidate or Candidate's representative and, if appropriate, a SURE system operator, shall meet to review each and every challenged signature line.</p> <p>B. Objector and Candidate shall file a stipulation of the parties that identifies:</p> <p>(a) the total number of completed signature lines submitted;</p> <p>(b) the total number of uncontested signature lines submitted;</p> <p>(c) the total number of signature lines challenged;</p> <p>(d) each and every signature line to which there is an objection, identified by page number and line number, and the basis for the objection;</p> <p>(e) each and every signature line to be stricken as invalid or for which an objection is to be withdrawn, identified by page number and line number, if the parties can reach such a stipulation.</p> <p>C. Candidate shall file a list of all signature lines, identified by page number and line number, that are facially defective and that Candidate intends to rehabilitate. Candidate shall also state the manner in which Candidate intends to rehabilitate the signature lines.</p> <p>4. Objector and Candidate may each file a memorandum of law in support of their respective positions. No further memoranda will be permitted unless ordered by the Court.</p> <p>5. Unless otherwise ordered, the parties shall file all items required or permitted by paragraphs 2, 3, and 4 of this Order no later than 48 hours in advance of the hearing. Filing may be accomplished electronically by PACFile (the Pennsylvania appellate court electronic filing system) or in person with the Prothonotary at the Pennsylvania Judicial Center, Suite 2100, 601 Commonwealth Avenue, P.O. Box 69185, Harrisburg, PA 17106-9185. Parties may not file by facsimile or email without express prior permission from the Court.</p> <p>6. Failure to comply with any provision of this Order may preclude the noncompliant party from entering any evidence, and may result in the imposition of monetary sanctions.</p>			

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March 21, 2025	Entry of Appearance Weyer, Gregory Richard	Brady, John	Petitioner	
	Document Name: Attorney Gregory R. Weyer for Petitioner			
March 21, 2025	Hearing Rescheduled Per Curiam			03/21/2025
	Document Name: Amended Scheduling and Case Management Order			
	Comment: The Hearing on the Objection Petition is rescheduled for Tuesday, March 25, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. in Courtroom Number 2, 9th Floor, Widener Building, One South Penn Square, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. All other provisions in this Court's Scheduling and Case Management Order of March 19, 2025, shall remain in effect.			
March 22, 2025	Memorandum of Law Filed Weyer, Gregory Richard	Brady, John	Petitioner	
	Document Name: Objector's Prehearing Memorandum			
March 22, 2025	Filed - Other Weyer, Gregory Richard	Brady, John	Petitioner	
	Document Name: Exhibit to Objector's Prehearing Memorandum			
March 22, 2025	Filed - Other Weyer, Gregory Richard	Brady, John	Petitioner	
	Document Name: Objector's Witness List			
March 27, 2025	Entry of Appearance Abdul-Rahman, Qawi	Abdul-Rahman, Qawi	Respondent	
	Document Name: Attorney Qawi Abdul-Rahman for Respondent			
March 28, 2025	Application to Amend Abdul-Rahman, Qawi	Abdul-Rahman, Qawi	Respondent	
	Document Name: Motion for Leave to Amend Nomination Petition			

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April 1, 2025	Petition to Set Aside Denied Covey, Anne E.			04/01/2025
	Document Name: Memorandum Opinion: Petition to Set Aside Nomination Petition of Qawi Abdul-Rahman is DENIED.			
	Comment: AND NOW, this 1st day of April, 2025, John Brady's Petition to Set Aside Nomination Petition of Democratic Candidate for Municipal Court Judge in the First Judicial District Qawi Abdul-Rahman is DENIED.			
	Qawi Abdul-Rahman's Motion for Leave to Amend Nomination Petition is GRANTED.			
	Qawi Abdul-Rahman is directed to file with the Pennsylvania Department of State, Bureau of Elections, and the Pennsylvania State Ethics Commission an Amended Statement of Financial Interests (SOFI) in accordance with the foregoing opinion within seven (7) days of the date of this Order.			
	Upon Candidate's timely filing of his amended SOFI, the Secretary of the Commonwealth is directed to certify the name of Qawi Abdul-Rahman to appear on the ballot in the Municipal Primary Election to be held on May 20, 2025, as a Candidate for Municipal Court Judge in the First Judicial District (Philadelphia).			
	The Prothonotary shall notify the parties hereto and their counsel of this Order and shall certify a copy hereof to the Secretary of the Commonwealth forthwith.			
	Each party shall bear his own costs.			
April 11, 2025	Post Trial Motions Filed Weyer, Gregory Richard	Brady, John	Petitioner	
	Document Name: Petitioner's Motion for Post-Trial Relief			
April 11, 2025	Amended Weyer, Gregory Richard	Brady, John	Petitioner	
	Document Name: Amended Post Trial Motions Filed			
April 11, 2025	Filed - Other Weyer, Gregory Richard	Brady, John	Petitioner	
	Document Name: Transcript of Hearing held 3-25-25 at Commonwealth Court			
April 11, 2025	Filed - Other Weyer, Gregory Richard	Brady, John	Petitioner	
	Document Name: Statement of Financial Interests			
April 11, 2025	Notice of Appeal to PA Supreme Court Filed Weyer, Gregory Richard	Brady, John	Petitioner	
	Document Name: 13 EAP 2025			
April 11, 2025	Filed - Other Weyer, Gregory Richard	Brady, John	Petitioner	
	Document Name: 13 EAP 2025-Copy of opinion on appeal to Pennsylvania Supreme Court.			
April 11, 2025	Filed - Other Weyer, Gregory Richard	Brady, John	Petitioner	
	Document Name: 13 EAP 2025-Jurisdictional Statement.			

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April 11, 2025	Order Denying Post Trial Motions Covey, Anne E.			04/11/2025
	Document Name: Petitioner's Motion for Post-Trial Relief is DENIED as unauthorized. Comment: AND NOW, this 11th day of April, 2025, John Brady's Motion for Post-Trial Relief is DENIED as unauthorized as the Pennsylvania Rules of Civil Procedure do not apply to a challenge to a nomination petition. See Petition of Acosta, 578 A.2d 407 (Pa. 1990); In re Nomination Petition of Johnson, 502 A.2d 142 (Pa. 1985); see also In re Nomination Petition of Broadhurst, 312 A.3d 410 (Pa. Cmwlth. 2024) (P.J. Cohn Jubelirer) (single judge op.).			
April 11, 2025	Notice Supreme Court of Pennsylvania			
	Document Name: 13 EAP 2025-Record electronically moved over to Supreme Court of PA docket by Eastern District.			
April 21, 2025	Commonwealth Court Decision Affirmed Supreme Court of Pennsylvania			
	Document Name: 13 EAP 2025			
May 15, 2025	Notice Supreme Court of Pennsylvania			
	Document Name: 13 EAP 2025 - Record returned electronically transmitted by Supreme Court Eastern District			

DISPOSITION INFORMATION

Final Disposition: Yes

Related Journal No: Judgment Date:

Category: Decided Disposition Author: Covey, Anne E.

Disposition: Petition to Set Aside Denied Disposition Date: April 1, 2025

Disposition Comment: AND NOW, this 1st day of April, 2025, John Brady's Petition to Set Aside Nomination Petition of Democratic Candidate for Municipal Court Judge in the First Judicial District Qawi Abdul-Rahman is DENIED.

Qawi Abdul-Rahman's Motion for Leave to Amend Nomination Petition is GRANTED.

Qawi Abdul-Rahman is directed to file with the Pennsylvania Department of State, Bureau of Elections, and the Pennsylvania State Ethics Commission an Amended Statement of Financial Interests (SOFI) in accordance with the foregoing opinion within seven (7) days of the date of this Order.

Upon Candidate's timely filing of his amended SOFI, the Secretary of the Commonwealth is directed to certify the name of Qawi Abdul-Rahman to appear on the ballot in the Municipal Primary Election to be held on May 20, 2025, as a Candidate for Municipal Court Judge in the First Judicial District (Philadelphia).

The Prothonotary shall notify the parties hereto and their counsel of this Order and shall certify a copy hereof to the Secretary of the Commonwealth forthwith.

Each party shall bear his own costs.

Dispositional Filing: **Memorandum Opinion** Filing Author: Covey, Anne E.

Filed Date: 4/1/2025 12:00:00AM