

**CANDIDATE'S PLEDGE TO THE  
PHILADELPHIA BAR ASSOCIATION**

I agree to support the priorities identified by the Philadelphia Bar Association. As Mayor, I commit that I will:

- Implement the recommendations of the Philadelphia Tax Reform Commission, including the gradual elimination of the Business Privilege Tax.<sup>1</sup> \*
- Support only judicial candidates for election to and retention on the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas and the Municipal Court who are recommended by the Philadelphia Bar Association's Commission on Judicial Selection and Retention.
- Construct a new, "state of the art," courthouse for the Family Division of the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas, which will house the Domestic Relations Branch and the Juvenile Branch in a single, Center City location.<sup>2</sup>
- Increase local funding and find other sources for funding of the School District of Philadelphia, including preschool and adult education programs.
- Support legislation amending the City Charter to create a permanent Police Advisory Commission.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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<sup>1</sup> See "Philadelphia Tax Reform Commission Final Report," vol. 1, Nov. 15, 2003 at [www.philadelphiataxreform.org](http://www.philadelphiataxreform.org).

<sup>2</sup> See Women's Law Project, "Justice in Domestic Relations Division of Philadelphia Family Court: A Report to the Community," Apr. 2003, at [www.womenslawproject.org/naspec/MoreReports.htm](http://www.womenslawproject.org/naspec/MoreReports.htm)

\* I have advocated elimination of the gross receipts portion of the business privilege tax only. In addition, I have concerns about the recommendations regarding the land value tax, but am open to discussion on the issue.