



**JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION  
PERSONAL DATA QUESTIONNAIRE  
2022**

Court, Position, and Seat # for which you are applying:      Supreme Court, Seat 4

1.    Name:                            The Honorable Stephanie Pendarvis McDonald  
  
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2.    Date of Birth:                      (Redacted) 1969  
      Place of Birth:                    Columbia, South Carolina  
      Social Security Number:        (Redacted)
  
3.    Are you a citizen of South Carolina?    Yes  
      Have you been a resident of this state for at least the immediate past five years?    Yes
  
4.    SCDL# or SCHD#:                    SCDL (Redacted)  
      Voter Registration Number:        (Redacted)
  
5.    Have you served in the military?    No
  
6.    Family Status:
  - (a)    State whether you are single, married, widowed, divorced, or separated.
  - (b)    If married, state the date of your marriage and your spouse's full name and occupation.
  - (c)    If widowed, list the name(s) of spouse(s).

(d) If you have ever been divorced or are in the process of obtaining a divorce, state the date, name of the moving party, court, and grounds.

(e) State the names of your children and their ages. If your children are old enough to work, include the occupation of each child.

Family Status: Divorced  
Married on October 29, 1994, in Charleston  
Divorced on September 21, 2007, Charleston Co., S.C. Family Court.

I was the moving party; one year of continuous separation was the sole ground.  
One child, (Redacted)

7. List each college and law school you attended, including the dates of your attendance, the degrees you received, and if you left an institution without receiving a degree, the reason for your departure.

(a) University of South Carolina – Honors College  
1987-1991  
Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy and English, *Magna cum Laude*,  
*with Honors from South Carolina College*, May 1991

(b) University of South Carolina School of Law  
1991-1994  
Juris Doctor, May 1994

8. List the significant activities in which you took part during your attendance at law school. Give the years you were involved in these activities and list any leadership positions you held.

(a) Moot Court (1992 – 1994)  
Finalist (argued before the South Carolina Supreme Court – 1993)  
Order of the Barristers (1993-1994)  
Captain, Craven Moot Court Team (1994)

(b) Law School Pro Bono Board (1992-1994)  
Vice-President (1993-1994)

(c) Volunteer, Richland County Guardian ad Litem Project  
(1993-1994)

(d) Senate Judiciary Committee Law Clerk (1992-1994)

9. List the states in which you have been admitted to practice law and the year of each admission. Also list any states in which you took the bar exam but were never admitted to the practice of law. Please indicate the number of times you took the exam in each state.

South Carolina – admitted to practice in 1994

I have taken only the South Carolina bar exam (once)

10. Describe chronologically, since graduation from law school, your legal experience. Please include a list of all positions held in which you worked in a legal capacity. Describe the general character of your practice and divide it into periods with dates if its character changed over the years. Please also describe the extent to which you were involved with the administrative and financial management of each of these entities, including management of trust accounts.

Prior to my election to the Circuit Court in 2011, my legal experience included:

- (a) Associate, Stuckey & Kobrovsky, which later became Stuckey & Senn  
(Aug. 1994-June 1997)

Approximately 70% of this practice included civil defense work in state and federal courts, primarily involving constitutional and governmental issues. The remainder of my work included probate administration/estate representation, non-complex family court work and the firm's DSS appointments, property/business litigation, plaintiff's work, and appellate work in state and federal courts. My first three solo trials involved constitutional claims in United States District Court.

I was not involved in the financial management of the firm.  
Administrative work included timekeeping and reviewing bills.  
I did not handle or have access to the firm's trust account.

- (b) Solo practitioner (1998-2003)

In June 1997, I became quite ill while pregnant with my only child and took a two-month leave of absence for home intravenous treatments. I attempted to return to part-time work in August, 1997; however, when my doctor prescribed bedrest a few weeks later, I made the decision to leave the law firm.

In early 1998, I started my own practice in order to stay home with my daughter as much as possible. My practice focused on appellate work and a variety of research, writing, and editing for other attorneys. I also continued some trial work for other attorneys in state and federal court during this time period.

During this time, I handled appellate matters for:

Stuckey Law Firm  
Sandra J. Senn, P.A.  
Clawson and Staubes  
Rhoad Law Firm (Bamberg)

Padgett Law Firm (Bennettsville)  
Jennings and Harris (Bennettsville)  
Jay Ervin (Darlington)

I did other litigation research, writing, or editing for:

E. Bart Daniel  
J. Brady Hair  
Larry Kobrovsky  
Joye Law Firm  
David Whittington  
Robert Gailliard  
John Price Law Firm  
Stanley Feldman

I handled all billing and administrative matters.

I did not maintain a trust account as all of my work during this time period was billed hourly to other attorneys or firms.

(c) Senn, McDonald, and Leinbach, LLC (2003-2011)

Once my daughter was in school, I joined Senn, McDonald, and Leinbach. By this time, approximately 50% of my practice consisted of appellate matters for other firms (for plaintiffs, defendants, and family court litigants). The remainder of my practice focused primarily on civil defense work for public officials, law enforcement officials and agencies, state agencies, and local governments. This work included frequent appearances in state and federal courts. I handled some trial level work for plaintiffs as well, primarily in the area of employment discrimination and harassment.

From 2010-2011, I served as a volunteer prosecutor for the South Carolina Attorney General's Criminal Domestic Violence Task Force. Most of this work took place in Orangeburg County. Prior to 2010, our firm also assisted with the prosecution of cases for the Attorney General's Dogfighting Task Force.

I was not involved in the financial management of the firm. Administrative work included timekeeping, reviewing bills, and addressing personnel matters as needed. I did not handle or have access to the firm's trust account.

11. Please answer the following:

- (a) If you are a candidate for Family Court, please provide a brief written description of your experience within each of the following Family Court practice areas: divorce and equitable division of property, child custody, adoption, abuse and neglect, and juvenile justice. Include information about cases you have handled in each of these practice areas, or if you have not practiced in an area, describe how your background

and procedural knowledge has prepared you to preside over such matters as a Family Court judge. Please also indicate the frequency of your appearances before a Family Court judge within the past five years. Not applicable.

(b) If you are a candidate for Circuit Court, please provide a brief written description of your experience in criminal matters, including any cases handled over the past five years, and include a brief description of the issues involved. Further, please provide a brief written description of your experience in civil matters, including any cases handled over the past five years, and include a brief description of the types of matters handled, issues involved, and procedural history. Please include information such as the primary areas in civil court in which you practice, and whether you represent plaintiffs or defendants, or both. You may go back further than five years if you feel it would assist the Commission with its assessment of your experience. If you lack experience in an area, describe how your background and procedural knowledge has prepared you to preside over such matters as a Circuit Court judge, or how you would compensate for your lack of experience in this area. Please also indicate the frequency of your appearances before a Circuit Court judge within the past five years. Not applicable.

(c) If you are a candidate for Master-In-Equity, please provide a brief written description of your experience in the Master's court, including any cases handled over the past five years, and include a brief description of the issues involved. Please include the frequency of your appearances before a Master-In-Equity or a Circuit Court judge within the past five years. Not applicable.

(d) If you are a candidate for Administrative Law Court, please provide a brief written description of your experience before an Administrative Law Judge, including any issues discussed and the frequency of your appearances before the Administrative Law or Circuit Court within the past five years. Not applicable.

12. What was the frequency of your court appearances during the past five years or in the five years prior to your election to the bench?

- (a) federal: 1-2 times per month, more when in trial
- (b) state: 5-7 times per month, more when in trial

13. What percentage of your practice involved civil, criminal, domestic, and other matters during the past five years or in the five years prior to your election to the bench?

- (a) civil: 70%
- (b) criminal: 10%
- (c) domestic: 15%
- (d) other: 5%

14. What percentage of your practice in trial court during the past five years or in the five years prior to your election to the bench involved matters that went to a jury, including those that settled prior to trial?

- (a) jury: 85% (this figure includes matters in which summary judgment or directed verdict was granted)
- (b) non-jury: 15%

During the past five years, did you most often serve as sole counsel, chief counsel, or co-counsel?

I most often served as sole counsel. At some trials, I was co-counsel with another member of my firm.

15. List five of the most significant litigated matters you have personally handled in either trial or appellate court, or before a state or federal agency. Give citations if the cases were reported and describe why these matters were significant.

- (a) Erickson v. Winner, Charleston County Court of Common Pleas (March 2006). This case arose from the Domestic Court Reform Movement that took place in South Carolina in the 1990s. The plaintiff, a former Dorchester County guardian ad litem, sued several defendants for defamation and other torts following the issuance of “The Winner Report,” which offered a scathing view of South Carolina’s private guardian system. A lengthy article in the Charleston City Paper followed the report. Our firm represented the Governor’s GAL Office and a county office supervisor. After three weeks of trial, the Honorable Buddy Nicholson directed a verdict for our clients on all causes of action. Following a fourth week of trial, the jury returned a verdict of 6.5 million dollars against some of the remaining co-defendants. After the appeal involving our trial clients was dismissed, two of the private defendants hired me to argue their case before the South Carolina Supreme Court. The Supreme Court affirmed the Circuit Court’s reformation of the actual damages verdict to \$243,540.82 and vacated “the punitive damages verdict in its entirety.” See Erickson v. Winter, 2010-MO-006, 2010 WL 10097768 (S.C. March 1, 2010).
- (b) Jamison v. Ford Motor Company, 373 S.C. 248, 644 S.E.2d 755 (Ct. App. 2007), cert. dismissed as improvidently granted, 385 S.C. 238 (S.C. Sept. 28, 2009). Although I was not involved with this case at trial, I handled the plaintiffs’ appeals before the South Carolina Court of Appeals and Supreme Court. This case involved complex issues of products liability, federal pre-emption, and discovery abuse following the tragic death of a young driver after her 1993 Ford Escort seatbelt lacerated her liver in a frontal, angular automobile collision.
- (c) Pelaccio v. Charleston County Sheriff’s Office, Berkeley County Court of Common Pleas (April 2005). This wrongful death action arose after a father held his infant hostage, threatening to kill the child and detonate explosives in the family home. He also threatened several members of law enforcement responding to the domestic

incident. After an all-night standoff, the father emerged from the house, holding a knife to the baby's neck. When he refused to release the child and remain in a location safe enough for the Charleston County SWAT team to retrieve the baby from the porch, a police sniper shot him in order to ensure the safety of the baby and the on-scene officers. We represented the Charleston County Sheriff's Office, and the jury returned a defense verdict after a four-day trial.

(d) Cowsert v. Brown, Charleston County Court of Common Pleas (April 2006). Our firm represented the plaintiffs in this matter, which arose after Mrs. Cowsert fell from the elevated second-story porch of her Folly Beach home. The contractor who built the home had failed to secure a portion of the porch railing in any way—it was not nailed, glued, or otherwise secured to the main railing area. When the railing gave way, Mrs. Cowsert fell, suffering serious, permanent injuries. Following the four-day trial, the jury returned a significant verdict for the plaintiffs.

(e) The City of Charleston "Sofa Super Fire" aftermath (2007-2010)  
We represented the City of Charleston in the investigations and litigation arising from this tragic fire, which took the lives of nine Charleston firefighters. The work involved numerous related matters, including representation during the SC-OSHA investigation, before the OSHA hearing officer, and throughout the series of investigations conducted by federal agencies and law enforcement entities. The subsequent civil action involved several private co-defendants and issues of Worker's Compensation Act exclusivity, exemptions under the South Carolina Tort Claims Act, and considerations related to the South Carolina Contribution Among Tortfeasors Act.

16. List up to five civil appeals you have personally handled. Give the case name, the court, the date of decision, and the citation if the case was reported.

- (a) Henry v. Horry County, 334 S.C. 461, 514 S.E.2d 122 (1999).
- (b) Brown v. Daniel, 230 F.3d 1351, 2000 WL 1455443 (4<sup>th</sup> Cir. Sept. 9, 2000) (unpublished per curiam opinion).
- (c) Mentavlos v. Anderson, 249 F.3d 301 (4<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2001), cert denied, 534 U.S. 952 (Oct. 9, 2001).
- (d) Sunset Cay v. City of Folly Beach, 357 S.C. 414, 593 S.E.2d 462 (2004).
- (e) Eargle v. Horry County, 335 S.C. 425, 517 S.E.2d 3 (Ct. App. 1999) (en banc) and Eargle v. Horry County, 344 S.C. 449, 545 S.E.2d 276 (2001).

17. List up to five criminal appeals you have personally handled. Give the case name, the court, the date of decision and the citation if the case was reported.

- (a) United States v. Luther Ray Cyrus, 132 Fed. Appx. 441 (4<sup>th</sup> Cir. May 24, 2005). (I wrote the 4<sup>th</sup> Circuit brief and prepared the Joint Appendix for attorney Jay Ervin).
- (b) United State v. Dalton, 477 F.3d 195 (4<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2007). (I assisted the late Stanley Feldman with his brief and with his preparation for oral argument).

- (c) Michau v. Charleston County, 434 F.3d 725 (4<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2006). This was a civil appeal in an action filed under 42 U.S.C. §1983, but the appeal involved construction of South Carolina's Sexually Violent Predator Act and whether a county detainee held pending evaluation under the SVPA is a "prisoner" for purposes of the Prison Litigation Reform Act.

The last two appeals I handled before I was sworn in as a Circuit Court judge were appeals from Family Court:

- (a) Margaret Reiss v. Paul Reiss, 392 S.C. 198, 708 S.E.2d 799 (Ct. App. 2011).  
(b) Margaret Reiss v. Pamela Buck, 391 S.C. 286, 705 S.E.2d 84 (Ct. App. 2011).

18. Have you ever held judicial office? If so, list the periods of your service, the courts involved, and whether you were elected or appointed. Describe the jurisdiction of each of the courts and note any limitations on the jurisdiction of each court.

Yes. On February 2, 2011, I was elected by the General Assembly to the position of Circuit Judge, At-Large, Seat 9. I was sworn in on June 30, 2011, and served continuously until I began at the Court of Appeals on July 1, 2014.

The Circuit Court is South Carolina's Court of general jurisdiction. It consists of the Court of General Sessions (criminal court) and the Court of Common Pleas (civil court). The Circuit Court also serves as a court of limited appellate jurisdiction, handling appeals from Probate Court, Magistrate's Court, and Municipal Court. Article 5 of Title 14 sets forth additional provisions relating to the operation of the Circuit Court.

I was Chief Administrative Judge for Common Pleas in the Ninth Circuit. (January 2014 – June 2014). For eighteen months prior to that, I was Chief Administrative Judge for General Sessions matters in the Ninth Circuit. (July 2012 – December 2013).

On May 28, 2014, I was elected by the General Assembly to Seat 7 of the South Carolina Court of Appeals. I began work at the Court of Appeals on July 1, 2014, and have served continuously since that time. I was elected to a second term in February 2020.

The Court of Appeals is a statutorily created court; § 14-8-200(a) sets forth its jurisdiction. Generally, the Court of Appeals has jurisdiction when an appeal is taken from an order or judgment of the Circuit Court, Family Court, Administrative Law Court, or Appellate Panel of the Worker's Compensation Commission. This section also authorizes the Supreme Court to provide by rule for the Court of Appeals to consider petitions for writs of certiorari in PCR matters.

Limitations upon the jurisdiction of the Court of Appeals are set forth in § 14-8-200(b). The Court does not consider appeals which include a death sentence; final rate-setting decisions of the Public Service Commission; the constitutionality of state laws or county or municipal ordinances, unless the Supreme Court determines the constitutional question is not a significant one and transfers the case; certain general obligation debt, revenue, and bonding



matters; Circuit Court judgments addressing elections or election procedure; orders limiting an investigation by the State grand jury; or any order of the Family Court relating to an abortion sought by a minor.

19. If the answer to question 18 is yes, describe or list five of your most significant orders or opinions and give the citations if they were reported. Also, list citations to any appellate review of these orders or opinions.
- (a) Stoney v. Stoney, 425 S.C. 47, 819 S.E.2d 201 (Ct. App. 2018), cert. denied, June 28, 2019.
  - (b) Nero v. South Carolina Dept. of Transp., 427 S.C. 392, 831 S.E.2d 143 (Ct. App. 2019), cert. denied, Feb. 12, 2020.
  - (c) State v. Daise, 421 S.C. 442, 807 S.E.2d 710 (Ct. App. 2017). No petition for a writ of certiorari was filed; the remittitur was sent on January 22, 2018.
  - (d) Pickens County v. SCDHEC, 429 S.C. 92, 837 S.E.2d 743 (Ct. App. 2020), aff'd in part, vacated in part, 435 S.C. 99 (Dec. 8, 2021).
  - (e) State v. Dinkins, 435 S.C. 541, 868 S.E.2d 181 (Ct. App. 2021). No petition for a writ of certiorari was filed; the remittitur was sent on January 7, 2022.
20. List all courts in which you have been admitted to practice and list the dates of your admission. Give the same information for administrative bodies that require a special admission to practice.
- (a) Admitted to practice before the State courts of South Carolina in 1994;
  - (b) Admitted to practice before the United States District Court for the District of South Carolina (1995);
  - (c) Admitted to practice before the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit (1995); and
  - (d) Admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court (2019).
21. Have you taught law-related courses or lectured at bar association conferences, educational institutions, or continuing legal or judicial education programs? If so, briefly describe each course or lecture.
- (a) On May 6, 2022, at the South Carolina Bar Association's "Why Family Court Attorneys should do Appeals" CLE seminar, I gave a presentation on the appellate court rules and preservation pitfalls, and I participated on an appellate practice panel;
  - (b) On November 19, 2021, I participated on a judicial panel addressing "How the Last 18 Months have Changed the Practice of Law" for the SC Defense Trial Attorneys' Association's Annual Meeting;
  - (c) I participated in a judicial panel for the Charleston School of Law Women in Law networking event in November 2021;
  - (d) On April 7, 2021, I participated on a James L. Petigru Inn of Court Zoom panel discussion on "The Practice of Law in and out of the Courtroom and Everywhere in Between";

- (e) In March 2021, I participated in a Virtual Fireside Chat for Women’s History Month sponsored by the South Carolina Bar’s Diversity Committee;
- (f) On February 22, 2021, I gave a Zoom presentation for the Charleston County Bar Law Student Division;
- (g) On February 5, 2021, I participated on the judicial panel for the Charleston County Bar Association’s annual “What Works” CLE;
- (h) On December 10, 2020, I moderated a mock trial and spoke on the topic of expert testimony at a course for firefighters and law enforcement investigators sponsored by the International Association of Arson Investigators (IAAI);
- (i) From April 28-29, 2020, I participated in WebEx seminars organized and conducted by Charleston County Clerk of Court, Julie Armstrong, as she worked to address issues resulting from the COVID-19 epidemic in Common Pleas, General Sessions, Family Court, and before the Master-in-Equity. These WebEx seminars involved discussions of docket management and practice/procedure issues as well as question and answer sessions with members of the Bar attending the webinars;
- (j) I presented on the topic of “Joint Custody—Recent Developments” and served on an Appellate Practice panel at the February 10, 2020 Hilton Head Island Bar Association Super CLE;
- (k) I spoke at and conducted a “behind the scenes” tour of the South Carolina Court of Appeals with Chief Judge James Lockemy as an event for the 2020 South Carolina Bar Convention in January 2020;
- (l) I spoke at a Washington D.C. event and introduced a group of attorneys from the South Carolina Women Lawyers Association for admission to the Bar of the United States Supreme Court in December 2019;
- (m) I served on a judicial panel with Judge Aphrodite Konduros at the 2019 Annual Meeting of the SC Defense Trial Attorneys’ Association;
- (n) I served as a panelist for the October 2019 “Ethics with the Judges” SC Bar Sporting Clays CLE;
- (o) Judge Katherine Tiffany and I co-presented on the topic of joint custody in September 2019 at the S.C. Bar’s annual “Hot Tips from the Coolest Domestic Law Practitioners” CLE;
- (p) I presented on “Appellate Court” at the 2019 New Circuit Judges Orientation School;
- (q) I served as a panelist on “Leading from the Bench” at The Citadel’s 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Principled Leadership Symposium (2019);
- (r) I served as a trial judge and presenter at the SC Defense Trial Attorneys’ 2019 Trial Academy;
- (s) I served as a panelist at the 2019 SC Defense Trial Attorneys’ Women in Law Committee forum titled “Can We Really Have It All? (A discussion about challenges unique to female professionals)”;
- (t) Judge Aphrodite Konduros and I co-presented a three-hour program on “Tips from the Bench” at CSOL’s 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual CLE Seminar on November 30, 2018;
- (u) I presented at the SC Bar’s 2018 CLE “The Unauthorized Practice of Law and How it Impacts Licensed Attorneys”;
- (v) I served as a trial judge and presenter at the SC Defense Trial Attorneys’ 2018 Trial Academy;

- (w) I served as a trial judge and presenter at the SC Defense Trial Attorneys' 2017 Trial Academy;
- (x) I served on a panel with Justice Few and Justice James addressing questions relating to appeals in workers' compensation cases at the Injured Workers' Advocates' 2017 Annual Meeting;
- (y) I served as a panelist at the Charleston County Bar's 2017 "What Works" CLE;
- (z) I served as a panelist for the SC Bar's 2016 "Ethics with the Judges" Sporting Clays CLE;
- (aa) I served as a trial judge and speaker at Professor Debra Gammons's 2016 CSOL Mock Trial competition;
- (bb) I co-presented with Justice Hearn and Commissioner Melody James on the topic "How to Best Present Your Case Before the Appellate Courts" at the 2015 Injured Workers' Advocates' Annual Meeting;
- (cc) I presented on "Tips from the Appellate Bench" at the Fourteenth Circuit's 2015 "Tips from the Bench: What Your Judges Want You to Know" CLE;
- (dd) I served as a panelist for the 2015 SC Women Lawyers Association's 2015 breakfast program on women running for public office;
- (ee) I served as a panelist for the 2015 "Ethics with the Judges" SC Bar Sporting Clays CLE;
- (ff) I presented on the "Top Ten Ways to Avoid Reversal on Appeal" at the 2015 South Carolina Circuit Judges Conference;
- (gg) I served as a panelist for the 2014 "Ethics with the Judges" SC Bar Sporting Clays CLE;
- (hh) I spoke on "Civility, Competence, and Candor: Minding your Manners to Avoid Obvious Courtroom Pitfalls" at the 2014 USC School of Law's Reunion CLE;
- (ii) I served as a panelist for "A View from the Bench" at the SC Association for Justice's 2014 Annual Meeting;
- (jj) I served as a panelist for the 2013 "Ethics with the Judges" SC Bar Sporting Clays CLE;
- (kk) I served as a panelist for "Tips from the Bench" at the 2013 SC Defense Trial Attorneys Summer Meeting;
- (ll) I served as a panelist for the 2013 SC Bar Program "Fast Break on Fast Track Jury Trials: How it will Work";
- (mm) I spoke to law students attending the 2013 CSOL Professionalism Series on "Professionalism in the Courthouse";
- (nn) In 2013, I presented a lunch program on "Mental Health Issues and the Courts" to the Historic Rotary Club of Charleston;
- (oo) I served as a trial judge and presenter at the SC Defense Trial Attorneys' 2012 Trial Academy;
- (pp) I spoke on "Ethics in the Courtroom" at the Charleston Lawyers Club's 2012 "Tips from the Bench and Bar" CLE;
- (qq) I co-presented on "The Fairness in Civil Justice Act of 2011" at the 2011 SC Defense Trial Attorneys' Annual Meeting;
- (rr) I served as a panelist for the 2011 "Ethics with the Judges" SC Bar Sporting Clays CLE;

- (ss) In 2010, I served on the faculty for a day-long CLE seminar on “The Mechanics of Civil Procedure”;
  - (tt) In 2006, I spoke at the Insurance Reserve Fund’s Law Enforcement Defense Seminar (CLE) on recent developments in constitutional law and the changing composition of the Fourth Circuit and United States Supreme Court;
  - (uu) At the 2004 South Carolina Conference of Countywide Elected Officials (SCACEE), I spoke about the operation of South Carolina’s Freedom of Information Act and provided an update on recent South Carolina cases impacting countywide elected officials;
  - (vv) In 2003, I taught a one-hour session at the South Carolina Defense Trial Attorneys’ Trial Academy. I believe it was on cross-examination;
  - (ww) I presented the “Ethics” portion for the 2001 Charleston Lawyers Club Law Week CLE. The topic was “Ten Ways to Avoid the Office of Disciplinary Counsel and Tips for Handling that Dreaded Letter”;
  - (xx) At the 2000 Conference for Attorneys to Assist Disciplinary Counsel, I provided an investigation checklist for Attorneys to Assist and spoke on how to conduct a thorough investigation;
  - (yy) In 1998, I spoke at the American Bar Association’s Affiliate Outreach Seminar in Las Vegas about the South Carolina Bar Young Lawyer’s Division’s “Lawyers as Mentors” project and provided instruction for other YLDs interested in starting similar programs in other states; and
  - (zz) In 1997, I spoke at the American Bar Association’s Affiliate Outreach Seminar in Tampa about the South Carolina Bar Young Lawyer’s Division’s “Citizenship in Schools” project and provided instruction for other YLDs interested in starting similar programs in other states.
22. Provide, as a separate attachment, your continuing legal or judicial education report from the past five years.
- Please see attached.
23. List all published books and articles you have written and give citations and the dates of publication for each.
- (a) Co-author, Recent Developments in Government Operations and Liability Law: Annual Update on Public Official Immunities, The Urban Lawyer, 1997.
  - (b) Author, Clerkships: A Foundation for Successful Private Practice, After the Bar (an ABA Young Lawyers Division Publication), 2020.
24. Please furnish as a separate attachment, two examples of legal articles, briefs, orders, or other legal writings for which you can claim sole or primary authorship. If you cannot claim sole authorship, please explain the extent to which you are the primary author, to include a description of the other authors and their contributions. The writing samples are for the Commission’s use only and will not be published. (If you are a judge and are not seeking a different type of judgeship, this question is inapplicable.)

I have attached two writing samples:

- (a) My initial dissenting opinion in Timothy Causey v. Horry County. This dissent eventually became the unanimous majority opinion. I did not attach the final opinion because once I was writing for the panel, I had input from my law clerks and from the other two judges and their chambers. Thus, although that final opinion is mostly my work, I do not consider it to be a writing sample of sole authorship.
- (b) Tomlinson v. Melton, 428 S.C. 607, 837 S.E.2d 230 (2019) (McDonald, J., concurring in result). Other than a portion of footnote 1, this is solely my work. At my request, my law clerk formatted the citation information for this footnote. She also checked for other formatting issues prior to loading the concurrence to C-Track as I continually have a problem with proper indenting.

25. What is your rating or membership status, if any, by any legal rating organization; such as, Best Lawyers, Chambers, Legal 500, Martindale-Hubbell, Who's Who Legal, Super Lawyers, Million Dollar Advocates Forum Timothy Causey v. Horry County, etc.? If you are currently a member of the judiciary, list your last available rating, if any.

Martindale Hubbell: AV

26. List all bar associations and professional organizations of which you are a member and give the titles and dates of any offices you have held in such groups.

- (a) South Carolina Bar Association
  - Positions held for the Young Lawyers Division (YLD):
  - Chair, Law School for Non-Lawyers project (1998)
  - Co-Chair, Lawyers as Mentors project (1997)
  - Chair, "Citizenship in Schools" project at Fraser Elementary School (1996)
  - Co-Chair, Lawyers for Literacy project (1995)
  - Delegate, ABA Annual Meeting (Young Lawyers Division) (1997)
- (b) Charleston County Bar Association
- (c) Charleston Lawyers Club (for YLD members of the Charleston County Bar)
  - President, 1998-99
- (d) South Carolina Bar Foundation Board Member, 1998-2001
- (e) Federal Bar Association (former member)
- (f) South Carolina Women Lawyers Association
- (g) American Bar Association (Judicial Division)

27. Have you ever held public office other than judicial office? If so, list the periods of your service, the office or offices involved, and whether you were elected or appointed. Also, state whether or not you have timely filed your report with the State Ethics Commission during the period you held public office. If not, were you ever subject to a penalty? If so, give details, including dates.

I have not held public office other than judicial office, but in the past, I have been appointed by the Supreme Court to positions affiliated with the Office of Disciplinary Counsel. From 1999-2002, I served as an Attorney to Assist Disciplinary Counsel. From 2003-2011, I was an attorney member of the Judicial Conduct Commission. No such Ethics Commission reports were required until my election to the bench, and I have filed my Rule 501, SCACR, disclosure statement each year.

28. For sitting or former judges, list all employment you had while serving as a judge (whether full-time or part-time, contractual or at will, consulting or otherwise) other than elected judicial office. Specify your dates of employment, employer, major job responsibilities, and supervisor.

Not applicable.

29. Have you ever been an unsuccessful candidate for elective, judicial, or other public office? If so, give details, including dates.

Yes. In 2009, I was found to be qualified, but was not nominated, for the position of Circuit Court Judge, At-Large, Seat 8.

30. Have you ever been engaged in any occupation, business, or profession other than the practice of law, teaching of law, or holding judicial or other public office? If so, give details, including a description of your occupation, business, or profession, the dates of your employment, and the name of your business or employer.

No, other than jobs in high school and college.

31. Are you now an officer or director or involved in the management of any business enterprise? Explain the nature of the business, your duties, and the term of your service.

No.

32. Are you now or have you ever been employed as a "lobbyist," as defined by S.C. Code § 2-17-10(13), or have you acted in the capacity of a "lobbyist's principal," as defined by S.C. Code § 2-17-10(14)? If so, give the dates of your employment or activity in such capacity and specify by whom you were directed or employed.

No.

33. Provide, as a **separate attachment**, a complete, current financial net worth statement that itemizes in detail:

(a) the identity and value of all financial assets held, directly or indirectly, including, but not limited to, bank accounts, real estate, securities, trusts, investments, and other financial holdings; and

- (b) the identity and amount of each liability owed, directly or indirectly, which is in excess of \$1,000, including, but not limited to, debts, mortgages, loans, and other financial obligations.

(A net worth statement form is provided with this questionnaire and you must use this format for submission of your financial statement.)

**NOTE: The Commission may require written confirmation that financial obligations have been satisfied or that the parties have agreed upon a payment schedule.**

A complete, current financial net worth statement was provided to the Commission.

- 34. Has a tax lien or other collection procedure ever been instituted against you by federal, state, or local authorities? Have you ever defaulted on a student loan? Have you ever filed for bankruptcy? If so, give details. Also, proof of satisfaction of any liens or defaults must be submitted with your application package.

No.

- 35. Since filing with the Commission your letter of intent to run for judicial office, have you accepted lodging, transportation, entertainment, food, meals, beverages, money, or any other thing of value as defined by S.C. Code § 2-17-10(1) from a lobbyist or lobbyist's principal? If so, please specify the item or items you received, the date of receipt, and the lobbyist or lobbyist's principal involved.

No.

- 36. Itemize (by amount, type, and date) all expenditures, other than those for travel and room and board, made by you, or on your behalf in furtherance of your candidacy for the position you seek. If you have spent over \$100, have you reported your expenditures to the House and Senate Ethics Committees?

- (a) \$92.00: to USPS for postage
- (b) \$60.95: to Staples for linen paper and envelopes
- (c) \$50.00: to my law clerk to notarize the sworn documents
- (d) \$50.00: to my administrative assistant to pick up some of the signed original letters for the application packet

I have prepared expenditure reporting letters to the House and Senate Ethics Committees; they will be mailed later this week.

- 37. List the recipient and amount of all contributions made by you, a member of your immediate family, or by a business with whom you are associated, to members of the General Assembly within the past four years. If you are a sitting judge, please include such contributions since your last screening.

Not applicable.

38. Have you or has anyone acting on your behalf solicited or collected funds to aid in the promotion of your candidacy? If so, please specify the amount, solicitor, donor, and date of the solicitation.

No.

39. Describe any financial arrangements or business relationships you have, or have had in the past, that could constitute or result in a possible conflict of interest in the position you seek or currently hold. Explain how you would resolve any potential conflict of interest.

Not applicable.

40. Describe any interest you or a member of your immediate family has in real property:
- (a) in which there is a potential conflict of interest with your involvement in a South Carolina state or local public agency;
  - (b) in which there have been public improvements of \$200 or more that adjoins property in which there have been public improvements of \$200 or more; or
  - (c) which was sold, leased, or rented to a state or local public agency in South Carolina.

List the interest you hold and the value and location of the property. Identify as applicable the:

- (a) nature of any potential conflict of interest;
- (b) nature and value of any public improvements; and
- (c) South Carolina state or local public agency which purchased or is leasing or renting such property.

Attach a copy of any contract or agreement.

Not applicable.

41. Identify any personal property interest you or a member of your immediate family sold, leased, or rented to a South Carolina state or local public agency. Identify the property, its amount or value, and the name of the agency. Attach a copy of any contract or agreement.

Not applicable.

42. For sitting judges, if you currently hold an interest in stock or other securities or have held such an interest, list each stock you currently own or owned during the prior calendar year. If you prefer, you may attach broker or account records containing the requested information instead of listing it here.

Not applicable, other than as set forth in my retirement statement.



43. For sitting judges, have you ever accepted anything of value from an attorney or litigant in a matter currently or previously before you or your court? If so, please give the details, including the name of the attorney or litigant and the thing of value you received.

No.

44. For sitting judges, have you used the services of your staff, for which you did not pay, while campaigning for this office?

No.

45. Have you ever been arrested, charged, or held by federal, state, or other law enforcement authorities for violation or for suspicion of violation of any federal law or regulation, state law or regulation, or county or municipal law, regulation, or ordinance, or any other law, including another country's law? If so, give details but do not include traffic violations subject to a penalty of \$125 or less. You must include any and all arrests, including, but not limited to, offenses for driving under the influence or similar traffic offenses. Include all arrests that resulted in expungement, which will be redacted. If you have questions regarding whether to include an offense, please contact the Commission.

[All answers have been received and considered by the Commission, and as noted above, any expunged matters are redacted from the record.]

46. Have you, to your knowledge, ever been under federal, state, or local investigation for possible violation of a criminal statute? If yes, explain.

Not to my knowledge.

47. Have you ever been sued by a client? Have you ever been a named party (personally or professionally) in or had a pecuniary interest in any civil or criminal proceedings? If so, give details, including, but not limited to, dates, and resolutions.

I have never been sued by a client. A pro se plaintiff attempted to sue me in 1996, after I successfully defended his case against the Charleston County Sheriff and various other governmental defendants. The Honorable Robert S. Carr, United States Magistrate Judge, dismissed the case as frivolous on pre-screening and did not authorize service of process.

- (a) I am a plaintiff, through my homeowners' association, in the construction defect litigation, Palmetto Pointe at Peas Island Condominium Property Owners Association, Inc., and Kathy Milner, Individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated, vs. Island Pointe, LLC, et al, Civil Action No. 2015-CP-10-995. A number of the defendants and subcontractors settled prior to trial. At least two insurance companies moved to intervene; Judge Jennifer McCoy denied these motions. Her orders were appealed, but the Supreme Court remitted one of the insurer's appeals after the company moved to withdraw it. Judge McCoy presided over the jury trial of the remaining construction defect claims in May 2019. The Charleston County jury returned a

substantial verdict for the plaintiffs. Most of the case has now been resolved through settlement, however, a party's appeal regarding the amount of the setoff to which it is entitled remains pending at the Court of Appeals. I am, obviously, disqualified from participating in this matter; I have also recused myself from hearing matters involving the two law firms representing our homeowners' association while the case is pending.

I have been named as a defendant in my capacity as a Judge of the Court of Appeals. I am aware of two such cases, both of which have been dismissed:

(b) 6:18-cv-01576-HMH:

Lakessiah Henderson v. Darnell Fisher (West Greenville Summary Court Judge), Judge Stilwell (Court of Common Pleas Judge), Paul Allen, Claire Allen (Deputy Clerk), Court of Appeals, Paul White (Clerk, West Greenville Summary Court), James E. Lockemy, Thomas E. Huff, Paul Short, Jr., H. Bruce Williams, Paula H. Thomas, Aphrodite K. Konduros, John D. Geathers, **Stephanie P. McDonald**, and D. Garrison Hill

Filed: 6/8/2018  
Dismissed: 8/13/2018

The Honorable Henry M. Herlong, Jr., dismissed this case without prejudice and without issuance and service of process.

(c) 3:15-cv-04870-MBS:

Glenda R. Couram v. South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles, Shirley Rivers (in her official and individual capacity), Lula N. Davis (in her official and individual capacity), Constance "Connie" Rhett (in her official and individual capacity), Marcia Adams (in her official and individual capacity), Dorothy Blankenship (in her official and individual capacity), Tosha Autry (in their official and individual capacities), Richardson Plowden Attorneys at Law, Eugene H. Matthews, Esq. (in his individual and official capacity), SC Office of Disciplinary Counsel, Lesley M. Coggiola (in their individual and official capacity), John Doe (in their individual and official capacity), Steven W. Lake (in his official and individual capacity), Judge James R. Barber, III (Court of Common Pleas, Richland County Circuit Court - District 5, in his individual and official capacity), Judge Casey L. Manning, (Court of Common Pleas, Richland County Circuit Court - District 5, in his individual and official capacity), Judge H. Bruce Williams (SC Court of Appeals, in his individual and official capacity), Judge John D. Gathers [sic] (SC Court of Appeals, in his individual and official capacity), and **Judge Stephanie P. McDonald** (SC Court of Appeals, in her individual and official capacity)

Filed (removed): 12/9/2015  
(Removed from the Court of Common Pleas to United States District Court)

Dismissed: 8/10/2016 (by the United States District Court)  
1/5/2018 (mandate and dismissal of USCA – 4th Circuit)

The Honorable Margaret B. Seymour dismissed all defendants, other than the SCDMV defendants, and remanded the remaining portions of the action to state court on 8/9/16. Judgment was entered in favor of Richardson Plowden Attorneys at Law, Eugene H. Matthews, Esq., H. Bruce Williams, James R. Barber, III, John D. Gathers (Geathers), L. Casey Manning, Lesley M. Coggiola, and Stephanie P. McDonald on 8/10/2016.

The Fourth Circuit found no reversible error as to any of the timely appealed claims; on 12/14/2017, it affirmed in part, and dismissed in part, as to Judge Seymour's 2016 decision. The Fourth Circuit's mandate and judgment issued on 1/5/2018.

(d) I was recently made aware of an “Emergency’ Petition for Writ of Mandamus and/or in the Alternative for Writ of Certiorari” filed in Supreme Court Appellate Case Nos. 2021-001402 and 2021-001282. The petitions are captioned as:

M. Eugene Gibbs, Esq., and Barbara A. Gibbs v. James E. Lockemy, in their [sic] official capacity as Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals and Judge Thomas E. Huff, Judge H. Bruce Williams, Judge Paula H. Thomas, Judge Aphrodite K. Konduros, Judge John D. Geathers, **Judge Stephanie P. McDonald**, Judge D, Garrison Hill, Judge Blake A. Hewitt.

Both petitions appear to be related to a foreclosure and judicial sale matter pending in the Court of Appeals, Nationwide Mortgage, LLC, v. Barbara A. Gibbs and Melvin E. Gibbs, Appellate Case No. 2019-000486, which has been held in abeyance pending the Supreme Court’s consideration of the petitions. The appeal arises from a judgment of foreclosure and judicial sale in Florence County. Mr. and Mrs. Gibbs’s Court of Appeals filings on various issues related to Nationstar’s foreclosure action date back to 2014.

48. If you are in private practice, are you covered by malpractice insurance and, if so, how long have you carried malpractice insurance? If applicable, have you ever been covered by a tail policy? If so, please explain when you were covered by a tail policy. Also, if applicable, indicate your coverage and deductible for your current malpractice policy.

Not applicable.

49. Have you ever, in South Carolina or any other jurisdiction, as a lawyer, judge, or other professional, been cautioned with or without a finding of misconduct, sanctioned, or disciplined for lawyer, judicial, or other professional misconduct or has any jurisdiction found that you committed any misconduct? If so, give the details and describe any final disposition. Include any and all confidential and public sanctions, disciplines, letters of caution, or findings of misconduct of any kind. Private or confidential dispositions will be redacted.

[Yes and no responses are redacted for all candidates unless there is a public discipline.]

50. Have you ever been investigated by the Department of Social Services? If so, give the details and the resolution. Has your name ever been enrolled on the Central Registry of Child Abuse and Neglect? If so, give the details.

No.

51. Have you directly or indirectly requested the pledge of any member of the General Assembly as to your election for the position for which you are being screened, or have you been offered a conditional pledge of support by any legislator pending the outcome of your screening? Have you received the assurance of any public official or public employee that they will seek the pledge of any member of the General Assembly as to your election for the position for which you are being screened? If so, give details.

No.

52. Have you requested any third parties to contact members of the General Assembly on your behalf before the final and formal screening report has been released? Describe the campaigning you have done for this election and include a list of those individuals you have asked to campaign on your behalf and, to the best of your knowledge, those who have campaigned for you on their own initiative.

I have not asked any third parties to contact members of the General Assembly.

I have sent a letter to members of the General Assembly (other than those who are members of JMISC) announcing my intent to seek election to the upcoming vacancy on the Supreme Court. I have started attending legislative delegation meetings across the state, and I have worked to set up appointments with members of the General Assembly so that I may answer any questions they might have about my qualifications and experience.

53. Are you familiar with the 48-hour rule, which prohibits a candidate from seeking pledges until after the draft report becomes final, which occurs on the day and time specified on the Commission's published screening schedule?

Yes, I am familiar with the 48-hour rule.

54. Since submitting your letter of intent to become a candidate, have you or has anyone acting on your behalf contacted any member of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission about your candidacy or intention to become a candidate? If so, give details.

Since submitting my letter of intent to become a candidate, I have not contacted any JMISC member about my candidacy, and I am not aware of anyone else having contacted any member on my behalf.

55. List the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of five (5) persons from whom you are providing references. Also, provide the Commission with original letters of

recommendation from each person listed herein, including their signature (preferably in blue ink). **The Commission will not accept a photocopy or electronic submission of a letter of recommendation and failure to include all five (5) original letters of recommendation in your packet when you submit it will render your packet incomplete.** Please **do not** have references mail your reference letters to the Commission directly. *You must return the five (5) original letters of recommendation to the Commission with your application.*

- (a) The Honorable J. C. Nicholson, Jr.  
Retired Circuit Court Judge  
(Redacted)
- (b) The Honorable Julie J. Armstrong  
Charleston County Clerk of Court  
(Redacted)
- (c) R. Michael Ethridge  
Ethridge Law Group  
(Redacted)
- (d) Laura Johnson Evans  
Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick, LLP  
(Redacted)
- (e) Alissa C. Lietzow  
Executive Director  
Charleston Pro Bono Legal Services  
(Redacted)

56. Are you active on or a member of a social media or Internet site such as, Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, Instagram, etc.?

If so, please list the account names for each account and the relevant platform.

I am somewhat active on Facebook, but I do not comment on political issues, cases, or matters potentially forbidden by the Canons of the Code of Judicial Conduct or Judicial Department policy.

I also have Snapchat, Instagram, and Twitter accounts, but I am more of an observer than a poster on these sites. I occasionally post court-related announcements to Twitter; in the past I have also posted a photo of my dog to Twitter and Instagram. When I was in private practice, I signed up for a free Linked In account. I have thus far been unable to inactivate it, but other than very basic information, there is nothing posted there. Account names are as follows:

Facebook: (Redacted)  
Twitter: (Redacted)  
Instagram: (Redacted)  
Snapchat: (Redacted)  
LinkedIn: (Redacted)

How would your use of social media or other similar types of Internet sites be affected if you were serving in a judicial capacity?

I use my Facebook account to post messages announcing emergency closures of the Charleston County Judicial Center and other announcements that members of the Bar and public may need to see. For example, during the 2015 flooding and subsequent hurricane scares, a number of counties had closures. I shared this information as I received it from Clerks of Court. I have also shared links to orders from our Supreme Court addressing the computation of time during and after inclement weather events.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, I used my personal Facebook page, the Charleston County Bar Association's page, and a page for female attorneys in South Carolina to share information from the South Carolina Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, and county Clerks of Court as best I could with attorneys and the community. Lawyers and trial judges were under tremendous stress at this time and many of those seeking access to the Supreme Court's various Administrative Orders either did not know about the orders as they issued or were unsure how to access the information. Our Supreme Court and the South Carolina Bar Association were good sources, but I found social media to be very helpful in distributing this information on a wider (and more expedited) basis.

57. List all civic, charitable, educational, social, and fraternal organizations of which you are or have been a member during the past five years and include any offices held in such a group, and any professional honors, awards, or other forms of recognition received and not listed elsewhere.
- (a) Mentor, South Carolina Lawyer Mentoring Program (2009-2010)
  - (b) Board Member, Association of Junior Leagues International, New York, NY (2006-2009)
  - (c) President, Junior League of Charleston (2010-2011)
  - (d) Commissioner, City of Charleston Mayor's Office for Children, Youth & Families (2000-2003)
  - (e) Chair and Parliamentarian, 120<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Episcopal Church Women of the Diocese of South Carolina (2004)
  - (f) President, St. Philip's Episcopal Church Women (ECW) (2003-2004)
  - (g) Member, City of Charleston Leadership Team, National League of Cities Municipal Leadership in Education Project (2001-2003)
  - (h) Board Member, Youth Service Charleston (2001-2003)
  - (i) Junior League of Charleston Community Impact Award (2002)

- (j) Leadership Charleston Class of 2001
- (k) Youth Mentor, Mitchell Elementary School (1998-2001)
- (l) Advisory Board, Charleston County School District Parenting Center, District #20 (2000-2001)

Law School Awards: American Jurisprudence Award for Evidence  
 American Jurisprudence Award for Moot Court  
 First Year Legal Writing Award

Undergraduate: Carolina Cares, USC's Philanthropic Organization (1988-1991)  
 President (1990-1991)  
 Alpha Delta Pi Sorority (1987-present)  
 President (1990-1991)  
 Student Alumni Association (1989-1991)  
 Secretary/Treasurer (1990-1991)  
 Interclub Council (1989-1991)  
 Secretary/Treasurer (1989-1990)  
 USC Community Service Programs Advisory Board (1990-1991)  
 Assistant Student Advocate (Student Government) (1989-1990)  
 Campus Judicial Board (1990-1991)  
 Hurricane Hugo Relief (Salvation Army) (1989)  
 Association of Honors Students (1987-1991)  
 Mortar Board (1989-1991)  
 Omicron Delta Kappa (1990-1991)  
 Order of Omega (1989-1991)

Honors: Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award  
 Phi Beta Kappa  
 Mortar Board Graduate Fellowship  
 Dorothy Shaw Leadership Award (National Sorority Award)  
 USC Hall of Leaders  
 Josiah Morse Award for Philosophy

58. Provide any other information that may reflect positively or negatively on your candidacy, or which you believe should be disclosed in connection with consideration of you for nomination for the position you seek. This information may include how your life experiences have affected or influenced the kind or type of judge you have been or plan to be.

It has been my honor and privilege to serve on the Circuit Court and the Court of Appeals, and I hope the Commission and General Assembly will allow me to continue this service with the Supreme Court. While in private practice, I tried over forty (40) cases as either lead counsel or co-counsel, and I personally handled at least forty-five (45) appeals. I assisted other attorneys and firms with over twenty (20) others. I know what it means to be a practicing courtroom lawyer and a trial judge, and I believe this allows me to bring additional understanding to my judicial role with respect to my temperament, decision-

making, and continuing study. Treating others with fairness, impartiality, integrity, and dignity—in life and in the courtroom—is critical to the practice of law and our judicial system. I hope I have demonstrated such characteristics during my time on the bench. Good temperament, patience, scholarship, and the willingness to make difficult decisions are important traits for any judge, and I am always working to try to improve in these areas.

I also believe my experiences as a working mother and trial lawyer have provided me with a perspective that has enhanced my ability as a judge to understand some of the issues attorney parents must face as they seek to balance a law practice with the demands of raising children. The challenges attorneys and trial judges face daily were heightened during the pandemic as the working parents of pre-school and school-aged children struggled to deal with the stress of home and online school and other childcare-related issues. Most of our trial and appellate judges understand the balancing act required and are able to work with attorneys to address their needs in conjunction with docket efficiency. But some do not, and this is a constant source of stress for lawyers. One of my goals as a judge is to remain open to communication about such issues and to never forget what it was like to be an attorney or to work as a trial judge.

YOUR SIGNATURE WILL BE HELD TO CONSTITUTE A WAIVER OF THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF ANY PROCEEDING BEFORE A GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE OR ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING YOUR CREDIT.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT MY ANSWERS ARE TRUE AND COMPLETE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

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

Sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Notary Signature)

Sarah Woodard Thornton  
(Notary Printed Name)

Notary Public for South Carolina

My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_