

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



Family Court, First Judicial Circuit, Seat 3:

1. Name: Mrs. Mandy W. Kimmons

Name that you are known by if different from above
(Example: A Nickname):

Are you currently serving in some capacity as a judge? If part-time, please note.
(Includes Municipal, Magistrate, Etc.) No.

Home Address: (Redacted)

County of Residence: Dorchester

Business Address: 133 E. 1st North Street, Suite 4, Summerville, SC 29483

E-Mail Address: (Redacted)

Telephone Number: (home): (Redacted)
(office): (843) 970-2929
(cell): (Redacted)

2. Date of Birth: (Redacted), 1984
Place of Birth: Greensboro, North 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#: (Redacted)
Voter Registration Number: (Redacted)

5. Have you served in the military? If so, give the dates, branch of service, highest rank attained, serial number (if applicable), present status, and the character of your discharge or release. Please provide a copy of your DD214 concerning your discharge.
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: Married on March 22, 2009 to Charles Edward Kimmons.
 Never divorced, 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) Trident Technical College, 2002-2003, transferred to the University of South Carolina
 - (b) University of South Carolina, 2003-2005, BA in Political Science and Spanish
 - (c) University of South Carolina, School of Law, 2005-2008, JD
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) Lexington County Juvenile Arbitration Program, approximately 2005-2007
 - (b) University of South Carolina School of Law Pro Bono Program, 2005-2008
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, 2008, 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.
 - (a) First Judicial Circuit Solicitor's Office, Assistant Solicitor 2008-2016. From 2008-2014, I prosecuted adult General Sessions cases. I mostly prosecuted drug cases, but I also prosecuted other cases including but not limited to domestic violence cases and cases involving child victims. From 2014 until 2016, I prosecuted all the juvenile cases for Orangeburg and Calhoun Counties.

- (b) Mandy W. Kimmons, Attorney at Law, LLC, Member/Owner, 2015-present. The vast majority of my practice has been domestic cases, although I also defend criminal cases. I have been the person that manages the administration and financial management of the office. I exclusively manage the trust account. I run payroll and make the appropriate tax deposits.

Justices/judges applying for re-election to their current position may omit Questions 11–17. If you are a full-time judge seeking a judgeship different than your current position, Questions 11-17 should be answered based on your experience prior to serving on the bench.

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.
- (a) Divorce and equitable division of property: Since 2015, I have handled about two hundred domestic cases, a large portion of which involved divorce and equitable division of property. I have handled divorces filed based on one-year's continuous separation, adultery, physical cruelty, and habitual drunkenness/intoxication. I have handled cases involving issues including valuation of assets, division of assets, division of retirement accounts including military, railroad, state, and federal retirement, and cases contesting whether an asset is marital or nonmarital.
- (b) Child Custody: Since 2016, I have handled about two hundred domestic cases, a large portion of which included child custody cases. I have dealt with cases involving the UCCJEA on several occasions. I have participated in a UCCJEA Conference with a judge from South Carolina and a judge from California. I have handled cases involving psychological parents, de facto custodians, grandparent visitation, and parental alienation. I have served as guardian ad litem in multiple cases. I recently tried a custody case in which my client was an unwed father and was awarded sole custody of the child.
- (c) Adoption: I have handled multiple private adoptions and termination of parental rights cases to include relative and nonrelative adoptions and adoption cases with and without a Consent and Relinquishment signed.
- (d) Abuse and Neglect: I have represented several clients who had DSS involvement. I have handled multiple private actions in which a parent was alleged to have abused or neglected a child. I have also served as guardian ad litem in cases involving allegations of abuse and neglect.
- (e) Juvenile Justice: From 2014 until 2016, I was the Assistant Solicitor that managed the juvenile docket for Orangeburg and Calhoun Counties. During that

time, I prosecuted all juvenile cases in Orangeburg and Calhoun Counties and tried approximately twenty juvenile cases in Family Court. I have represented a small number of juveniles while in private practice. I participated as outside counsel in a remand to Family Court from General Sessions of a case involving a raise the age issue.

(f) Appearance before a Family Court judge within the past five years: With the exception of during the COVID-19 pandemic, I have appeared before a Family Court judge almost weekly or several times weekly for the past eight years. I have handled trials and other types of hearings including evidentiary hearings, UCCJEA hearings, temporary hearings, petitions for order of protection, emergency hearings, rules to show cause, and juvenile hearings.

(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.

N/A

(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.

N/A

(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.

N/A

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: none.

(b) state: usually weekly or several times weekly with the exception of during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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: 2%
 - (b) criminal: 15%
 - (c) domestic: 82%
 - (d) other: 1%
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?

For the past five years, 12% of my cases involved matters in which a jury trial was an option. None of the matters went to a jury, nor was a jury selected.

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

Sole counsel.

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) Trotter Case (2020-DR-07-0166): My client, an unwed father initiated a custody action in 2019. The initial summons and complaint requested sole custody despite allegations of mother having substance abuse issues. I was substituted as counsel in 2020 and amended the summons and complaint to seek sole custody. I then deposed Mother. After a week of trial, testimony of sixteen witnesses, and the admission of sixty exhibits in evidence, my client was awarded sole custody, and Mother was ordered to pay a portion of Father's attorney's fees. Mother had historically been the child's primary caretaker and was alleged to be abusing a substance for which she had a prescription. I could not rely on a positive drug test as she had a legitimate prescription for the substance. Instead, I had to rely on prescription records, medical records, and testimony of several witnesses regarding Mother's conduct, and I requested the guardian ad litem do a pill audit which showed Mother was not taking the pills as prescribed. This case is significant to me because I know that my diligence and my clients devotion to his son has forever changed the child's life for the better.
 - (b) DSS v. [Redacted Name]. This was a case set for trial on the DSS docket in 2018. My client came to me after just having given birth to a child. While she was pregnant, she had developed a condition which sometimes corrects itself during pregnancy. My client had extensively researched this condition and premature delivery and wanted to carry the child to term and have a natural delivery. When she had carried the child full term, her doctor wanted to do a caesarian section, but my client wanted to wait and try to deliver naturally. When my client was about one week overdue and still wanted to wait, law enforcement and DSS were notified, and my client was placed into emergency protective because she would not voluntarily have a caesarian section at approximately one week past her due date. My client was not informed she had been placed in emergency protective custody. After further

discussion with her doctor and learning there was no benefit to waiting any longer, she voluntarily agreed to have a caesarian section. After her child was born, law enforcement placed my client's newborn baby in emergency protective custody. It was DSS's position that she had placed the minor child at substantial risk of harm for not having the caesarian section. DSS also alleged Mother had mental health issues occurring before the child was conceived. I prepared this case for trial, but after DSS stipulated to the facts, the judge dismissed the case. This case is significant to me because of the constitutional and parental autonomy issues involved.

- (c) Brown Case (2017-DR-10-1410): This divorce action involved complex equitable distribution, alimony, custody, visitation, child support, and attorney's fees. I represented Defendant/Mother in this case which was initiated by Plaintiff/Father alleging Mother was habitually intoxicated which I was able to prove she was not. The parties had two children in common. This case was complex in several different aspects. As for equitable distribution, the parties owned a business which had to be valued. There was credit card debt which was a mixture of company and personal debt. After valuation, the parties sold the business and equitably divided the proceeds. The parties also had student loans which would ordinarily remain with the individual that incurred them. In this case, however, the parties had refinanced their individual student loans into one student loan. The one large student loan was equitably divided by determining the percentage of the loan attributable to each party. With regards to alimony, Mother had become a stay-at-home mother to care for the parties' disabled son. We settled with Father paying an amount of rehabilitative alimony for two years and paying an amount for permanent, periodic alimony. With regards to child-related issues, this case was also complex. Both children had been born healthy, but when the oldest son was about two years old, he contracted meningitis and became severely disabled requiring extensive medical care. At the Temporary Hearing, different visitation arrangements had to be made for each child. During the pendency of the litigation, the oldest son unfortunately passed away. An issue then became funeral service and cremation costs and restraints regarding moving the child's ashes from the cemetery niche where he had been laid to rest. The significance of this case is not only the complex equitable distribution, alimony, and child related issues, but also the grief these parents went through and matters that had to be settled regarding their son's death.
- (d) State v. Juvenile: I prosecuted and tried this case in which a juvenile (hereinafter referred to as "Juvenile") was charged with Burglary, 1st Degree. Juvenile and three other juveniles went into the victim's home while the victim's stepson was home. The stepson heard a noise and went to get a gun, but when he went to get the gun, it was gone as the juveniles had already stolen it. The victim returned home shortly after the burglary and saw a dog in the yard which he followed back to Juvenile's home. He saw the dog go in and out of the residence. The victim located one of his stolen long guns in the woods near his home. Several days later, law enforcement responded to another incident location in reference to two teenagers having guns. Those guns were some of the guns stolen from the victim's residence. One of the teenagers having possession of the guns gave a written statement that "the twins" were the ones that brought those guns over. Juvenile was a twin. During trial, I was able to tie the juvenile to the burglary through the distribution of the stolen guns and by mapping the victim's house and Juvenile's house, having the victim identify the home to which the dog returned, and having law enforcement identify that home as the home of Juvenile. This case is significant because

it dealt with a juvenile committing a serious Burglary, 1st Degree while someone was in the home. That person went to look for a gun. This case could have ended very differently if the gun had been there.

(e) Leming v. Jenkins (2017-DR-10-3076): I served as the Guardian ad Litem in this custody modification action. The parties were previously married and had two children in common. After the divorce in 2011, the parties had joint custody with a 50/50 schedule. Father later married Mother's sister and had two other children. Father successfully sought a custody modification in 2015 due to Mother having mental health issues. Mother's time was reduced to every other weekend and one weekday overnight every other week. In 2016, Mother filed this action based on a material and substantial change in circumstance. I investigated approximately fourteen different allegations and interviewed approximately twenty-five witnesses in this matter. During the pendency of this litigation, DSS also became involved. At trial, the Court found that Mother's mental status had improved, and the parties should return to the initial 50/50 schedule. The Court found exceptional circumstances existed not to award sole custody to one party because the reason the second order was in place was due to Mother's 2015 psychotic episode which was no longer an issue and absent the psychotic break, the children would still be on a 50/50 schedule with their parents. This case is significant in that I really had the opportunity to observe how the parents' actions, decisions, and disagreements impact children.

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) Kathleen Fetters vs Dale Karg (2016-CP-18-2220), First Judicial Circuit Court of Common Pleas, Date of Decision: November 29, 2016 (appeal from Dorchester County Magistrate Court).

- (b)
- (c)
- (d)
- (e)

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) N/A
- (b)
- (c)
- (d)
- (e)

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.

No.

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) N/A.
 - (b)
 - (c)
 - (d)
 - (e)
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) South Carolina, admitted November 17, 2008.
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) I taught Juvenile Justice during Law School for Non-Lawyers at Orangeburg Calhoun Technical College on February 23, 2016.
22. Provide, as a separate attachment, your continuing legal or judicial education report from the past five years.
- (a) Please see attached.
23. List all published books and articles you have written and give citations and the dates of publication for each.
- (a) N/A
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.)
- (a) Kyle Trotter v. Rachel Armstrong (2020-DR-07-01660), Final Order. I primarily drafted this order from the judge's instructions and parameters which are also attached hereto. A few minor changes were made when submitted to opposing counsel and the judge.
- (b) Alan Stemple and Patricia Stemple v. Courtney Stemple and AJ Macon (2021-DR-18-872). I am the sole author of this Memorandum of Law regarding application of the UCCJEA to this case.
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, etc.? If you are currently a member of the judiciary, list your last available rating, if any.

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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

(b) Dorchester County Bar: Vice President 2016-2017; CLE Chair 2015-2016

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.

Yes. I was elected to South Carolina House of Representatives, District 97 in November 2018. I served until December 21, 2021. I timely filed all reports with the State Ethics Commission.

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.

N/A.

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

No.

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.

(a) I was part owner of the Summerville Mediation Center from February 2018 until January 2022 during which time another attorney and I mediated Family Court cases through the Summerville Mediation Center.

(b) I lease a small home located on the same parcel of property on which the home in which I reside is located.

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.

I own and manage Mandy W. Kimmons, Attorney at Law, LLC. I practice domestic and criminal law.

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.)

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

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

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 to all questions.

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?

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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.

N/A

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.

(a) I used to own Summerville Mediation Center with Amanda Leviner, Esquire. I would recuse myself from her cases.

(b) I lease a small home that is on the same property with the house in which I live. I would only lease that home to a close friend from whose case I would already be disqualified from hearing due to the close personal relationship.

(c) I have been in private practice since 2015. I would recuse myself from cases involving parties I have represented or opposing parties in cases I have handled.

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.

None.

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.

None.

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.

None.

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.

N/A.

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.
N/A.
44. For sitting judges, have you used the services of your staff, for which you did not pay, while campaigning for this office?
N/A.
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.
(a) Careless Operation, Town of Rowesville Municipal Court, approximately 2014, paid fine.
(b) Careless Operation, Town of Society Hill Municipal Court, approximately 2016, paid fine.
46. Have you, to your knowledge, ever been under federal, state, or local investigation for possible violation of a criminal statute? If yes, explain.
No.
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.
No to both questions.
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.
(a) I am covered by malpractice insurance and have been since 2015.
(b) I have never been covered by a tail policy.
(c) For my current malpractice policy, my coverage is \$1,000,000.00 and my deductible is \$5,000.00.
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 to both questions.
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 to both questions.
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.
- (a) I have not requested any third parties to contact members of the General Assembly on my behalf.
- (b) I attended the Greenville Delegation Meeting on July 11, 2022 to introduce myself and announce I am running for this position.
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.
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.
No.
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) Thomas B. Scott, III, (Redacted)
- (b) Carolyn M. Bone, (Redacted)
- (c) John M. Loy, (Redacted)
- (d) Nancy McLin, (Redacted)
- (e) Samuel Richardson, (Redacted)

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

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

- (a) Facebook: (Redacted)
- (b) Twitter: (Redacted)
- (c) Instagram: (Redacted)
- (d) LinkedIn: (Redacted)
- (e) Snapchat: (Redacted)
- (f)

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 would likely deactivate my Facebook account or significantly reduce the number of people with which I am “friends” on Facebook. I would ensure all my profiles are set to private and would be mindful of any post I may make and how others may attempt use the platform to communicate with me. If at any time, social media created a concern regarding my judicial capacity, I would delete the account.

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) Phi Beta Kappa
 - (b) National Society of Collegiate Scholars
 - (c) Sigma Delta Pi (National Collegiate Hispanic Honor Society)
 - (d) Pi Sigma Alpha (National Political Science Honor Society)
 - (e) Frances R. Willis SPCA (now Dorchester Paws) Fundraising Committee

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.

I grew up in Dorchester County, South Carolina. I served as an Assistant Solicitor and State Representative for Dorchester County. I have always put public service at the forefront of my career. I have extensive experience in different areas of family and criminal law. One

of the things that has shaped my adult life more than anything was the birth of my son. When I was expecting my son, I had life-threatening medical issues resulting in a premature delivery and requiring extensive medical care for us both. Thankfully, we both made a full recovery. Now as I reflect on that experience, I am grateful. I was 27 years old when that happened, and now I realize how fleeting life can be. Since that experience, I have learned the importance of letting the small things go. I have made it my goal in life to try to leave people in a better place than I found them. I believe so many situations in Family Court need peace and equity more than anything. I hope to be the kind of Family Court Judge that makes everyone feel heard and respected even if they do not prevail on an issue. I hope to set juveniles up to be successful adults. Most of all, I want to serve my community and make a difference. It would be the honor of my lifetime to serve as a Family Court 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)

(Notary Printed Name)
Notary Public for South Carolina
My Commission Expires: _____