



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

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

Family Court Judge First Judicial Circuit Seat #3

1. Name: Ms. Margie A. Pizarro

Name that you are known by if different from above  
(Example: A Nickname): None

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

Home Address: (Redacted)

Business Address: 159 Judge Street, Harleyville, SC 29448

E-Mail Address: (Redacted)

Telephone Number: (home): (Redacted)  
(office): (843) 462-0001  
(cell): (Redacted)

2. Date of Birth: (Redacted) 1969  
Place of Birth: Walterboro, 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#: (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. I have not served in the military.

6. Family Status:

- (a) State whether you are single, married, widowed, divorced, or separated.

I am married.

- (b) If married, state the date of your marriage and your spouse's full name and occupation.

Married on December 13, 2014, to Laurentiis Milton Gaines, Sr.

Spouse's Occupation: Water Treatment Operator for the Charleston Water System

- (c) If widowed, list the name(s) of spouse(s).

Not Applicable

- (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.

Divorced in October 2013 from Alexander Thompson, III; First Judicial Circuit Family Court, State of South Carolina; One year's continuous separation, no fault; Margie A. Pizarro, moving party; no children.

Divorced in October 2002 from Martinez A. Pizarro, Sr.; Thirteenth Judicial Circuit Family Court, State of South Carolina; One year's continuous separation, no fault; Margie A. Pizarro, moving party; three children.

Divorced in 1992 from Robert J. Grant; Fulton County Superior Court, State of Georgia; One year's continuous separation, no fault; Robert J. Grant, moving party; one child.

- (e) State the names of your children and their ages. If your children are old enough to work, include the occupation of each 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) Clemson University—1987-1991; Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education.  
(b) Greenville Technical College—in 2000 I believe; Law-related classes; I did not participate in a degree program as I only took some legal courses.  
(c) Columbia College—2000-2002; Masters of Education in Divergent Learning.  
(d) Charleston School of Law—2004-2007; Juris Doctorate Degree

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) Charleston School of Law Moot Court Board (2004-2007), Associate Justice 1L Competition (2006-2007)
  - (b) Black Law Students Association (BLSA) (2004-2007), Vice-President (2005-2007)
  - (c) Student Trials Lawyers Association (2004-2007)
  - (d) CSOL Merit Scholarship Recipient (2005-2007)
  - (e) Intern, The Honorable William W. Wilkins (December 2005)
  - (f) Extern, Nelson Mullins (2005)
  - (g) Various volunteer projects (2004-2007)
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.
- (a) South Carolina, admitted May 2008. I took the SC Bar Exam two (2) times, July 2007 and February 2008.
  - (b) California, I took the CA Bar Exam two (2) times, 2013 and 2014. I was not admitted.
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) Savage & Savage, P.A. (currently Savage Law Firm), Associate Attorney, 2007-2008: The general character of my practice was representing criminal defendants in South Carolina State and Federal Courts. I was not involved in any administrative and/or financial management of the firm.
  - (b) The Pizarro Law Firm, LLC, Attorney/Owner, 2008-present: The general character of my practice is that I am a sole practitioner in a general litigation law firm focusing on Family Law and Criminal Defense. I manage day-to-day operations of the law firm including supervision of employees. I am solely involved in the administrative and financial management of the office including the management of trust accounts.

**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.

Divorce and Equitable Division of Property:

I have been representing clients as Plaintiff or Defendant in domestic actions involving divorce and equitable division since 2008. I represent clients in marriages involving parties of the opposite sex as well as marriages involving parties of the same sex. My representation of clients includes actions based on the fault-based divorce grounds of adultery, physical cruelty, and habitual drunkenness as well as the no-fault ground of one year's continuous separation. I have not represented any parties in an action for divorce on the ground of abandonment. Over the years, I have become well-versed in the evidence needed to prove each ground for divorce, and I take great care in articulating the facts that prove the ground in my pleadings. With regard to equitable division of property, I have represented parties in long-term marriages who owned many assets and/or have incurred many liabilities as well as those in short-term marriages where no real assets or debts were accumulated. In each case, I have learned how to identify each asset or debt as marital or non-marital property. I have also learned how to determine the value of assets by doing my own research and by contracting with experts such as CPAs and property appraisers to assist with the valuation of property for purposes of equitable division. I regularly appear before Family Court judges in matters involving divorce and equitable division of property.

Child Custody:

I have represented both Plaintiffs and Defendants in actions where child custody was one of many issues, and I have represented Plaintiffs and Defendants in actions where child custody was the only issue. During the course of my practice, I have represented single parents seeking an initial custody determination as well as married parents who were seeking custody as a part of divorce proceedings. I have also represented parties seeking modifications of custody orders. I have had experience representing families with parents of the opposite sex as well as parents of the same sex. I have advocated for parties who are characterized as psychological parents and/or *de facto* custodians. I am well-versed in the requirements of the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act as the first step in child custody actions. I apply the best interest considerations when advocating for my clients in child custody actions where allegations of abuse, neglect, and alienation are made. I have utilized experts such as therapists, counselors, forensic and psychological evaluators, and the like in articulating client concerns in child custody

matters. I regularly appear before Family Court judges in matters involving child custody.

Adoption:

I have represented clients in adoption actions involving blood-relatives, step-parents, and unrelated parties who seek to become a parent(s) to a child. I believe adoption is one of the most important roles in our family court system as it gives a new life to a child. I have only represented parties in uncontested adoptions as lead attorney, but I have served as guardian ad Litem on at least one contested adoption. I have also assisted *pro se* litigants in uncontested adoptions by explaining and witnessing acknowledgements for termination of parental rights. I have appeared before Family Court judges on several occasions to handle adoptions.

Abuse and Neglect:

I have experience representing Defendants in DSS Abuse and Neglect cases in which the party was accused of perpetrating abuse and neglect of a child and in cases in which the party was only named as a Defendant due to his/her relation to the child and/or the other party. I have also been involved in private cases in which the judge has ordered that DSS commence an investigation due to allegations of abuse and neglect of minor children. I have made appearances during merits hearing, review hearings, settlement conferences, and in final hearings which were the result of negotiations. I have not had an opportunity to try a contested abuse and neglect action, but I am familiar with the relevant statutes, regulations, and procedures related to abuse and neglect. I regularly appear before Family Court judges to handle matters involving abuse and neglect.

Juvenile Justice:

I have experience representing juveniles in family court actions. My clients have been accused of crimes ranging from possession of a weapon on school property to truancy to simple assault to grand larceny to burglary to sex crimes. I have made appearances at initial and ten-day detention hearings, adjudications, and disposition hearings. I have visited my clients while being housed at various facilities, and I have worked with outside agencies to ensure that my clients received counseling and treatment necessary to effectuate an appropriate resolution of their charges. I regularly appear before Family Court judges to handle matters involving juvenile justice.

- (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

- (c) 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%
  - (b) State: 99%
- 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: 5%
  - (b) criminal: 10%
  - (c) domestic: 80%
  - (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: 0%
  - (b) non-jury: 100%

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

I have most often served as sole counsel, but I have also served periodically as co-counsel on other matters.

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) *State of South Carolina v. Sametta Heyward; Charleston County Sessions*—For a week after I took the South Carolina Bar Exam in July 2007, I volunteered with Savage & Savage, P.A., on this case. Sametta Heyward was charged with two counts of Homicide by Child Abuse and two counts of Unlawful Conduct Towards a Child for allegedly leaving her two minor children in a hot car for hours while she worked inside of a home for adults with special needs. I volunteered on this case because during that time in my life, I had experienced homelessness with three children. When I heard about the story, I wanted to help because I believed that there were mitigating circumstances that were important for the court and the community to consider. After my week of volunteering ended, I was offered a position as an Associate Attorney with the firm. This case was one of my main priorities.

My assignments in the case included but were not limited to visiting the Defendant while she was in jail awaiting trial, requesting and reviewing Discovery, working with private investigators as they interviewed witnesses, researching the law, speaking with experts about the defense position, and learning all about the Defendant's past life experiences to determine how those experiences contributed to her actions.

After one year in custody, I assisted in preparing a Motion for Bond and in coordinating living and work arrangements for the Defendant in anticipation of her release from custody. We were successful on the Motion for Bond, and the Defendant was released to a relative's home where she would wait for her case to be called for trial.

I left the firm in September 2008, but I returned in March 2010 to assist in the bench trial of the Defendant. I worked along the lead counsel and other associates in the firm to formulate questions for witnesses and the Defendant testified at trial. After a four-day bench trial, the Defendant was found guilty of all charges. She was sentenced to nine years in prison, and she was given credit for the year she spent in pre-trial custody. The case is significant to me as it showed me the desperate actions that people will take when they lack the most basic of necessities. In this instance, the Defendant did not consistent, reliable childcare so she left her children in a car that she had set up like a "daycare sitter." She had snacks, water, toys, even a fan in the car for the children. She was forced to choose between missing her shift at work and possibly losing her job or taking her children to work with her and leaving them in the car until she would be able to bring them inside. Her choice of the latter

resulted in a horrible tragedy that no one involved in the case would ever forget. This was also my first experience with a criminal defendant choosing a bench trial instead of a jury trial. I believe that choice was a brilliant strategy in allowing the Court to make the determination of guilt and also allowing him to consider the mitigation for purposes of sentencing.

- (b) *State v. J. S., a minor under the age of 17 years old; Charleston County Family Court*—I served as co-counsel on a case in which the juvenile defendant was accused of a sexual battery on a minor relative. The victim made the disclosure about the alleged occurrence, and he also stated that the juvenile had recorded the alleged encounter on his cell phone and/or computer.

After the juvenile was taken into custody, we immediately began to investigate the allegations through interviews with our client and his mother. We provided the investigating agency with the juvenile's cell phone and computer. In the meantime, we made appearances at the juvenile's detention hearing. Each time we appeared at a detention hearing, we provided the Court with information concerning the veracity of the allegations and the fact that the juvenile appeared to be caught in the midst of an ongoing dispute between the mother of the victim and the juvenile's brother who was the father of the victim. Again, there was no independent corroboration of the victim's story, and there was no evidence of the event on the juvenile's electronics as the victim had indicated. We provided the Court with information about our client who, prior to these allegations, was an Honor Roll Student and well-respected among his teachers and peers. Nevertheless, I believe that out of an abundance of caution, the Court denied our requests for release on three (3) separate occasions.

The Assistant Solicitor assigned to the case offered our client a negotiated plea to ABHAN with a detained evaluation. We discussed the offer with our client and his mother, and it was rejected. As we were unable to negotiate a resolution with the Assistant Solicitor on the case, we scheduled a contested trial on the allegations. Prior to the date for the trial, we met with the Assistant Solicitor and with the Solicitor to discuss our view of the case, the lack of evidence, and the fact that the victim had made prior accusations that were unsubstantiated.

After our meetings, we were heading to our car when I got a call on my cell phone from the Assistant Solicitor. She wanted to let us know that the charges against our client would be dropped. Talk about a moment of elation! This case was a rare moment when we felt that it was necessary to advocate outside of the courtroom for a resolution. I believe that the Assistant Solicitor understood the weaknesses in her case, but due to the allegations, she was unable to consider our requests for a dismissal. When we brought our concerns to the attention of the Solicitor, I believe she consulted with the Assistant Solicitor about the allegations. This case is significant to me because I feel that if we had not chosen this unconventional route to resolve this case, this young man would have very likely been adjudicated delinquent. I am happy to say that this young man put this incident behind him. He



graduated high school and joined the military. To my knowledge, he has had further contact with law enforcement.

- (c) *K.A. v. K.M.; Beaufort County Family Court*—I represented the Plaintiff in this action which was commenced as an initial custody determination by psychological parent. My client was the maternal step-grandmother of the minor child, and the Defendant was the paternal aunt. The father of the child died one year prior to the filing of the action, and the mother died about five months before I filed the action. Both causes of death were due to drug and alcohol abuse. Prior to the death of the mother, my client had physical custody of the minor child for long stretches of time as the mother was in the throes of her addiction. My client and her family tended to all the needs of the minor child; they had a room in their home for the minor child; they took the minor child on vacations; and they had a strong, bonded relationship with the minor child. All of this occurred with the permission of the mother.

My client and the mother had a “falling out” after my client voiced concerns about the mother driving with the minor child while intoxicated. As such, the mother stopped allowing my client to visit with the minor child. A few months later, the mother was dead, and the minor child was living with the paternal aunt. Prior to commencing this action, the Plaintiff attempted to restart the visitation with the paternal aunt, but her efforts were consistently rebuffed. We filed this action a few months later.

We served the pleadings, and the Defendant retained counsel. I attempted to negotiate a temporary resolution of the issues, but I was unsuccessful as my clients were unwilling to agree to the time-sharing offer. They opted to “roll the dice” and take their chances with the judge. That choice proved to be fatal in this instance as the judge did not make a custody determination at the initial hearing. Instead, a guardian *ad litem* was appointed, and he was ordered to perform an investigation after which either party could seek relief. The court’s failure to determine custody collaterally gave the Defendant custody, to the detriment of the Plaintiff and our position. As such, we remained behind the eight ball throughout the litigation which eroded the relationship between the minor child and the Plaintiff and her family.

We participated in mediation, and the case was resolved with Defendant being given sole custody, and my client being given periods of visitation. I will add that the resolution was less than the offer made prior to the temporary hearing. This case was significant to me as it was another reminder of the importance and power of the temporary hearing in family court. In all honesty, I wished that the parties had accepted the initial offer for visitation, but I am immediately reminded that I am required to follow my clients wishes as it relates to offers of settlement.

- (d) *Carillo v. Michael Pierano; Dorchester County Family Court*—I served as co-counsel in this matter involving divorce, custody/visitation, and equitable distribution. My colleague and I represented the Plaintiff, a native of Spain who relocated to Dorchester County after getting married to her husband who was an

American citizen. The parties began a courtship while Plaintiff was living in Spain and Defendant was working there. Shortly before the parties were married, they purchased a home in Spain. The home was solely titled in the name of the Plaintiff. The parties got married and had two children in Spain. After the birth of the second child, Plaintiff did not work outside of the home, with the advice and permission of the Defendant. The parties moved to South Carolina in order for the Defendant to obtain a better job opportunity. The parties purchased real property in Houston, Texas, for residual income and Summerville, South Carolina, as the marital residence. The Plaintiff contended that a house that the Defendant purchased in Virginia for residual income was marital property. The matters before the Court at trial were divorce, alimony, custody/visitation/child support, and equitable distribution.

Prior to the trial of the matter, the parties agreed to resolve the issues related to child custody, visitation, and support. The parties agreed to share custody with Plaintiff as primary custodial parent and with Defendant receiving Standard Visitation. Defendant was ordered to pay child support and to contribute to the uncovered medical expenses for the minor children. As these were the only issues that the parties were able to resolve, the other issues were addressed as trial.

In support of Plaintiff's request for permanent, periodic alimony, we attempted to show the Court that the future earning potential of the Plaintiff was greatly limited. She had worked in the computer field while in Spain, but her absence from the workforce for at least 10 years without any intervening skill-building and education prevented her from returning to the field. Further, Plaintiff sustained an injury to her back which also limited her options. Lastly, Plaintiff spoke English as a second language, and her advanced age would be a deterrent to her being able to contribute in any meaningful way to her expenses. We retained an employment expert who provided the Court with information concerning these factors.

Plaintiff offered that all real property was marital property, and we attempted to show the Court that the properties in Spain and Virginia had transmuted. Defendant did not contest the designation of the home in Spain as marital property, but he vehemently argued that the home in Virginia was his separate property. We attempted to show that the Plaintiff was instrumental in identifying the property and helping the Defendant make it suitable for tenants. Plaintiff frequently qualified and communicated with tenants about the property, and she did so at the direction of and with the permission of the Defendant. Defendant offered that the Virginia home was separate property, and his mother testified as such. Defendant noted that he never intended for the home to be marital property and that Plaintiff did not engage in efforts to increase the value of the property to even grant her a special equity interest.

After 3 ½ days of trial, the Court ordered that the Virginia property was the separate property of the Defendant, and the other assets were divided 50% to Plaintiff and 50% to Defendant. The Court only awarded Plaintiff alimony for 3 years despite the

evidence that I believed supported an award of permanent periodic alimony. This case was significant to me as I tried to put myself in the shoes of the Court to try to see what he saw in the case. I viewed my client as having developed a standard of living based on the contributions of the Defendant, but the Court saw her a woman who should be able to get back on her feet in a very short period of time.

- (e) *Miller v. Prasch; Berkeley County Family Court*—I was hired by the Defendant/Father in this action to modify custody. The parties were formerly married, and they had joint custody of their minor daughters with Plaintiff/Mother being primary custodial parent.

At some point after the original case ended, Defendant/Father married a man. He continued to exercise his custodial time with the minor children until Plaintiff/Mother learned of the courtship and remarriage of Defendant/Father. She then stopped his visitation using the excuse that the minor children did not want to visit with Defendant/Father. She also filed a criminal complaint against the husband of Defendant/Father alleging that he had assaulted one of the minor children.

Prior to a new action or enforcement action being filed, the parties were required to participate in mediation. I attended mediation with Defendant/Father, and his primary goal was to maintain the visitation that had previously been ordered. We were unable to resolve the matter through mediation so Plaintiff/Mother filed an action for a modification of custody. She posited that change in circumstance as the fact that Defendant/Father was now married to a man and that his husband had a pending criminal charge related to the minor children.

I prepared and appeared for a hearing on Plaintiff/Mother's Motion for Temporary Relief and my client's Return to Motion. I am always open to discussing a possible resolution before going in front of the Court so I briefly chatted with opposing counsel before the case was called. Opposing counsel used those precious moments to try to remind me of the conservative nature of the venue and to convince me that the Court was going to give his client sole custody because my client was married to a man. I believe that he had so little faith in the system that he was certain that the Court would overlook the evidence that his client had filed false affidavits with law enforcement about my client's husband; that the children were tardy and/or absent from school on numerous occasions while in the care of his client; and that his client was destroying the bond between the minor children and their father, to the detriment of the children.

We put the case up, and the Court took the matter under advisement. A few days later, the Court ruled in my favor for Defendant/Father. My client was given sole custody; his child support obligation to Plaintiff/Mother was terminated; she was ordered to pay child support to him; and we were also awarded attorney's fees.

A guardian *ad litem* was appointed, and the children participated in counseling during the pendency of the case. We exchanged Discovery and worked towards a

resolution of the case based on the observations of both the guardian *ad litem* and the children's counselor.

The case was resolved the weekend before trial. The parties agreed that they would have joint custody of the minor children with my client, Defendant/Father being the primary custodial parent. Plaintiff/Mother agreed to a graduated visitation schedule wherein she would be given more time with the children so long as she ensured that the children attended school on time and regularly and that she did not disparage my client and/or his husband in the presence.

This case was significant to me as it showed that the Court is a place where a party can receive justice despite what one might perceive to be the personal feelings and beliefs of a judge. The law governs, and a good judge follows the law. This case was about the best interests of the children and the detriment that the actions of the mother was causing to the children. It was a proud moment for me as I was able to successfully articulate the best interests of the children despite the potential for distractions based on life choices of the parties.

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.

I have not personally handled any civil appeals.

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.

I have not personally handled any criminal appeals

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.

I have never held judicial office.

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.

Not Applicable

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 State Courts—May 2008
- (b) South Carolina Federal Courts—February 2009

- (c) Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals—August 2012
- (d) United States Supreme Court—October 2016

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) “Temporary Hearings: Sample Hearing and Q & A Session”; “Sample Approval Hearing”; and Contempt Hearings: Sample Hearing Q & A Session” at Family Law Essentials, July 26, 2019.
- (b) “Pleadings and Motion Practice in Family Court” at Family Law Essentials, July 31, 2020.
- (c) “Subpoena: What You Need to Know and Things that People Forget” at 2018 Hot Tips from the Coolest Domestic Law Practitioners, September 21, 2018.
- (d) “How to Craft an Effective Theme for Your Case & Use it Effectively in Court” at 2019 Hot Tips from the Coolest Domestic Law Practitioners, September 20, 2019.
- (e) “De Facto Parent and Psychological Parent” at 2020 Hot Tips from the Coolest Domestic Law Practitioners, September 25, 2020.
- (f) “Temporary Hearing Bloopers and Blunders” at What Works for Me sponsored by the Charleston County Bar Association, January 31, 2020.
- (g) “Interview with Mayor Joe Riley for Possible CLE Credit” for the SC Bar on October 15, 2020.
- (h) “The Temporary Hearing” at What Works for Me sponsored by the Charleston County Bar Association, February 2, 2021.
- (i) “Charleston’s History and Why Focus, Understanding, and Inclusion Matter in Our Community and in Our Justice System” at the Petigru Inn of Court, February 3, 2021.
- (j) “Top 3 Things for Consult and Top 3 Closing Matters” scheduled for 2021 Hot Tips from the Coolest Domestic Law Practitioners, September 24, 2021.
- (k) “Pleadings and Motion Practice” scheduled for Family Law Essentials, August 20, 2021.
- (l) “What Say Ye, Madam/Mister Guardian *ad Litem*? How to Ensure that the Guardian *ad Litem* Says What You Want to Hear,” scheduled for 2022 Hot Tips from the Coolest Domestic Law Practitioners, September 2022.”
- (m) “Family Feud: An Overview of Family Court and Probate Court and the Intersection of Same,” scheduled for 2022 South Carolina Black Lawyers Conference, September 22-23, 2022.

22. Provide, as a separate attachment, your continuing legal or judicial education report from the past five years.

See enclosed Exhibit A, *Compliance Reports for 2016-2022*.

23. List all published books and articles you have written and give citations and the dates of publication for each.

*How I Got from There to Here*, a memoir, date of publication 2017.

I have been asked by the Honorable C. Vance Stricklin, Jr., Editor of *Marital Litigation in South Carolina* to assist in the revisions to the child support section of the manual for 2022.

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.)

See enclosed Exhibit B, Summons and Complaint in *Arnold v. Malphrus*, 2019-DR-07-1401 and Preliminary Report of the Guardian *ad Litem* in *Walker v. Robinson*, 2020-DR-08-396.

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.

Black Lawyers, Top 100, 2020, 2021, and 2022.

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) Charleston County Bar Association—Member since 2008; Executive Committee Member, 2016-2020.
  - (b) Dorchester County Bar Association—Member since 2008.
  - (c) James L. Petigru Inn of Court—Member since 2010.
  - (e) South Carolina Women Lawyers Association—Member since 2016; Board of Directors, 2017-2020.
  - (f) South Carolina Black Lawyers Association—Member since 2020.
  - (g) South Carolina Family Law Inn of Court—Member since 2022.
  - (h) The National Black Lawyers—Member since 2020.

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.

Planning Commissioner Town of Summerville—2015-2018; Appointed position; I was not required to file a report 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.

Not Applicable

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

Yes. I was a judicial candidate in 2021 for Family Court First Circuit Seat #3. I withdrew from the race prior to the JMSC screening vote.

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) *Greenville County School District; Simpsonville Elementary School, Teacher, Grade 5 (1992-1998)*—I implemented the instructional curriculum for the core subjects of Math, English, Spelling Science, and Social Studies. I implemented the instructional curriculum based on state-mandated standard. I formulated tests and assessments to be used in the determination of student progress. I monitored student performance and reported same to school officials and parents.

(b) *Greenville County School District; Bryson Middle School, Teacher Grade 6 (1998-2002)*—I implemented the instructional curriculum for the subjects of Language Arts and Social Studies. I implemented the instructional curriculum based on state-mandated standard. I formulated tests and assessments to be used in the determination of student progress. I monitored student performance and reported same to school officials and parents.

(c) *Greenville County School District; Serrine Elementary School, Teacher Grades 5 and 6 (2002-2004)*—I implemented the instructional curriculum for the core subjects of Math, English, Spelling Science, and Social Studies. I implemented the instructional curriculum based on state-mandated standard. I formulated tests and assessments to be used in the determination of student progress. I monitored student performance and reported same to school officials and parents.

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.

(a) In September 2008, I started my own law firm, the Pizarro Law Firm, LLC. I am the sole owner, and no one else holds a business interest. The Pizarro Law Firm, LLC, is a general practice law firm providing representation to clients in all the areas of law including but not limited to Family Law, Criminal Law, Personal Injury, and Wills and Estate Law. I manage day-to-day operations of the law firm including supervision of employees. I am solely involved in the administrative and financial management of the office including the management of trust accounts. I bring in cases based on my reputation and small marketing efforts. I contract with

private investigators, process servers, and other third parties as needed to carry out the work of the firm.

- (b) I am the sole member of 712 North Cedar, LLC. I own real estate located at 712 North Cedar Street, Summerville, South Carolina 29483. The building is currently being leased by a water engineering firm, and it is managed by Miler Properties in Summerville, South Carolina.

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.)

See *Confidential Financial Statement* provided as separate document with attachments.

**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.

- (a) Federal Tax Lien filed for years 2010-2015; 2016; and 2018-2019. All liens have been satisfied, released, and Notice of Withdrawal of Tax Liens has been filed by the IRS for each year.

See enclosed Exhibit C, *Federal Tax Lien Withdrawals*

- (b) I had a State Tax Lien filed for 2017, 2018, and 2019. All tax liens have been satisfied and expunged.



See enclosed Exhibit D, *State Lien Satisfaction and Expungements*.

(c) While I was in law school, I had some trouble keeping up with my payments on my student loans, and I may have had a period of default on my undergraduate student loans. I am unsure of the years, but my remaining student loans are in good standing.

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?

I do not have any expenditures at the present time for this election, but I do intend to mail my resume and other information to the appropriate member of the General Assembly in the coming weeks.

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.

- (a) I donated \$500.00 to the campaign for Rep. Deon Tedder in 2020.
- (b) I donated \$100.00 to the campaign for Rep. Marvin Pendarvis in 2017.
- (c) I donated \$500.00 to Katie Arrington in 2016 or 2017.
- (d) I donated \$250.00 to Senator Gerald Malloy in 2020.
- (e) I donated \$250.00 to Senator Mia McLeod for Governor in 2022.
- (f) I donated \$150.00 to ReZsaun Lewis, Candidate for House Seat 97 in 2022.
- (g) I donated \$250.00 to Rep. Robby Robbins in 2022.
- (h) I donated \$250.00 to Rep. Patricia Henegan in 2022.

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.

None.

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;  
None
  - (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;  
None
  - (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;  
Not Applicable
- (b) nature and value of any public improvements;  
Not Applicable
- (c) South Carolina state or local public agency which purchased or is leasing or renting such property.  
Not Applicable

Attach a copy of any contract or agreement.

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.

Not Applicable

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.

Not Applicable

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

Not Applicable

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.

Nothing other than what is listed in #45 above.

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.

(a) I have never been sued by a client.

(b) These eviction notices were filed for late payments of rent, and each was withdrawn as balances were satisfied.

- i. Windmill Apts. v. Margie Grant, Fairview/Austin Summary Court Case Number 930568, date filed 04/23/1993.
- ii. Windmill Apts. v. Margie Grant, Fairview/Austin Summary Court Case Number 930862, date filed 06/21/1993.
- iii. Windmill Apts. v. Margie Grant, Fairview/Austin Summary Court Case Number 930952, date filed 07/07/1993.

- iv. Windmill Apts. v. Margie Grant, Fairview/Austin Summary Court Case Number 931045, date filed 07/20/1993.
  - (c) Greenville City Magistrate 1 Case Number 960327, Southern Finance v. Margie Pizarro, date filed 02/07/1996. This action was filed, and it was dismissed as the balance was satisfied.
  - (d) Greenville City Magistrate 1 Case Number 961513, Inc. Loan Service v. Margie Pizarro, date filed 07/08/1996. This action was filed, and it was dismissed as the balance was satisfied.
  - (e) Greenville City Magistrate 1 Case Number 960327, Southern Finance v. Margie Grant Pizarro, date filed 07/24/1997. This action was filed, and it was dismissed as the balance was satisfied.
  - (f) Greenville County Common Pleas Case Number 2004CP2302746 filed 04/27/2004. A default judgment was entered against me, but it was vacated on April 10, 2006. On 12/05/2006, the action was filed in Dorchester County Case Number 2006CP1801986 as a “Converted Judgment,” which was satisfied.
  - (f) Elite Financial Svc. vs. Margie A. Pizarro, Fairview/Austin Summary Court Case Number 2004CV2310201294 filed July 28, 2004. This action was filed, and it was dismissed as the balance was satisfied.
  - (g) These eviction notices were filed for late payments of rent, and each was withdrawn as balances were satisfied.
    - i. Westbury Mews v. Margie Pizarro, Summerville Magistrate Court Case Number 2006-4328, date filed 09/19/2006.
    - ii. Westbury Mews v. Margie Pizarro, Summerville Magistrate Court Case Number 2006-5727, date filed 12/11/2006.
    - iii. Westbury Mews v. Margie Pizarro, Summerville Magistrate Court Case Number 2007-0168, date filed 01/11/2007.
    - iv. Westbury Mews v. Margie Pizarro, Summerville Magistrate Court Case Number 2007-1035, date filed 03/09/2007.
    - v. Westbury Mews v. Margie Pizarro, Summerville Magistrate Court Case Number 2007-1615, date filed 04/12/2007.
    - vi. Westbury Mews v. Margie Pizarro, Summerville Magistrate Court Case Number 2007-2629, date filed 06/12/2007.
  - (i) Dixie Furniture v. Margie A. Pizarro; Summerville Magistrate Court Case Number 2009CV1810303144. This action was filed, and it was dismissed as the balance was satisfied.
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 do not currently have malpractice insurance. My last period of coverage was 2014.
- (b) I have never been covered by a tail policy.

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?

No.

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?

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?

No.

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 anyone to campaign on my behalf, and I do not have any knowledge of anyone campaigning for me on their own initiative. I did visit the Statehouse on June 15,

2022, and I do plan to send my resume and information to the members of the General Assembly in the coming weeks.

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.

Since submitting my letter, I have not contacted any member of the JMSC and no one has contacted any member of the JMSC on my behalf to my knowledge.

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.*

See enclosed *Letters of Recommendation*

- (a) Janis Kinsey, Blocker, Chairman, Colleton County Republican Party  
(Redacted)
  - (b) The Honorable Aaron Brown, Councilman, Town of Summerville  
(Redacted)
  - (c) Kelly A. Seabrook, Esq.  
(Redacted)
  - (d) Barbara Johnson Williams, Orangeburg Branch NAACP President  
(Redacted)
  - (e) The Honorable Scarlett Wilson, Ninth Circuit Solicitor  
(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.

Facebook Accounts—(Redacted)  
Instagram Account--(Redacted)  
Twitter--(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?

My social media currently is used as a means to keep up with friends and family. I frequently post about my children and granddaughter, and I share community updates related to children, the elderly, and pets. I anticipate that, if elected, I would limit or eliminate my social media presence altogether so as not to appear to advance and/or refute any matters of public discourse.

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) Member, South Carolina Family Law Inn of Court
  - (b) Member, James L. Petigru Inn of Court
  - (c) Member, Board of Directors, Dorchester Children's Center
  - (d) Member, The National Black Lawyers—Top 100
  - (e) Member, Charleston (SC) Chapter of the Links, Inc.
  - (f) Member, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.
  - (g) Former Member, Board of Directors, South Carolina Women Lawyers Association
  - (h) Former Member, Executive Committee, Charleston County Bar Association
  - (i) Former Member, Board of Directors, Dorchester County Habitat for Humanity
  - (j) Former Planning Commissioner, Town of Summerville
  - (k) Former Member, Board of Directors, Summerville Family YMCA
  - (l) Former Member, Board of Directors, YESCarolina, youth entrepreneurship program
  - (m) Former Member, Board of Director Children's Museum of the Lowcountry
  - (n) Former Member, Board of Trustees, Columbia College (SC)
  - (o) Former Member, Board of Visitors, Columbia College (SC)
  - (p) Former Host, *Lowcountry Spotlight*, original local television show on WCLN-HD
  - (q) Charleston Regional Business Journal, *40 Under 40* Winner 2007
  - (r) Summerville Journal Scene, *Women to Watch*, Winner 2013
  - (s) Recipient, Councilman Aaron Brown Award 2019
  - (t) Participant, South Texas College of Law Family Court Trial School 2011 and 2012
  - (u) South Carolina Bar Leadership Class of 2019
  - (v) Recognized February 2021 by the South Carolina Bar during Black History Month
  - (w) Member, Lord of the Harvest Christian Faith Center

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.

As I researched my background and looked over my life while considering applying for this judgeship, I posed the question, "Would YOU even pick YOU to be a judge? Are you smart enough? Will you be able to make a difference?" Whenever I considered pursuing a higher calling in the past, I always stopped myself as I let my mind defeat me when I wondered about those possibilities. The Bible says that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. I can paraphrase that and say that the fear of or uncertainty about what lies ahead can be the beginning of charting a positive path forward towards success and even miracles. It is with that mantra that I put my fears aside. I stop being defeated before I even started. I take a leap of faith, and I boldly and proudly stand as a Judicial Candidate for the Family Court First Judicial Circuit Seat #3.

In alphabetical order, I am an attorney, author, bonus mom, daughter, educator, friend, grandmother, mother, motivational speaker, sister, and wife. I was born to a single mother in Walterboro, and I was raised by my mother and grandmother, both domestic workers. I grew up in poverty. My family never owned a car so we walked everywhere! We depended on food stamps to buy groceries, and Medicaid for healthcare. My mother made the best sandwiches with government cheese, and on many Christmases, social workers brought gifts to our home. What we might have missed in material possessions was made up in the faith, hope, and love that was abounding in our home.

I was always a smart girl, and I did really well in high school. I graduated near the top of my class, and I got several scholarships to attend college. Clemson was my one and only choice. After my first year at Clemson, I got pregnant. I went back home to Walterboro and started working in Winn Dixie again. I felt so defeated as I went from being a college freshman to being a college dropout in one year!

I licked my wounds and started working on a plan to get back into college. My mom agreed to keep my son while I went back to college and that was indeed a blessing. I reenrolled at Clemson, and I did not miss a beat, graduating in December 1991, only one semester late!

I began my career as a teacher in the Greenville County School District in 1992. I spent 12 years as a classroom teacher before enrolling in law school in 2004. After graduating from law school in 2007, I spent my first year in practice as an associate attorney at a criminal defense firm in Charleston. In September 2008, I started my own firm, and my practice focuses on Family Court cases. I am proud to be able to use my personal experiences as well as those I gained as a classroom teacher to assist my clients in navigating domestic and juvenile matters and to help them forge new paths forward in life. I believe that those skills will transfer greatly as a member of the Family Court Bench.



Having been raised in poverty, I appreciate the opportunities afforded to me. As such, I have used my practice and my law degree to give back. In addition to serving on numerous boards and commissions, I have put “boots on the ground,” providing assistance in real-time to those in need. From turkey drives to coat drives to supplying groceries to the needy, I believe in paying it forward, and that “to whom much is given, much is required.” My motto is, “act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly in every interaction.” I believe that everything we do should begin with the realization that we are dealing with human beings whose lives we have the power to affect. To that end, I am committed to upholding the mandates of the law while helping my clients move to the next phase of their lives in the best way possible. I plan to carry that same level of commitment to the judiciary where I would be dedicated to ensuring that litigants are treated fairly in the eyes of the law and that justice is obtained by those seeking it.

I believe that my personal experiences will allow me to provide a broader perspective on the bench. The record of my life will show that I made mistakes as all humans do, but I put in the hard work to learn from my mistakes such that they would not be repeated. I understand that the standards that members of the judiciary are held to are necessarily high. The love, respect, and honor that I have for the law and for the Court cannot be understated. I also understand, though, that the lessons from second chances and overcoming obstacles are also necessary if we are to ever be able to encourage the least among us that they, too, can make it. I am more than happy to share those personal experiences from the bench with juvenile defendants and other litigants who need to know that mistakes can be “blips” on their radar of lives if they learn from them and do better!

I want the world to see that there is a place in the judiciary for someone who can use their past experiences, good, bad, and ugly, as a testimony to others who come to the Court that it doesn't matter how you start, it's how you progress and how you finish! I believe that my knowledge of the law and my legal experiences coupled with the real-world experiences that I have faced, stared down, and overcame will make me a relatable, inspiring, and effective jurist.

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: \_\_\_\_\_