



JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION
Sworn Statement to be included in Transcript of Public Hearings

Circuit Court
(New Candidate)

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1. Why do you want to serve as a Circuit Court judge?

I would like to continue my career of service to the people and the State of South Carolina and feel that I would make a good and fair jurist.

2. Do you plan to serve your full term if elected?

Yes

3. Do you have any plans to return to private practice one day?

No

4. Have you met the Constitutional requirements for this position regarding age, residence, and years of practice?

Yes

5. What is your philosophy regarding *ex parte* communications? Are there circumstances under which you could envision *ex parte* communications being tolerated?

I understand that *ex parte* communications may be necessary for scheduling, administrative purposes, or emergency situations. However, those communications should be limited to non-substantive issues and should be disclosed to the opposing party as required, so that party has an opportunity to respond and make any appropriate record.

6. If you disclosed something that had the appearance of bias, but you believed it would not actually prejudice your impartiality, what deference would you give a party that requested your recusal? Would you grant such

a motion?

I would give deference to the requesting party and grant the motion to avoid the appearance of impropriety unless the parties decided to waive the disqualification.

7. How would you handle the appearance of impropriety because of the financial or social involvement of your spouse or a close relative?

I would disclose any information and recuse myself as necessary.

8. What standards would you set for yourself regarding the acceptance of gifts or social hospitality?

I will not accept any gifts or social hospitality.

9. How would you handle a situation in which you became aware of misconduct or appearance of infirmity of a lawyer or of a fellow judge?

I would intervene as necessary to mitigate the misconduct, confront the lawyer or judge and report the misconduct to the appropriate authorities.

10. Are you a member of any organization or association that, by policy or practice, prohibits or limits its membership on the basis of race, sex, religion, or national origin? If so, please identify the entity and explain if this organization practices invidious discrimination on any basis.

No

11. Have you engaged in any fund-raising activities with any political, social, community, or religious organizations? Please describe.

I run an annual yard sale to raise money for Christmas presents for children with incarcerated parents. 100 % of the money is used to buy presents, which we wrap and then deliver.

12. Do you have any business activities that you would envision remaining involved with if elected to the bench?

No

13. If elected, how would you handle the drafting of orders?

I would draft orders myself, but may request proposed orders in more complicated situations

14. If elected, what methods would you use to ensure that you and your staff meet deadlines?

I would keep an electronic calendar with reminders of deadlines as they approach.

15. What is your philosophy on “judicial activism,” and what effect should judges have in setting or promoting public policy?

I don’t believe in “judicial activism.” I believe that the law should be read and followed as written by the legislature and interpreted by the Supreme Court.

16. Canon 4 allows a judge to engage in activities to improve the law, legal system, and administration of justice. If elected, what activities do you plan to undertake to further this improvement of the legal system?

If elected I would get involved with diversionary programs (Veteran’s Court, Drug Court, Homeless Court, and Mental Health Court) to try and help people and the State by strengthening communities and reducing recidivism. I would also like to work with the legal community and students through externships and continue my participation with the Mock Trial program.

17. Do you feel that the pressure of serving as a judge would strain personal relationships (i.e. spouse, children, friends, or relatives)? How would you address this?

I certainly think that it could strain those relationships at times. I wouldn’t discuss work matters with people that I am in personal relationships with. Nor would I let those relationships affect my rulings.

18. The following list contains five categories of offenders that would perhaps regularly appear in your court. Discuss your philosophy on sentencing for these classes of offenders.

a. Repeat offenders: I think that repeat offenders need upgraded consequences for their actions. There are ways to punish them and break the cycle of criminal behavior.

b. Juveniles (that have been waived to the Circuit Court): Juveniles that have been waived up should be treated like any other offender, however, juveniles are recognized as having a greater ability for rehabilitation given their age and lack of development – I would act accordingly.

- c. White collar criminals: I think that white collar criminals are just as responsible as anyone else and should be punished accordingly.
 - d. Defendants with a socially and/or economically disadvantaged background: I think they are as responsible for following the rule of law as anyone else, but where circumstances require, there needs to be allowances for people who can't pay the fees or fines. People certainly shouldn't be punished more because of their background.
 - e. Elderly defendants or those with some infirmity: They are just as responsible for following the rule of law as anyone else, but I also believe that they shouldn't be burdened extra because of their age or infirmity and would take it into account in any sentencing.
19. Are you involved in any active investments from which you derive additional income that might impair your appearance of impartiality?
- No
20. Would you hear a case where you or a member of your family held a *de minimis* financial interest in a party involved?
- No
21. Have you met the mandatory minimum hours requirement for continuing legal education courses for the past reporting period?
- Yes
22. What do you feel is the appropriate demeanor for a judge and when do these rules apply?
- I think that a Judge should treat all people with respect and dignity at all times, both in and outside of the courtroom
23. Do you feel that it is ever appropriate to be angry with a member of the public, especially with a criminal defendant? Is anger ever appropriate in dealing with attorneys or pro se litigants?
- No, I certainly understand the tendency to get frustrated at times, but anger is never appropriate.

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

Sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, 2021.

(Signature)

(Print Name)

Notary Public for South Carolina

My Commission Expires: _____