



**JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION
PERSONAL DATA QUESTIONNAIRE
2023**

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

1. Name: Mrs. Erin Urquhart Massengale

Name that you are known by if different from above
(Example: A Nickname): Erin K. Urquhart (Maiden name, which I use professionally.

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: York

Business Address: 514 Oakland Avenue, Second Floor, Rock Hill SC 29730

E-Mail Address: [Redacted]

Telephone Number: (home): [Redacted]
(office): 803-327-4151
(cell): [Redacted]

2. Date of Birth: [Redacted], 1981
Place of Birth: Spartanburg, 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.

6. Family Status:
(a) State whether you are single, married, widowed, divorced, or separated. Married, previously divorced.

- (b) If married, state the date of your marriage and your spouse's full name and occupation.
 - (i) August 28, 2012
 - (ii) T. Ray Massengale Jr., insurance agent.
 - (c) If widowed, list the name(s) of spouse(s). N/A
 - (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.
 - (i) December 1, 2011
 - (ii) Plaintiff, self, versus defendant, James Randolph Fitzpatrick Jr.
 - (iii) The Family Court of the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit
 - (iv) One year's continuous separation
 - (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) Winthrop University, August 1999 – May 2003. Bachelor of Arts, Honor's Program. Major in Political Science, minors in Economics and History.
 - (b) University of South Carolina School of Law, August 2003 – May 2006. Juris Doctor.
 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) Member, USC Public Interest Law Society (2004-2006)
 - (b) Member, USC Law School Democrats (2004-2006)
 - (c) Member, USC Law Pro Bono Board (2005-2006)
 - (d) Founding Member, Children's Advocacy Law Society (2005-2006)
 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, 2006.
 - (b) None.
 - (c) Once (South Carolina).
 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) Associate, Law Office of Thomas F. McDow (August 14, 2006 – June 31, 2015). Provided direct representation of clients in domestic relations matters both in the Family Court and South Carolina Court of Appeals as well as office management assistance, including all financial matters, including trust accounting.

(b) Partner, McDow & Urquhart, LLC (July 1, 2015 – present).

I represent clients in domestic relations matters both in the Family Court and South Carolina Court of Appeals, often as co-counsel with my partner. Aside from legal and ethical duties to my clients, I either personally manage or oversee many aspects of running the business including personnel, billing, collections, accounts payable, marketing, vendor relationships, and accounting, to include trust accounting.

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.

(i) Divorce and equitable division of property. Approximately 80% of the Family Court cases I handle include the division of marital property and debts. I have handled cases with negative value marital estates up to marital estates worth multiple millions. I have represented both primary breadwinners and supported spouses whose contributions to the marital estate were arguably minimal. I am familiar with valuation procedures and concepts such as transmutation and special equity interests. I take particular pride in preparing thorough, accurate, and helpful financial declarations.

(ii) Child custody. This is the bulk of my Family Court experience. Probably 85% of my practice involves the contested issues of custody and visitation. I manage these issues nearly every day of my professional life. I am familiar with the law on the subject matter, including handling appeals on these issues, and am comfortable with clients experiencing these legal issues.

(iii) Adoption. I have handled approximately a dozen domestic adoption cases, either representing the adoptive parent or parents, the terminating parent, or participating as guardian ad litem. I have handled one international adoption.

(iv) Abuse and neglect. Until the introduction of the Rule 608 Indigent Defense Contract Attorney program in York County (approximately 2013), I received approximately yearly appointments to represent defendants in SCDSS abuse and neglect cases in addition to private cases which have a collateral abuse and neglect

case. I have also served as guardian ad litem in several SCDSS abuse and neglect cases where I was also serving as guardian in a collateral Family Court case. Since that time, I have represented Family Court clients in SCDSS cases collateral to their private cases, one or two per year on average.

(v) Juvenile justice. Minimal direct experience, however, I am familiar with South Carolina agency structure and its fundamental goals, limitations, and practical application within the local community.

In the past five years I have appeared before a Family Court Judge approximately once a week on average. Some hearings are as short as fifteen minutes; some are multi-day trials lasting as much as five days.

- (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: 0%
 - (b) state: 100%
- 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: 0%

- (b) criminal: 0%
- (c) domestic: 99% (including appeals from Family Court)
- (d) other: 1%

14. During the past five years
- (a) What percentage of your practice was in trial court, including cases that settled prior to trial? 99%
 - (b) What number of cases went to trial and resulted in a verdict? N/A
 - (c) What number of cases went to trial and resolved after the plaintiff's or State's case? N/A (Resolved may include settlement, plea, by Judge's order during a motion hearing, etc.) N/A
 - (d) What number of your cases settled after a jury was selected but prior to opening statements? N/A

During the past five years, did you most often serve as sole counsel, chief counsel, or co-counsel? Co-counsel. My law partner and I find that we are most effective for our clients when we each bring our strengths to a case. While one or the other of us will take the role as lead counsel, the other is heavily involved in evaluating facts, researching law, determining strategy, preparing clients and documents for court, and settlement negotiations.

For sitting judges seeking a judgeship different than your current position, During the five years prior to your election to the bench, what percentage of your practice was in trial court, including matters that settled prior to trial? N/A.

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) Johnson v. Johnson, File book # 2003DR4602259. This was my first trial, first contested case, first client with multiple issues, first case with emergency issues, and the case from which all my future Family Court case strategy decisions would be educated. It was tried for five days beginning February 26, 2007, only 105 calendar days from my swearing-in as a baby lawyer. But for my boss and mentor serving as co-counsel, I would not have had the courage to go forward. The custody and visitation issues were complicated, including findings of abuse and neglect in a collateral SCDSS case, relocation, and split custody where the parents who were incapable of communication outside of litigation each received primary custody of one of the two children. In total, there were three guardians as litem appointed and five therapists during the litigation. The equitable apportionment of property, alimony, and child support issues were complicated by one spouse earning significantly more than the other spouse, despite our allegation that he was currently grossly underemployed. In the end, we did far better than we, the client, or the rest of the York County Bar thought we would do. That week I learned more lessons than I can share here, but the most important of which are these: (1) The reality of sixteen hour workdays before and during trial. Have a good paralegal, partner, and spouse...and maybe dog sitter. (2) I could be trusted to think on my feet. (3) Bad cases can be won and good cases can be lost. (4) Credibility is everything. And (5)

Judges prefer civility between lawyers, but they also appreciate it between parents as parties.

- (b) Hess v. Koziara, file book # 2009DR4602493, and Hess v. Koziara, file book # 2014DR460294. The initial case in 2009 was a custody modification case with the mother seeking restricted visitation for the father who suffered mental health problems and who resided with his parents in Pennsylvania, approximately 550 miles from mother. My boss (later my law partner) and I represented the father. The Family Court decided in our favor, ruling that the child's relationship with father was important and needed protection just as much as the visitation guidelines to safeguard the child during visitation. Father was not deprived of the relationship because of his illness so long as he maintained treatment and crisis situations were met with appropriate responses. The visitation order promoted fewer and longer visitation periods over frequent and shorter visitation periods given the distance between parents. This case taught me a great deal about accepting bad facts with grace and admitting fault in order to maintain the ever-critical credibility. There are also lessons in parties accepting their co-parent as they are and avoiding short-term strategic gains when the damage to the co-parent relationship cannot be undone. The 2014 case taught lessons in the importance of learning your lesson from the Family Court the first time, and the award of attorney's fees as a significant method of leveling the playing field between parties.
- (c) Pittman v. Pittman, 407 S.C. 141, 146, 754 S.E.2d 501 (2014). This case was important in my career regarding the issues of marital fault, alimony, equitable apportionment of property, transmutation, and attorney's fees awards. My boss and I represented the husband, who committed pre-separation marital fault and lost nearly every substantive battle in the case all the way from the Family Court's temporary order to the Supreme Court of South Carolina finding intent for transmutation could be gleaned from the behavior of the non-owner spouse. Discovery rules and business appraisal were important in this case as well. I learned about losing with dignity and fighting until the final loss. Having a pleasant and grateful client does not affect the outcome of a case.
- (d) Lester v. Sanchez, No. 2015-000027, 2017 WL 4817527 (S.C. Ct. App. Aug. 30, 2017). Not reported. The Supreme Court of South Carolina granted cert, Lester v. Sanchez, No. 2017-002043, 2019 WL 1486760, (S.C. Apr. 3, 2019), but dismissed as improvidently granted. This case (cases) were my deep-end plunge into third-party (specifically grandparent) custody battles. I learned important concepts about the psychology of parenting and bonding, as well as the importance of expert witnesses.
- (e) Atkinson v. Kinsler, file book # 2020DR01439. This case is a custody and visitation case (child support being a minor issue) where the adverse party has been on a seemingly unstoppable campaign of hostility and, in my view, abuse of the system at every possible turn. The original contested litigation began before the child at issue was even a year old and he is now twelve. The father has filed grievances against medical and legal professionals. He has made unfounded allegations of abuse with SCDSS as well as criminal allegations against mother at local, state, and federal levels of law enforcement. He has been overtly critical of female professionals and females as a subset of rational human beings. There have been more than a handful

of contempt proceedings; Father is currently incarcerated as a result of two of them, and is facing an upcoming hearing on our allegation of criminal contempt. This case is about perseverance, taking the high road, and believing the system will promote justice in the end.

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) Walrath v. Walrath, 2023-UP-152 (S.C. Ct. App. Apr. 12, 2023). Not reported. The file book number is 2018DR4601773, and the Family Court just received the remittitur from the Court of Appeals.
 - (b) Stasi v. Sweigart, 434 S.C. 239, 863 S.E.2d 669 (2021).
 - (c) Brown v. Brown, 408 S.C. 582, 758 S.E.2d 922 (Ct. App. 2014).
 - (d) Schultze v. Schultze, 403 S.C. 1, 741 S.E.2d 593 (Ct. App. 2013).
 - (e) Snipes v. Snipes, 2013-UP-329 (S.C. Ct. App. 2013). Not reported.
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. None.
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. N/A
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) Courts of South Carolina, November 13, 2006.
 - (b) United States District Court for South Carolina, November 13, 2006.
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) 2006 SC Bar CLE. Hot Tips from the Coolest Domestic Law Practitioners; presentation titled "Continuing Benefit of Continuing Education"
 - (b) 2008 York County Bar Association. Ethics Seminar, presentation on ethics opinion updates
 - (c) 2008 Winthrop University Pre-Law Society. Presentation to students interested in legal careers
 - (d) 2011 and 2014. York Technical College. Law School for Non-Lawyers, co-taught domestic relations section
 - (e) 2011 Domestic Relations Update, York County Sherriff's Department
 - (f) 2011 SC Bar CLE. Hot Tips from the Coolest Domestic Law Practitioners; presentation titled "Hot Tips Index Update"

- (g) 2015 Winthrop University John C. West Forum on Politics and Policy. Panel discussion for NEW Leadership South Carolina (collegiate women's leadership and public affairs organization)
 - (h) 2017 SC Bar CLE. Family Court Practice Management. Presentation on Financial Declarations, Rule 20, SCRFC.
 - (i) 2021 Winthrop University Political Science Department. Zoom lecture and Q&A on career readiness with political science majors
22. Provide, as a separate attachment, your continuing legal or judicial education report from the past five years. See attachment.
 23. List all published books and articles you have written and give citations and the dates of publication for each. None.
 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 attachments.
 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. I have neither purchased memberships in ratings organizations nor sought peer reviews for promotional purposes. I have claimed my Avvo.com profile, but I have not solicited reviews from either clients or peers.
 26. List all bar associations and professional organizations of which you are a member and give the titles and dates of any offices you have held in such groups.
 - (a) South Carolina Bar Association
 - (b) York County Bar Association. Secretary (2008-2009) and Treasurer (2009-2010)
 - (c) South Carolina Women's Lawyer Association
 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. N/A
 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. No.
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) McDow & Urquhart, LLC, Partner (July 1, 2015, to present), private family law practice. I represent clients in domestic relations matters both in the Family Court and South Carolina Court of Appeals, often as co-counsel with my partner. Aside from legal and ethical duties to my clients, I either personally manage or oversee many aspects of running the business including personnel, billing, collections, accounts payable, marketing, vendor relationships, and accounting.
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 attachment.

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.
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? None. N/A.
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. None.
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. I have a one-half interest in McDow & Urquhart, LLC. Due to my business relationship with Thomas F. McDow, I would recuse myself in any case involving him where he was attorney of record prior to my election as a Judge. I would consider recusal sought by a party in subsequent cases.
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.

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. None.
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.

[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. No, other than those listed in the previous question.
47. Have you ever been sued by a client? Have you ever been a named party (personally or professionally) in or had a pecuniary interest in any civil or criminal proceedings? If so, give details, including, but not limited to, dates, and resolutions.
I have a potential pecuniary interest in a suit for collection of an earned fee. McDow & Urquhart, LLC, Plaintiff, versus Emily Rebecca Darby, Defendant. File book # 2023CP4601889. This collection action was filed June 16, 2023, to collect a past the past due fee of \$12,030.50 from a former client.
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.
I have been covered by malpractice insurance at all times since my admission to the South Carolina Bar. I have not had opportunity nor purpose for a tail policy. My current policy includes coverage of \$500,000 per claim and \$1,000,000 aggregate liability limits with a deductible of \$1,000 per claim.

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

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

50. Have you ever been investigated by the Department of Social Services? If so, give the details and the resolution. Has your name ever been enrolled on the Central Registry of Child Abuse and Neglect? If so, give the details. No.
51. Have you directly or indirectly requested the pledge of any member of the General Assembly as to your election for the position for which you are being screened, or have you been offered a conditional pledge of support by any legislator pending the outcome of your screening? Have you received the assurance of any public official or public employee that they will seek the pledge of any member of the General Assembly as to your election for the position for which you are being screened? If so, give details. No.
52. Have you requested any third parties to contact members of the General Assembly on your behalf before the final and formal screening report has been released? Describe the campaigning you have done for this election and include a list of those individuals you have asked to campaign on your behalf and, to the best of your knowledge, those who have campaigned for you on their own initiative. No.
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) Gregory S. Forman, Gregory S. Forman, PC. [Redacted]
- (b) Michael B. Smith, Morton & Gettys, LLC. Fountain Park Place, [Redacted]

- (c) Barrett W. Martin, Barrett W. Martin, PA. [Redacted]
- (d) Connie H. Payne, formerly of Burdette & Payne, PA. [Redacted]
- (e) Thomas F. McDow, McDow & Urquhart, LLC. [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) LinkedIn: [Redacted]
- (c) Snapchat: [Redacted]
- (d) Twitter: [Redacted]
- (e) Instagram: [Redacted]

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

I avoid engagement that reflects negatively on me or the legal profession, though I acknowledge the subjectivity of interpretation. I monitor my social media privacy settings. I do not accept friend requests from current clients, however, I have represented people with whom I had an existing personal and social media friendship and I have accepted requests from clients who later became personal friends or professional contacts. McDow & Urquhart, LLC participates in minimal, but some, activity on Facebook. I use SnapChat sparingly and only with close personal friends. My Twitter and Instagram accounts mirror activity from Facebook. As a Judge, I acknowledge that additional restrictions apply to current and past social media presence to limit the appearance of impropriety, avoid current or potential conflicts of interest, avoid political activity, and maintain impartiality at all times. I will cull my friends lists, monitor requests and tags more thoroughly, and most probably disable one or more accounts.

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) Camp Adam Fisher, Board member. For thirty years I have been heavily involved with CAF, the largest all-volunteer camp for children with Type I Diabetes in the Southeast. I started as a camper, have been a counselor-in-training (CIT), counselor, and currently serve as board member and CIT Coordinator.
- (b) Rock Hill Adult Soccer League. Until Covid, I was an active participant in RHASL having spring and fall seasons for co-ed adults looking to play competitive but recreational soccer.
- (c) My Legal BFF, FaceBook group offering support among a community of women lawyers, primarily in South Carolina or who attended school in South Carolina.

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.

(a) To better show the extent of my appellate experience, my cases are included in bullet point fashion below: (Citations including “UP” were unpublished opinions and “MO” are memorandum opinions)

(I) SC Court of Appeals

- i. Roberts v. Roberts, 2009-UP-190 (S.C. Ct. App. 2009)
- ii. Hicks v. Hicks, 2011-UP-124 (S.C. Ct. App. 2011)
- iii. Pittman v. Pittman, 395 S.C. 209, 717 S.E.2d 88 (Ct. App. 2011)
- iv. Jennifer K. v. Robert K., 2012-UP-489 (S.C. Ct. App. 2012)
- v. SC Dept. of Social Services v. Sandra G., 2012-UP-052 (S.C. Ct. App 2012)
- vi. Fortenberry v. Fortenberry, 2013-UP-364 (S.C. Ct. App. 2013)
- vii. Schultze v. Schultze, 403 S.C. 1, 741 S.E.2d 593 (Ct. App. 2013)
- viii. Snipes v. Snipes, 2013-UP-329 (S.C. Ct. App. 2013)
- ix. Brown v. Brown, 408 S.C. 582, 758 S.E.2d 922 (Ct. App. 2014)
- x. Brown v. Brown, 2014-UP-307 (S.C. Ct. App. 2014)
- xi. Forman v. SC Dept of Labor, 419 S.C. 64, 796 S.E.2d 138 (Ct. App. 2016)
- xii. Miteva v. Robinson, 418 S.C. 447, 792 S.E.2d 920 (Ct. App. 2016)
- xiii. Lester v. Sanchez, 2017-UP-241 (S.C. Ct. App. 2017)
- xiv. Gay v. Gay, No. 2016-001679 (S.C. Ct. App. 2019)
- xv. Vitale v. Vitale, 2019-UP-068 (S.C. Ct. App. 2019)
- xvi. Whitesell v. Whitesell, 431 S.C. 575, 848 S.E.2d 588, (Ct. App. 2020)
- xvii. Hughes v. Corretjer, 2022-UP-411 (S.C. Ct. App. 2022)
- xviii. Walrath v. Walrath, 2023-UP-152 (S.C. Ct. App. 2023)

(II) Supreme Court

- i. Brunson v. Brunson, 2009-MO-054, (S.C. 2009)
- ii. Pittman v. Pittman, 407 S.C. 141, 146, 754 S.E.2d 501 (2014)
- iii. Lester v. Sanchez, 2019-MO-020 (2019)
- iv. Stasi v. Sweigart, 434 S.C. 239, 863 S.E.2d 669 (2021)

(b) In addition to private practice of representing Family Court litigants, since 2011, I have been a certified Family Court mediator, mediating all types of Family Court cases. I have been appointed by Family Court Judges and stipulated to by lawyers. Since 2018, I serve as a self-represented litigant pro bono mediation volunteer with the Family Court of the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit.

(c) My time in law school primarily focused on the child protection system. I clerked my 1L summer for the DSS Attorney for Cherokee County (2004). In the spring of 2006, I received the Cali Award (American Jurisprudence) – Child Abuse and the Legal System.

(d) Even my college experience helped to prepare for me for the judicial system. From 2002-2003 I served as the Winthrop University Model United Nations, Secretary General training committee chairs, editing conference resolutions, and interpreting and enforcing the conference rules of order.

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Signature: _____

Sworn to before me this 3rd day of August, 2023.

(Notary Signature)

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Notary Public for South Carolina
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