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

**Family Court
(New Candidate)**

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1. Why do you want to serve as a Family Court Judge?

Strike last sentence of the prior answer. Supplement as follows:

Family Court cases are not only fact specific but require an extraordinarily thorough understanding of specific statutes. My entire 17-year trial and appellate career thus far has been dedicated solely to the Family Court litigants of my region. As a guardian *ad litem* and mediator I have refined my skills of efficiency, fairness, been able to use my patience, efficiency, compassion, and sense of justice to help the ever-growing Family Court docket and bring resolution where possible. I would honor the opportunity to do so as Judge of the Family Court.

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

Strike prior answer and replace as follows:

No specific plans, and hope to serve as Judge as long as I can. I intend to remain active and relevant in the practice of law once my last term ends. I would like to continue serving as a Family Court mediator after serving as Judge. I am also interested in teaching, researching, and writing, should opportunities present themselves.

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?

Strike first sentence of prior answer and replace with:

I would report such condition to the authority charged with investigating such reports.

The remainder of the prior answer should remain unchanged.

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

Strike prior answer as replace with the following:

Yes.

(1) From approximately 2006-2012 I was an active participant in York County Democratic Party activities, including volunteering at fundraising events and serving as Third-Vice Chair for two years.

(2) Since approximately 2012, I have been a member of the board of directors for Camp Adam Fisher, the largest all-volunteer camp for children with Type I Diabetes in the southeast, a camp I have attended each year (other than 2020, Covid-19) since 1993. I have been a camper, CIT, counselor, CIT Coordinator and board member. Unfortunately, private fundraising from individuals and separate 501(c)(3) organizations, such as Abbey's Friends, has waned since 2020. Our primary financial contributors are Sanofi (Sanofi US, 55 Corporate Drive, Bridgewater NJ 08807), Eli Lilly (Eli Lilly Corporate Center, 893 Delaware Street, Indianapolis, IN 46225), and Novo Nordisk (Novo Nordisk Inc. US Headquarters, 800 Scudders Mill Road, Plainsboro Township NJ 08536), each of which donates medical supplies and medicine as they are able. Sanofi and Eli Lilly claim these contributions on their corporate taxes, using fair market value at the time of the donation.

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

Strike next to last sentence of prior answer and replace with:

I will consistently reemphasize to the lawyers and my staff the guidance of Rule 25(c), SCRCP, "as soon as possible after the hearing" and would treat "not later than 30 days thereafter" as nearly absolute.

24. Do you feel that it is ever appropriate to be angry with a member of the public who would appear before you, especially with a criminal defendant? Is anger ever appropriate in dealing with attorneys or a pro se litigant?

Strike prior answer and replace with:

Feeling anger may be unavoidable, but displaying anger is never appropriate. Emotional reactions can and must be regulated in a way that offers pro se litigants the same civility, patience, and fairness guaranteed to lawyers.

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



Sworn to before me this 13th day of November, 2023.



(Signature)

Tabatha J. Jefferies

(Print name)

Notary Public for South Carolina

My commission expires: June 4, 2031