



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

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

1. Name: The Honorable Michael G. Nettles

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.) Yes. I am currently Resident Judge of the  
Twelfth Judicial Circuit

Home Address: [Redacted]

County of Residence: Florence

Business Address: 181 N. Irby Street, Suite 3610, Florence, South Carolina 29501

E-Mail Address: [Redacted]

Telephone Number: (home): [Redacted]  
(office): 843.292.7433  
(cell): [Redacted]

2. Date of Birth: [Redacted] 59  
Place of Birth: Lake City/Florence County, 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: Widowed on August 26, 2014

Was married to the late Donna Jean Hicks Nettles on May 17, 1986 and remained married until her death in 2014

Three Children  
[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) 1977-1981 Wofford College Bachelor of Arts in Economics
  - (b) 1981-1984 University of South Carolina School of Law, Juris Doctorate
  
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) Wofford College – Member of the football team in 1979
  - (b) USC School of Law – Phi Delta Phi Legal Fraternity
  
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 - 1984
  
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) I was engaged in the general practice of law in Lake City, South Carolina as a partner in the firm of Nettles, Turbeville & Reddick, for twenty years. Over the past five years of my practice, I handed 959 cases (680 criminal, 176 civil, 37 real estate transactions and 26 domestic as my sister has practiced domestic law exclusively. In the early years of my practice, there was a more equal division of caseload. During the past five years of my practice, I only handled domestic matters and real estate transactions for ongoing clients.

**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.

- (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.
  - (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.
  - (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.
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:
  - (b) state:
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:
  - (b) criminal:
  - (c) domestic:
  - (d) other:
14. During the past five years

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

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

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?

- 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)
  - (b)
  - (c)
  - (d)
  - (e)
  
- 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)
  - (b)
  - (c)
  - (d)
  - (e)
  
- 17. List up to five criminal appeals you have personally handled. Give the case name, the court, the date of decision and the citation if the case was reported.
  - (a)
  - (b)
  - (c)
  - (d)
  - (e)
  
- 18. Have you ever held judicial office? If so, list the periods of your service, the courts involved, and whether you were elected or appointed. Describe the jurisdiction of each of the courts and note any limitations on the jurisdiction of each court.  
 Circuit Court for Twelfth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1. I was elected 2/2/05 and began serving 1/3/6. I have served continuously.

19. If the answer to question 18 is yes, describe or list five of your most significant orders or opinions and give the citations if they were reported. Also, list citations to any appellate review of these orders or opinions.
- (a) Coleman v Mariner Health Care, Inc., 407 S.C. 346, 755 S.E.2d 450 (S.C. 2013)  
There is a movement in favor of arbitration in American Jurisprudence. This case sets forth that although arbitration is preferred, the South Carolina statutory and common law does not authorize a sister to execute a separate voluntary arbitration agreement presented to her by the nursing facility. This was a complex question where reasonable minds could differ. The Supreme Court affirmed my decision.
  - (b) Miranda C. v. Nissan Motor Co., 402 S.C. 577, 741 S.E. 2d 34 (Ct. App 2013)  
The law of product liability is constantly evolving and this case provides clarity as to the proper charge in a defective design products liability case. The jury in this case rendered a verdict against Nissan for \$2,375,000.00, which was subsequently set aside by my order in the wake of the Supreme Court's ruling in Branham vs. Ford Motor Company, 390 S.C. 203, 701 S.E.2d 5 (2010). The Branham case was decided after the verdict and before my ruling on post-trial motions. Branham establishes that "the risks utility test" is the proper charge in a design defect case which requires the Plaintiff prove a "reasonable alternative design". Because Branham changed and/or clarified the proper test in a design defect case, I granted a new trial. My decision to grant a new trial was affirmed.
  - (c) State v. Senter, 396 S.C. 547, 722 S.E.2d 233 (Ct. App 2011)  
Defendant was convicted of assault and battery with intent to kill and criminal domestic violence of a high and aggravated nature. His conviction was affirmed and The Court of Appeals opined that my denial of the Motion for Directed Verdict was proper, reaffirming the law and my ruling that Defendant cannot waive a trial by jury unless the State consents to do so.
  - (d) Mitchell v. Fortis Insurance, 385 S.C. 570, 686 S.E.2d 176 (2010)  
In this case, a policyholder brought causes of action for Breach of Contract and bad faith rescission against insurance company. The jury awarded \$15,150,000.00. Numerous orders were issued and many evidentiary rulings were affirmed, however, the Supreme Court reduced the verdict to \$10,150,000.00.
  - (e) Willis v. Wukela, 379 S.C. 126, 665 S.E.2d 171 (2008)  
South Carolina Supreme Court affirmed my ruling, clarifying S.C. Code Section 7-13-350 and its application.
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) State Courts of South Carolina, 1984;
  - (b) Federal District Court, 1984; and
  - (c) Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals in 1984.
21. Have you taught law-related courses or lectured at bar association conferences, educational institutions, or continuing legal or judicial education programs? If so, briefly describe each course or lecture.

- (a) I addressed the Solicitor Convention concerning new developments in Criminal Law in 2017;
  - (b) Guest lecturer at Business Law course at Francis Marion University 2008 and 2009;
  - (c) I addressed the Public Defender Convention concerning Differential Case Management in 2009;
  - (d) I participated in Panel Discussions on Ethics CLE in 2010 and 2018;
  - (e) Addressed the Third Judicial Circuit Young Lawyers at Court House Keys event in Manning, SC in February 2012;
  - (f) Addressed the Twelfth Judicial Circuit Young Lawyers at Court House Keys event in Lake City, SC in October 2013;
  - (g) Addressed Beaufort County Bar as to Differential Case Management in 2017; and
  - (h) Guest Lecture at Francis Marion University concerning The Role of the Judiciary in Government in 2017;
  - (i) I am a member of the Advisory Committee for the South Carolina Circuit Court. I teach at the New Judges School on a biannual basis.
22. Provide, as a separate attachment, your continuing legal or judicial education report from the past five years.  
See Attachment A
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.)
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.  
Martindale-Hubbell BV rating
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) Circuit Court Judges Association
  - (c) Pee Dee Inns of Court Association
  - (d) American Bar 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. None

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. None
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. No
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 complete, current financial net worth statement was provided to the Commission.  
See Attachments 1-8

(A net worth statement form is provided with this questionnaire and you must use this format for submission of your financial statement.)

**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? No expenditures
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. 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; or 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; N/A
  - (b) nature and value of any public improvements; and N/A
  - (c) South Carolina state or local public agency which purchased or is leasing or renting such property. N/A
- 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. N/A



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. See Attachment B
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. No
44. For sitting judges, have you used the services of your staff, for which you did not pay, while campaigning for this office? No
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
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) Charles O. Hall v. Michael Nettles, et al

October 13, 2006. This is a federal action filed by a pro se individual who is incarcerated in the South Carolina Department of Corrections. I was one of the 18 defendants, three of whom were Circuit Court Judges. I have never been served with this lawsuit and have no independent recollection of Charles Hall. I cannot glean from the pleadings the nature of the cause of action nor what claim he had against me.

(b) Jerva Edward James v. State of South Carolina, Michael Nettles, et al

July 2, 2008. 3:08 CV 02413-HFF

Jerva Edwards is a pro se Plaintiff who filed this lawsuit alleging he served time in excess of his sentence. Although the lawsuit is filed in Federal Court, I have never been served with the pleadings.

(c) T. Terrell Bryant v. Michael Nettles, et al

January 7, 2010. 4:10 CV 0027-TLW

This is a pro se civil action filed alleging irregularities in Plaintiff's indictment. Although this lawsuit was filed, I have never been served with the pleadings.

- (d) David Washington v. Michael Nettles, et al  
 March 2, 2007. 4:07 CV 00619-RBH  
 This is a pro se Plaintiff who brought a lawsuit concerning an automobile accident. He named me, Judge Thomas A. Russo, Magistrate Cox, the Clerk of Court and others. I have never been served with this lawsuit and cannot glean from the pleadings what his cause of action is or how I am involved in this controversy.
- (e) United States of America v Kenneth Wade Stone, Michael Nettles, et al  
 August 1992. 92-CP-21-1199  
 This was a foreclosure action against Kenneth Wade Stone. By virtue of attorney's fees awarded to me in a domestic action, I was named as a creditor.
- (d) Ora Galbreath v Michael Nettles  
 May 2, 2003. 03-CP-21-00844  
 The Defendant is not me. There are three people named Michael Nettles in Lake City alone. It must be one of them.
- (e) Eric Sebnick v. Michael G. Nettles  
 September 9, 2004. 04-CP-21-01647  
 This is a personal injury lawsuit that was filed out of a minor automobile collision that took place in a parking lot. I was at fault. The case was settled for a portion of the chiropractor's bills incurred by the Plaintiff.
- (f) T. Terrell Bryan, #254638, a/k/a Terence Bryan, a/k/a Terence Terrell Bryan v. Hampton County Clerk of Court, Michael Nettles, et al  
 July 7, 2010. 40:10-27-TLW  
 This is a pro se civil action. Although the action was filed, I have never been served With such pleadings. Judge Terry Wooten dismissed this action on July 21, 2010.
- (g) M. Gibbs, Esq., et al v James E. Lockemy, in their official capacity as Chief Judge Court of Appeals et al, (Appellate Case No. 2021-001282)  
 Eugene Gibbs is a disbarred attorney who was defending a foreclosure action for non-payment of a mortgage. I presided over the foreclosure hearing. His presentation was non-sensical with no basis in reality. He maintained that the T.V. star, Bill Cosby, The Nations Bank, myself along with other named defendants entered into a conspiracy related to the theft of fine art. The case was dismissed in 2021.
- (h) M. Gibbs v Bank of America, N.A.; Nationstar D/B/A Mr. Cooper, B. Gibbs; United States; Freddie MAC; Federal Housing Finance Agency; Judge Michael G. Nettles; Alan M. Wilson, SC AG; Chief Judge Wendy L. Hagenau; McGuire Woods, LLP; William "Toll" Cosby; Peter Stern, ESQ.; Michael Rosenfeld Art Gallery; Smithsonian Institution; NAACP; Al Sharpton; Black Caucus, U.S. House of Representatives; Rod Rosenstein [USA]; et al, 22-CV-00011 (RPK) (LB) (U.S. District Ct. N.Y. 2022)  
 He filed a Federal Lawsuit in the United States District Court of New York arising out of same allegations. District Court Judge Rachael P. Kovner dismissed the case stating that the lawsuit was repetitive, frivolous, and a vexatious lawsuit. The dismissal was issued May 10, 2022.

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.

Not Applicable

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. I have not requested any third party to contact members of the General Assembly. I have not actively campaigned for the position and have not spoken to any member of the General Assembly about my screening process.
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.*

See Attachment C

- (a) Henry Johnson, [Redacted]
- (b) James W. Cook, [Redacted]
- (c) K.G. Rusty Smith, Jr., [Redacted]
- (d) S.K. Brockington, Jr., [Redacted]
- (e) J. Michael Baxley, [Redacted]

56. Are you active on or a member of a social media or Internet site such as, Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, Instagram, etc.? No

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

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 have never been featured or depicted on a social media or internet site. I have never had accounts nor participated in Facebook, LinkedIn or Twitter.

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) My wife was employed with First Citizens Bank and they provided our family with a membership at The Florence County Club. Upon her death on August 26, 2014, my membership terminated.

- (b)
- (c)

58. Provide any other information that may reflect positively or negatively on your candidacy, or which you believe should be disclosed in connection with consideration of you for nomination for the position you seek. This information may include how your life experiences have affected or influenced the kind or type of judge you have been or plan to be.

I had a very active trial practice for nearly twenty years prior to taking the Bench. I handled civil, domestic and criminal matters. During my practice I have argued before the South Carolina Supreme Court, the South Carolina Court of Appeals and the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals. During my practice, I handled four death penalty cases that were tried to their conclusion, including the death penalty phase. None of my clients were executed. I handled several capitol cases that were resolved short of trial.

My home town of Lake City, South Carolina is a town with a population of about 7,000 people. It's primary industry is agriculture. It was a great place to grow up, live, and practice law. The population is diverse with people from all socio-economic stations in life.

Going to school, working and practicing law in Lake City has prepared me well for serving on the Bench.

During my years practicing law, I appeared before numerous judges. Judge Tommy Cooper (Manning) quite often presided in Florence, Clarendon and Williamsburg counties where the vast majority of my cases were handled. The way he conducts himself on the Bench is the standard to which I strive. He has the perfect judicial temperament, which is calm, kind, and courteous to litigants, lawyers and jurors.

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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Notary Signature)

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