



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

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

1. Name: Mr. John O. Williams II

Name that you are known by if different from above  
(Example: A Nickname):

Are you currently serving in some capacity as a judge? If part-time, please note.  
(Includes Municipal, Magistrate, Etc.)

Home Address: [Redacted]

County of Residence: Berkeley

Business Address: 1003 Highway 52, Post Office Box 6122  
Moncks Corner, SC 29461

E-Mail Address: [Redacted]

Telephone Number: (home): [Redacted]  
(office): 843-719-4010  
(cell): [Redacted]

2. Date of Birth: [Redacted] 1983  
Place of Birth: Charleston, SC  
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

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

DOM: July 2, 2011 to Melissa Hughes Williams, homemaker

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

(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.

(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 (2001-2006), Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering

(b) University of South Carolina (2006-2009), 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) Pro Bono Program, Member 2007-2009, Vice President 2008-2009

(b) Mock Trial Bar, Member 2007-2009, Justice of Administration 2008-2009

(c) Research Assistant to Professor Jacqueline Fox 2007-2009

(d) Law Clerk for South Carolina Legal Services 2008-2009

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 2009, 1 time

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) Law Clerk to the Honorable R. Markley Dennis, Jr. (August 2009 – March 2010)

- assisted with all matters including civil, criminal, jury, and non-jury

- exercised minimal administrative management, no financial management, and no trust account management

(b) Assistant Solicitor, Ninth Judicial Circuit (March 2010 – December 2011)

- tried several cases to verdict in General Sessions court

- prosecuted hundreds of pleas in General Sessions court

- administered all magistrate appeals to Circuit Court for the office

- exercised some administrative management over staff, no financial management, and no trust account management

(c) Attorney, Williams & Hulst, LLC (January 2012 – December 2014)

- represented clients in many practice areas including personal injury, real estate, construction, criminal, probate, and family court
  - managed most of the finances (billing and collections) associated with the revenue produced by my clients and some of the administration and finances of the rest of the firm; however, the firm did have an office manager to manage the day-to-day financial operations of the firm
  - all three attorneys in the firm were consulted and involved in all major administrative decisions including hiring, firing, and major financial decisions
  - utilized a common firm trust account that was predominantly managed by the office manager
- (d) Berkeley County Attorney (January 2015 – present) Deputy Supervisor (2021 – present)
- provide general counsel to the County in all civil matters including employment, contracts, real estate/property, class actions, county council, code enforcement, economic development and drug forfeitures
  - negotiate all economic development incentive agreements, including those with Volvo, Redwood Materials, Nucor, W International, and dozens of others
  - exercise all administrative management for the Legal department, Economic Development, and Berkeley County Water & Sanitation
  - partially responsible for a budget of over \$300,000,000.00 and directly responsible for a budget of \$600,000.00
- (e) Law Office of John O. Williams II, LLC (2020 – present)
- provide counsel to clients in personal injury, real estate, probate, and property development matters
  - exclusive control of all administrative, financial, and trust account management decisions

**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.  
N/A
- (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.

From August 2009 until March 2010, my experience involved matters in both General Sessions and Common Pleas. I assisted a Circuit Court Judge in trials involving the death penalty in General Sessions and dram shop liability involving a death in Common Pleas.

From March 2010 until December 2011, my practice was exclusively in General Sessions court as an Assistant Solicitor. I appeared in court approximately every other week on matters involving bond hearings, pleas, and trials, I tried several cases to verdict and prosecuted hundreds of guilty pleas. My trial work involved the prosecution of an armed robbery defendant over a three-day trial, another armed robbery defendant over a three-day trial, and an arson defendant over a three-day trial. My total caseload involved a variety of issues including changes of murder, attempted murder, armed robbery, assault and battery, arson, driving under the influence, and property crimes. I exclusively represented the State as the prosecuting authority in the Court of General Sessions during this time.

From January 2012 until December 2014, my practice was approximately half civil and half criminal. I represented clients in person injury, criminal defense, real estate transactions, construction defects, and probate matters. Additionally, I was the sole public defender for all magistrate level defendants for about two years. I represented clients in Common Pleas, General Sessions, Magistrate Court, Family Court, and Probate Court. I tried approximately five criminal cases to verdict during my tenure in private practice. My civil practice clients were usually plaintiffs, while my criminal practice clients were exclusively defendants.

From January 2015 until the present, my practice has been in governmental law. This area of law requires me to occasionally appear in the Court of Common Pleas, the Administrative Law Court, and Magistrate's Court. I represent Berkeley County in contract negotiations, employment matters, real estate negotiations, tax and fee appeals, economic development incentive agreements, zoning appeals, some drug forfeitures, and by providing advice and counsel to county council. My client is usually the defendant in these actions. I represented the County, along with co-counsel, in a class-action (Worley Investments, LLC et. al. v. Berkeley County, South Carolina, case number 2015-CP-08-1153) involving an allegation the County failed to timely expend fess collected as part of an impact fee program. This case ultimately settled after more than a year of litigation and several motion hearings, including a Motion for Temporary Injunction (to prevent the County from

expending any of the fees collected) and a Motion for Class Certification. I also represented the County in all negotiations involving the recruitment and incentive agreements with Volvo Cars and Redwood Materials, among many others. These negotiations involved issues of contract, real estate, and fee in lieu of tax authority. I almost always have tax appeals pending in the Administrative Law Court as well as various zoning appeals.

- (b) 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

- (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.

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: none

(b) state: (2015-present) about four times per year (2012-2014) about every other week

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: (2015-present) 100% (2012-2014) 15%

(b) criminal: (2010-2011) 100%. (2012-2014) 40%

(c) domestic: (2012-2014) 35%

(d) other: (2020-present) 15% (2012-2014) 10%

14. During the past five years

(a) What percentage of your practice was in trial court, including cases that settled prior to trial?

For the past 5 years it is 10%; however, from 2012-2014 it was 50%.

(b) What number of cases went to trial and resulted in a verdict?

For the past 5 years it is 5 or 6; however, from 2010-2014 it was about 20.

(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.

For the past 5 years it is 2.

(d) What number of your cases settled after a jury was selected but prior to opening statements?

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

50% as sole counsel, 50% as co-counsel to hired outside 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?

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) The trial of State v. Lovario Hampton in September 2010 was my first trial as a lawyer. The defendant was charged with armed robbery and the victim wanted to prosecute. This case for trial several months after I joined the Solicitor's office, so I had to work diligently to get ready for trial. This case taught me about how to prepare a case for trial.
- (b) The trial of State v. Elijah White in April 2011 involved another defendant charged with armed robbery, but involved an eye-witness that was extremely reluctant to testify. With the help of the office investigator, we were able to convince this witness that we needed her to testify. This case taught me about dealing with difficult witnesses.
- (c) The trial of State v. Henry Wade in September 2011 involved a defendant charged with arson and allegations of racial motivation. The defendant was represented by a good trial attorney, which forced me to perform at my highest level. This case was my first exposure to trying a case with sensitive topics in front of a diverse jury.
- (d) Bryant v. Bryant in 2013 was an emotionally intense Family Court trial. Negotiating witnesses, facts, and evidence in Family Court taught me about how people think and act during stressful events. Further, it taught me to better manage client expectations from the inception.
- (e) I tried a Magistrate's Court case in 2013 involving a convicted sex offender who had been charged with failing to register as a sex offender with the local sheriff's office. This was a very difficult case considering the allegations and the defendant's history; however, the evidence indicated that the defendant was innocent. This case reaffirmed for me what a lawyer is supposed to do – be a zealous advocate for their client. This client had little family and no friends, he had a terrible past, and the outlook on his future was bleak. Regardless of all the things that this client had done, he had not done what he was charged with. This case reminded me of two particular sections of the Lawyer's Oath, "to my clients, I pledge faithfulness, competence, diligence, good judgment and prompt communication" and "I will assist the defenseless or oppressed by ensuring that justice is available to all citizens and will not delay any person's cause for profit or malice; So help me God."

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) None.

- (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) None.
  - (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.
- 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.
- (a) N/A
  - (b)
  - (c)
  - (d)
  - (e)
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 of South Carolina, 2009
  - (b) United States District Court, District of South Carolina 2012
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) South Carolina Association of County Attorneys Annual CLE, August 5, 2018
    - Local Government Litigation Update: Impact Fee Litigation and Opioid Litigation and FOIA. This CLE provided a general update of all recent litigation affecting local government and focused specifically on litigation involving count impact fees and the financial impact of opioids.
  - (b) NBI CLE, February 28, 2017
    - Legal Issues Affecting Local Government and Municipalities. I presented on four main topics, (i) Constitutionally Permissible Prayer and Invocation and Legislative/Governmental Meetings Based on Recent Decisions of the Fourth Circuit and at the United States Supreme Court, (ii) Recent Changes/Cases to South

- Carolina's FOIA Laws (iii) Economic Development, Development Agreements, and Bond Referendums, and (iv) Police Liability Issues.
- (c) Charleston Area Accountant Organization, May 11, 2016  
 - FOIA Update along with Dos and Don'ts when it comes to FOIA requests.
- (d) South Carolina BAR Convention, January 22, 2016  
 - Government Law Section Seminar. I presented on economic development negotiations and specifically the Volvo Cars incentive agreements and negotiations.
22. Provide, as a separate attachment, your continuing legal or judicial education report from the past five years.  
 Attached.
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.  
 N/A
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) Ninth Circuit Public Defender Panel, Representative 2014-2018  
 (b) South Carolina Bar Leadership Academy, Class of 2017  
 (c) Government Law Section of S.C. Bar, Council Member 2017-2019  
 (d) Berkeley County Bar Association, Member 2009-present
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.  
 No.
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.  
I was found qualified but not nominated in a 2018 judicial election for a circuit court position in the Ninth Judicial Circuit.
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 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.**

A complete, current financial net worth statement was provided to the Commission.

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?

I have not expended any funds in furtherance of my candidacy for this position.

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.

N/A

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;
  - (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.

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.

None.

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.  
N/A
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.

Offense: Open Container & Littering, 2002

- My friend was driving and I was a passenger in a car when an officer pulled my friend over for speeding and I threw a beer can out of the passenger window of the vehicle. The officer cited me for an open container of alcohol and littering. I entered a guilty plea in court.

Offense: Destruction of Property, 2006

- Two friends and I were riding all-terrain vehicles in a National Forest. Another friend had shown us the area and described it as a good place to ride. Unbeknownst to us, all-terrain vehicles had recently become forbidden in the area. A Federal Fish & Wildlife officer stopped us as we were loading the all-terrain vehicles. He cited us for destruction of property, and I paid my fine without appearing in court.

Offense: Open Container, 2006

- As my friends and I were leaving a bar, I still had a beer in my hand that I had been drinking. When I walked outside, an officer asked me to dispose of the beer and cited me for having an open container in a public place. I entered a guilty plea and paid a fine.

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.  
No.
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.  
When I was in private practice, I did maintain malpractice insurance but as a government employee I no longer obtain this coverage, personally.
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. None.

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) Randolph Lowell, [Redacted]

(b) Scarlett Wilson, [Redacted]

(c) Ashley Pennington, [Redacted]

(d) Stafford J. McQuillin III, [Redacted]

(e) J. Raleigh West, [Redacted]

56. Are you active on or a member of a social media or Internet site such as, Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, Instagram, etc.?

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?

Yes. [Redacted] (Facebook) [Redacted] (Twitter). I typically only post family pictures for extended family members to view. If I were serving in a judicial capacity, my use of social media would be restricted almost exclusively to family related information. I certainly would not post confidential information obtained in the course of any judicial capacity.

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) Moncks Corner Lions Club, Immediate Past President

(b) First Presbyterian Church of Moncks Corner, Past Clerk of Session, Past Elder, Past Deacon

(c) Berkeley County Foundation for Education, Secretary and Board Member

(d) Lord Berkeley Conservation Trust, Vice President of the Board

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 grew up in a small town where both my parents worked, my mother was a teacher and my father held various jobs at a power company. I have had a job since I was old enough to work. From being a groundskeeper at the local golf course to packing lunches for a food service program, I always worked and was always expected to work. After receiving an engineering degree from Clemson, I felt called to something different. In law school, the Mock Trial program is what I enjoyed most. Being in the courtroom helping people is where I felt I belonged. The last eight and a half years as Berkeley County Attorney have only solidified that belief. While providing me a wide breadth of experience in areas of the law I would not otherwise have been exposed to, the minimal opportunities to litigate have been somewhat stifling. The prospect of getting back in the courtroom and filling a vital role in ensuring that justice and fairness are administered in our judicial system is exciting.

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: \_\_\_\_\_