



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

Court, Position, and Seat # for which you are applying: Ninth Circuit Judicial Seat 4

1. Name: Mr. Itriss J. Jenkins

Are you currently serving in some capacity as a judge? Magistrate

Home Address: [Redacted]

County of Residence: Charleston

Business Address: 652 Rutledge Ave. Suite A  
Charleston SC 29403

E-Mail Address: [Redacted]

Telephone Number: (home): [Redacted]  
(office): (843) 203-0193  
(cell): [Redacted]

2. Date of Birth: [Redacted] 1972  
Place of Birth: Bronx NY  
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#: scdl# [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: In the space below, (a) state whether you are single, married, widowed, divorced, or separated; (b) if married, state the date of your marriage and your spouse's full name; (c) 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; and (d) state the names of your children and their ages. If your children are old enough to work, include the occupation of each child.

- (a) Married
- (b) June 28<sup>th</sup> 2008 to Loquita Sucaria Bryant Jenkins (Grand Jury Coordinator US Attorney's Office Charleston Office)
- (c) Not Widowed
- (d) Never divorced, two daughters.
- (e) [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) Francis Marion University 1991-1993 did not complete transferred to North Carolina A&T State University
- (b) North Carolina A&T State University, 1993-1996 BA Political Science
- (c) Clark Atlanta University 1996-2002, Master's in Political Science
- (d) Texas Southern University, 2004-2007 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) Member of the Honor Court Oversight Committee 2006-2007
- (b) Texas Southern University Legal Clinic. 2005-2007

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.

South Carolina 2007, I took the bar exam once

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 has 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) Charleston County North Area 2  
Magistrates Judge (5/2015-Present)

- Presides over cases involving civil matters under \$7,500.00, landlord- tenant issues, traffic tickets and claim and delivery disputes,
- Served as Judge in Domestic Violence Court,
- Sets bonds for individuals accused of a misdemeanor and felony crimes in Charleston County,
- Preside over preliminary hearings which establish probable cause for criminal cases,
- Serve as presiding judge in Transfer Court,
- Review and Issue warrants, based on the standard of the 4th amendment of the Constitution,

(b) Law Office of Ittriss J. Jenkins LLC Charleston, S.C.

Managing Attorney (11/07-Present)

- Practicing Attorney, in the areas of Estate Planning, Probate Administration and Elder law,
- Serve as Special Administrator in probate cases,
- Prepare wills, trusts, power of attorneys, and other estate planning documents,
- Provide counsel relating to incapacity and asset protection planning,
- Serves as an attorney appointed by the State to represent committed patients under the mental health system
- Serve as Attorney- Guardian-at-litem in the Charleston County Probate Court,
- Represents criminal clients in Federal, Circuit, Magistrate and Municipal Courts,
- Certified Equal Employment Opportunity Investigator,
- Presenter for continuing legal education courses in the area of trusts and HIPPA regulations
- Responsible for day-to-day operations of the office.

**Justices/judges applying for re-election to their current position may omit Questions 11–17. If you are a 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 am not applying for family Court.

- (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, 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.

After I was appointed as a Magistrate Judge in Charleston, I was forced to terminate my representation in Circuit Court in Charleston. I did represent a defendant in Berkeley County whom was accused of operating an illegal repair shop and another individual whom had drug charges and flee from the police.

Prior to becoming a Magistrate, I represented criminal clients charged with a wide variety of charges ranging from trafficking to attempted murder.

In the Common Pleas Court, I represented Plaintiffs and Defendants. I have a lot of clients who own small businesses, so I have appeared in Circuit Court representing the Plaintiff and Defendant on different cases. In October 31<sup>st</sup> 2022, I won a jury trial in Allendale Court of Common Pleas. I represented the Plaintiff in that case on the issue was fraud.

As a Magistrate Judge, I have had the pleasure of hearing small claims actions where the amount in question is less than \$7500.00. Although the rules are slightly different when it comes to default hearings, most of the other rules are identical to Circuit Court.

- (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.

I am not applying for Master-In- Equity.

- (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.

I am not applying for Master- In- Equity

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: quarterly  
(b) state: every six months
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: 10%
- (b) criminal: 30%
- (c) domestic: 1%
- (d) other: 59% probate

14. What percentage of your practice in trial court during the past five years or in the five years prior to your election to the bench involved matters that went to a jury, including those that settled prior to trial?

- (a) jury: 10%
- (b) non-jury: 90%

Did you most often serve as sole counsel, chief counsel, or associate counsel in these matters? Sole Counsel

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) Riley vs. Riley. 2020-CP-03-0176 ( involved fraud and statute of limitations)
- (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) Riley vs. Riley 2023-001281
- (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. (Amended)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. Yes

Magistrate Judge, Charleston County April 2015-present

- Appointed
- This Court has jurisdiction in Charleston County

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) 2018CV1010500915- Clemons vs. Washington
  - (b) 2017CV1010500447 – Valentine vs. Denham
  - (c) 2016CV1010500760- Extended Stay vs Allen
  - (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) South Carolina Bar November 13<sup>th</sup> 2007
  - (b) South Carolina District Court September 16<sup>th</sup> 2008
  - (c) United States Court of Appeals March 15<sup>th</sup> 2016
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.
- Yes: Contracts July 17 Orientation School for Magistrates and Municipal Judges- I described the basics of contract law.
22. Provide, as a separate attachment, your continuing legal or judicial education report from the past five years.
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.
- (a) The National Black Attorney Top 100 2016-present
  - (b) Premier Lawyers in America 2019

- (c) American Institute of Legal Counsel 2018-2019
- (d) American Association of attorney advocates 2021
- (e) American Jurist Institute 2019

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
  - (b) Charleston County Bar
  - (c) South Carolina Summary Court Judges Association
  - (b) Better Business Bureau A+ rating
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. NA
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.
- Law Office of Itriss J. Jenkins LLC
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.

Trident Technical College

Adjunct Professor (3/11/2015-5/16/2015)

- Professor of an American Government 201 Course,
- Lectured on numerous governmental theories as they relate to the Constitution,
- Reviewed and discuss pertinent Supreme Court cases as they apply to government formation and individual rights,
- Explored a theoretical and practical approach to the role of government in our lives,
- Proficient in the D2L system,
- Graded assignments and material submitted by the students.

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.
- Yes, I am the owner of the Law Office of Itriss J. Jenkins LLC from 11-13-2007 until present.

This business offers legal services and counseling in the areas of Probate and Federal Criminal cases.

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.**

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. 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
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. 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 that adjoins property in which there have been public improvements of \$200; 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; None
- (b) nature and value of any public improvements; and None
- (c) South Carolina state or local public agency which purchased or is leasing or renting such property. None

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. NA
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. No brokerage accounts
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 which are 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. 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.  
I have malpratctice 250,000.00/500,000.00. I have had malpractice insurance for the last 12 years
49. Have you ever, in South Carolina or any other jurisdiction, as a lawyer, judge, or other professional, been 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 sanction, discipline, or finding of misconduct of any kind.

[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

**Note: The flash drive with your application materials contains (1) Section 2-19-70(c); (2) JMSC Rule 24, and (3) informal opinions and letters concerning pledging prohibitions, with which third parties acting on your behalf, as well as you, must comply.**

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 packet.*
- (a) Kelvin Huger
  - (b) Thad Doughty
  - (c) Robert Whalen
  - (d) Honorable Richardine Singleton-Brown
  - (e) Brian Turner
56. Are you active on or a member of a social media or Internet site or have you, to your knowledge, been featured or depicted on a social media or Internet site, such as, Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, etc.? If so, 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 a Facebook page but never use it. It was an information tool for my class reunion.
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, any professional honors, awards, or other forms of recognition received and not listed elsewhere.
- (a) Historic Rotary Club of Charleston
  - (b) North Central Neighborhood Association Member
  - (c) One-80 Place Board member
  - (d) Preservation Society of Charleston, Board Member
  - (e) Children's Museum Charleston Board of Member
  - (f) Carolina Voyager Charter School Inc. Board Member
  - (g) Royal Foundation, Vice-Chair
  - (h) City of Charleston Short-term rental task force
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 am a Deacon at the Royal Baptist Church. I take this role seriously. I feel it is important to show the love of Jesus Christ in my interaction with others. In showing love I will always be patient and kind to the people who appear in Court.

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: \_\_\_\_\_