



**JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION
PERSONAL DATA QUESTIONNAIRE
FOR RETIRED JUDGES/JUSTICES**

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

1. Name: The Honorable Brooks P. Goldsmith, Circuit Judge, Active/Retired

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

Home Address: [REDACTED]

Business Address: 7731 Chaplin Garden Ln. Edisto Island , S.C. 29438

E-Mail Address: [REDACTED]

Telephone Number: (home): [REDACTED]
(office): 843-631-0413
(cell): [REDACTED]

2. Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 1942
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]

5. Family Status:
(a) Are you single, married, widowed, divorced, or separated?

Married

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

Married to Laura Porter Goldsmith , December 29, 1987.

(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.

Divorced December 22, 1983 in The Family Court of Lancaster County, South Carolina on the grounds of Separation For More Than One Year. I was the moving party.

- (d) State the names of your children and their ages. If your children are old enough to work, include the occupation of each child.



6. List your positions of employment on and/or appointment to the bench chronologically. You are not required to list dates of employment or appointment prior to your last screening.

I was last appointed as a Circuit Judge, Active/Retired, February 3, 2016.

7. Have you practiced law or served as a mediator or arbitrator since your retirement from the judiciary? If so, please describe.

I have never served as a mediator and only once as an arbitrator, a “nursing home” case in which I am currently one of three arbitrators.

8. Provide, as a separate attachment, your continuing legal or judicial education report from the past five years.

9. 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.

I am not.

10. 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 is provided with this questionnaire and you must use this format for submission of your financial statement).

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

Note: The Commission may require written confirmation that financial obligations have been satisfied or that the parties have agreed upon a payment schedule.

11. Since your last screening, has a tax lien or other collection procedure been instituted against you by federal, state, or local authorities? Since your last screening, have you defaulted on a

student loan? Since your last screening, have you filed for bankruptcy? If so, give details.

The answer is no to each of these questions.

12. For the last fully completed calendar year, itemize the income, expenses, fees, payments, or additional benefits exceeding \$500, in the aggregate, received by you or a member of your immediate family from South Carolina state and local entities. List the type, source, and amount or value of the benefit. Be sure to list any expense reimbursement you received separately from your income.

South Carolina Retirement System \$100,785.

State of South Carolina \$44,417 (includes wages and travel expenses)

13. Describe your personal policy for the acceptance of food, meals, beverages, lodging, transportation, entertainment, social hospitality, or other things of value from an attorney, a group of attorneys, or from other individuals.

Such things should be accepted only if provided by a group of attorneys or provided to a group of judges such as is done by the S.C. Bar, South Carolina Defense Trial Attorneys or the South Carolina Association for Justice.

14. 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.

I have not.

15. 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;
- (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.

16. 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

17. Since your last screening, have you 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 for which a fine of \$125 or less was imposed.

I had a traffic ticket several years ago in the City of Walterboro for Improper Passing and I believe I paid a fine of \$175.00

18. Since your last screening, have you, to your knowledge, been under federal, state, or local investigation for possible violation of a criminal statute? If yes, explain.

No

19. Since your last screening, have you been sued, either personally or professionally? If so, give details.

No

20. Since your last screening, have you, as a lawyer, judge, or other professional, in South Carolina or any other jurisdiction, been sanctioned for lawyer, judicial, or other professional misconduct or been found to have committed such misconduct? If so, give the details and describe any final disposition.

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

21. Since your last screening, have you been criticized, whether informally or in a matter taken to a disciplinary authority, for the manner in which you treated litigants or attorneys before you on the bench? If so, give the details and the reasons why you believe you were the target of such criticism.

No

22. 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 am a member of Facebook but have provided no personal information on that site and have never posted anything on the site. I did this to follow family members. I am not a “friend” of any attorneys or judges. Under these circumstances I don’t believe my judicial duties could be affected by this site.

23. Provide any other information which 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.

I am unaware of any information which would reflect negatively on my candidacy. I believe my years of experience would be a positive.

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 _____, 2019.

(Notary Signature)

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