



JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of: The Honorable Tarita Dunbar
Candidate for the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit

**WITNESS AFFIDAVIT
FORM**

I will appear to testify concerning the qualifications of the above-named candidate and will produce all documents in my possession, if any, which will further develop or corroborate my testimony.

I understand that this written statement and all supporting documentation, if any, must be completed and returned to the Judicial Merit Selection Commission by the deadline for complaints in order for the Commission to hear my testimony, and that the deadline for complaints is **12:00 Noon, Monday, November 4, 2019**. I understand I must be available to testify at the Public Hearing.

In regard to my intended testimony, I will offer information as to the following:

- (1) Set forth your full name, age, address, and both home and work telephone numbers.

Lindsay Alison Sellers
36 Years old (10/10/1983)
1348 Woodtrace Lane
Auburn, GA 30011
Cell Phone (678) 236-5632
Email Address : USCLinds@yahoo.com

- (2) Set forth the names, addresses, and telephone numbers (if known) of other persons who have knowledge of the facts concerning your testimony.

Karen Sykes
Phone #: (803) 626-5855

Mike Sellers (Deceased 6-10-2019)

(3) State the nature of your testimony regarding the qualifications of the above-named judicial candidate, including:

(a) specific facts relating to the candidate's character, competency, or ethics, including any and all allegations of wrongdoing or misconduct on the part of the candidate;

My observations of Honorable Tarita Dunbar's performance revealed many violations of the SC Code of Laws and Court Orders through her actions and conduct.

I feel Honorable Tarita Dunbar violated the following South Carolina Judicial Canons 2, 3, & 4:

She placed her own personal bias on the record at a minimum of 2 times.

- When addressing a contested issue over the ADHD diagnosis of my son, Brantley Nicholls, Judge Dunbar stated on the record that she did not believe in ADHD, because her son's pediatrician attempted to say he had ADHD. She then stated on the record the cure for ADHD was to "run outside".

- o I am providing documentation to show this commission the results from her decision. Her personal bias caused my son to struggle academically resulting in him being retained in the first grade. He is currently still receiving intensive remedial assistance in the second grade. Since the outcome of this trial he has been diagnosed again and is currently on medication.

- When I raised the concern that the children's father, Doug Nicholls, was content with allowing my 2 children to routinely sleep on the floor of his apartment without providing them a bedroom or beds; Judge Dunbar stated that was a non-issue because she felt the children would be fine sleeping on the floor, because her children slept together in a full-sized bed for over a year while her home was renovated.

- o As their Mother I did not feel that was respectful nor appropriate for a judicial member to share that on the record. Her personal experience obviously was temporary and this situation that was raised before the court was permanent. I provided the children with separate bedrooms and bathrooms in a home.

- Hon. Dunbar erred and violated Canon 3 (B) 2

when she failed to make sound decisions during the hearing and routinely excused herself during the 3 days to communicate with Honorable Kinlaw.

Please see Exhibits

- (Brief of Appellant 2015-DR-23-3639)

Appellate Case No. 2017-001108

-Exhibit B – Interim Order prepared by Hon. Tarita Dunbar (Sent personal by Hon. Tarita Dunbar via email not signed or clocked)

- My Motion to Reconsider, Alter or Amend.

-Judge Dunbar's Motion to Interim Order Pending Issuance of Final Order

-Documentation of son, Brantley Nicholls diagnosis of ADIID and academic struggles.

-Amended Order on March 7, 2017.

(b) specific dates, places, and times at which or during which such allegations took place;

December 13,14 & 15th (Greenville County Family Court)

March 7th, 2017 (Greenville Country Family Court Chambers)

(c) names of any persons present during such alleged actions or possessing evidence of such alleged actions; and

Karen Sykes – Witness in the case.

Mike Sellers – Witness in the case.
(Mike Sellers passed away 6-10-19)

- (d) how this information relates to the qualifications of the judicial candidate.

Please reference the attached the exhibits and the extracted and referenced errs
Honorable Tarita Dunbar.

- (4) Set forth a list of and provide a copy of any and all documents to be produced at the hearing which relate to your testimony regarding the qualifications of the judicial candidate.

- Final Order written by Honorable Tarita Dunbar
- Motion of reconsideration written by Lindsay Sellers
- Amended Order -- prepared by Wes Meetze
- Initial Appellate Brief. – Brett Stevens
- Academic documentation
- Interim Order written by Honorable Tarita Dunbar

- (5) State any other facts you feel are pertinent to the screening of this judicial candidate.

I would like for the commission members reviewing this factual information to know and understand that I am not a scorned mother or litigant. I am a hardworking Mother who has never been an absent or irresponsible parent. I have been a very proactive and responsible parent that unfortunately has felt and lived the results of an order that should have never been drafted by Honorable Tarita Dunbar. I have been a parent that has sought every opportunity to seek changes within this state to insure future children, parents, and families never go before

her again. I am pleading that each of you assist in making sure that the Honorable Tarita Dunbar never has the ability to negatively impact children, families, or this State ever again. I am entrusting that you will actively exercise your due diligence and seek a candidate that will responsibly, ethically, and morally uphold their fiduciary obligations to the State of South Carolina daily.

I am praying that each of you take a moment to reflect on our Family Court System in South Carolina and initiate a stance today that will provide protection from these type of erroneous rulings and allow for consistency within our skewed system. I, myself, along with many other families that unfortunately have to utilize the Family Court System want to believe in a fair process. We all know any circumstance before these Judicial experts are not easy, but we do expect and demand that they are fair and to date Honorable Dunbar has failed my children, myself, and the State of South Carolina.

Thank you.

I understand that the information I have provided herein is confidential and is not to be disclosed to anyone except the Judicial Merit Selection Commission, the candidate, and counsel.

WAIVER

I further understand that my testimony before the Judicial Merit Selection Commission may require the disclosure of information that would otherwise be protected by the attorney-client privilege. Therefore, in order that my complaint may be fully investigated by the Commission,

I hereby waive any right that I may have to raise the attorney-client privilege as that privilege may relate to the subject of my complaint. I further understand that by waiving the attorney-client privilege for this matter, I am authorizing the Commission to question other parties, including my attorney, concerning the facts and issues of my case.

J. Sellers

Signature

Sworn to me this 1st day of November, 2019

Dennis B. Akers L.S.
Notary Public of South Carolina

My commission expires: 7/13/2021

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