

JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION
PERSONAL DATA QUESTIONNAIRE



Court, Position, and Seat # for which you are applying:
Family Court, Ninth Judicial District, Seat 5

1. Name: Kathleen Moraska Ferri

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.) No

Home Address: [REDACTED]

Business Address: PO Box 31776
Charleston, SC 29417

E-Mail Address: [REDACTED]

Telephone Number: (home): [REDACTED]
(office): 843-557-9775
(cell): [REDACTED]

2. Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 1963
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#: 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.
I have never served in the military.

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 and occupation; (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.

Family Status: Married on August 19, 2000 to Michael John Ferri.
Never divorced, two children.



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) Furman University - attended September 1981 to May 1985, graduated with BA in Psychology.
 - (b) The Citadel Graduate School - attended Fall 1986, took Master's level education classes towards SC Teaching Certificate.
 - (c) Charleston Southern University - attended 1987-1989, took Master's level classes and obtained SC Teaching Certificate in Secondary Social Studies and Psychology in Spring 1989.
 - (d) Regent University School of Law, Virginia - attended September 1990 to May 1993, graduated with Juris Doctor degree.

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) Dean's Scholarship and AmJur Award for ADR.
 - (b) Worked as a law library student assistant 1990-91
 - (c) Employed as a private tutor to other law school students 1991-92
 - (d) Worked as law clerk to attorney Frank Carrington at National Crime Victim's Center; Assisted in creating database for Coalition of Victim's Attorneys and Counselors, edited manual written for the DOJ and National Victim Center 1991-92.
 - (e) Summer Law Clerk, 9th Circuit Solicitor's Office 1992 – assisted staff prosecutors with trial preparation for search and seizure, asset forfeiture and post-conviction relief cases.
 - (f) Westlaw Student Representative 1992-93 Trained both law students and faculty in computer assisted legal research.

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) Admitted to the SC Bar in November 1993.
 - (b) I took the SC Bar Exam once in July 1993.

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) Kathleen J. Moraska, Attorney at Law. From 1994-96, I was a solo practitioner with an emphasis on Family Court matters. I handled both uncontested and fault-based divorces on the grounds of physical cruelty, habitual drunkenness and drug abuse, adultery and year's separation. I also represented men and women in custody actions, prosecuting and defending cases involving a change of circumstances, relocation, child support, paternity, and visitation. I represented both adoptive parents and birth parents in adoptions, defended individuals charged with abuse and neglect by the Department of Social Services, and represented both Petitioners and defendants at hearings for Order of Protection from Domestic Abuse. I handled all aspects of representation from initial consultation to preparation of pleadings, motion hearings, depositions, discovery, trial and post-trial matters, and Rules to Show Cause. I also attended bond hearings for criminal matters and drafted wills and probated estates. As a solo practitioner, I was responsible for maintaining my firm's operating and trust accounts, and handled or oversaw all aspects of my law practice including billing, office management, time schedules, word processing, marketing, advertising and client contact.

(b) Vincent & Bostic, LLP then Vincent Law Firm, LLC. From 1996 to 2008, I was an associate attorney with these firms in Charleston. I again enjoyed a general practice of law with a Family Court emphasis, including representation of both men and women in motions and trials of divorce on all fault grounds and one year's separation, motions for separate maintenance, division of marital property, determination of pre-marital and non-marital property, division of family businesses, custody, child support, including matters involving domestication of Foreign Orders for Support, alimony, visitation, adoption (representing both adoptive parents and birth parents, and involving the Interstate Compact on Adoption of Children), abuse and neglect of minor children, domestic abuse, serving as a guardian ad litem in contested custody cases and in DSS abuse and neglect cases, post-trial matters involving prosecuting and defending Rules to Show Cause, motions for obtaining children custody of children from other jurisdictions, and multi-state custody litigation involving proof of residency. I worked with many child advocates such as therapists, counselors, pastors, Lowcountry Children's Center staff, psychologists, pediatricians, custody evaluators, teachers, victim advocates, DSS and DJJ case workers, and guardians ad litem. I handled all aspects of representation from initial consultation, preparation of pleadings, responsive pleadings, motions, depositions, discovery, trial and post-trial matters including appellate work, arguing before the SC Court of Appeals and SC Supreme Court. I also tried cases in Probate Court and Magistrate Court, and argued motion hearings in General Sessions Court. As an associate attorney, I did not handle any administrative aspects of the firm, nor did I oversee a firm trust account during this time.

(c) Certified Family Court Mediator - 1998 to present. I became a certified Family Court Mediator in 1998 and enjoyed a successful and busy family court mediation practice, mediating cases for divorce, custody, change of custody, child support, reduction of child support and alimony, custodial arrangements involving new spouses, relocation of a custodial parent, change of custody involving grandparents and the death of a custodial

parent, child support, and support for special needs children beyond adulthood. My settlement rate is 93%, and I have mediated well over 250 cases.

(d) Attorney to Assist the Office of Disciplinary Counsel. From 2002-16, I served the Bar in this pro bono position, which required me to conduct field investigations of attorneys who had formal complaints filed against them with the SC Bar. After interviewing complainants, attorneys and witnesses, I prepared confidential reports for the Office of Disciplinary Counsel, and offered recommendations of how the matter should be dealt with by the Bar.

(e) Kathleen Moraska Ferri, LLC From 2008 to the present, I have again been a solo practitioner. My Family Court caseload has included all of the types of work previously stated, guardian ad litem work for custody and adoption cases, and mediation of all types of divorce, equitable distribution, support, custody and alimony matters. I expanded my practice to include representing a major credit union in Common Pleas Court with claim and delivery and debt collection actions and supplemental proceedings before the Master in Equity. My probate court caseload includes probating estates, drafting wills and end of life documents, representing individuals before the Therapeutic Determination and Mental Health Court, actions for determination of competency, petitions for appointment of guardianship and conservatorship, as well as actions for the determination of heirs, and quiet title actions before the Master in Equity. As a solo practitioner, I am responsible for all aspects of my firm, including maintaining my firm's operating and trust accounts, billing, and managing conflicts checks and calendar.

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.

For 26 years, my practice has always had a strong Family Court emphasis. I have represented husbands, wives, parents, grandparents, adoptive parents, birth parents, psychological parents, foster parents and children of all ages in many types of matters before the Family Court. I have litigated many divorces and cases for division of property including determination of marital property, transmuted property, common law marriage, paternity, custody of infants, school aged children, special needs children, special needs adult children, both private and DSS adoptions,

TPR, representation of birth parents, adoptive parents, infants and minors involved in adoptions, representing defendants of all types in DSS abuse and neglect matters, including a 12 day trial of a multi-spouse family charged by DSS. I have represented a few teens with diversion pleas who were involved with the Department of Juvenile Justice, however this is the area of family law with which I have the least experience. However my years as a middle school teacher, 13 years of working with the youth of my church, general knowledge of Family Court procedure, knowledge of the South Carolina Children's Code and the Juvenile Justice Code, as well as strong connection to professionals involved in the mental health community has prepared me to preside over these matters as a Family Court Judge. Within the past 5 years, my frequency of appearance before a Family Court Judge has been less than in prior years since my practice has focused on assisting parties in resolving their cases via mediation. Also, I have appeared with more regularity before the Common Pleas Court and the Probate Court recently due to the expansion of my practice to include these matters.

- (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.

N/A

- (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.

N/A

- (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. 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: Frequent, including appearances in the Family Court, Probate Court, both TDD and Estate Division, Master in Equity and Common Pleas Court
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: 50%
 - (b) criminal: 0%
 - (c) domestic: 35%
 - (d) other: Probate 15%
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: 0%
 - (b) non-jury: 100%

During the past five years, did you most often serve as sole counsel, chief counsel, or associate counsel? In the past five years, I have most often served as 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) James vs. James, 99-UP-642 (South Carolina Court of Appeals filed December 15, 1999) was a contested custody case involving a trial handled by another attorney. The parents were both active duty service members. I represented the father on appeal, and argued before the Court of Appeals. Prior to the appeal being heard, I filed a Writ of Supersedeas for Visitation, which was granted. After a reversal of the trial court, the mother refused to give custody of the child to the father, so I filed a Writ of Habeas Corpus, which was enforced in the State of New York. The mother filed a Petition for Certiorari, which was granted. The Supreme Court also heard oral argument, upheld the decision of the Court of Appeals and my client received custody of the child.
 - (b) Charleston County DSS vs. Cutler, et. al. I was appointed to represent the father of 5 children who, along with his 2 common law wives, was sued in 3 separate DSS actions. The matter started with children being taken into emergency protective custody due to the diet that the children were being fed, however when several subsequent children were born to the mothers, they were taken from the family too. DSS moved for TPR despite efforts by the family to prove rehabilitation and efforts at reunification therapy. The cases leading up to the trial involved 15 separate hearings. The three cases were consolidated and the TPR matter was tried for 12 days. The TPR was denied and the parents were eventually reunited with their children. Unreported case

- (c) Strickland vs. Strickland was a contested post-divorce custody case wherein I was the guardian ad litem, representing 11 year old twins. There was an ongoing DSS case as well as a criminal case pending against one of the parents. I interviewed 33 witnesses including police officers, teachers, principals, guidance counselors, lawyers, therapists, visitation supervisors, family members, prior guardians, the litigants and minor children in order to represent the minor children at trial and to assist the court in making a custody determination and visitation schedule. Unreported case.
- (d) Jackson vs. Jackson was a child custody case that involved the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction Act and the home state of minor children. I represented a father who lived in North Carolina. The mother was a resident of Dorchester County. The mother removed the children from North Carolina and brought an action in Dorchester County while the matter was on appeal in North Carolina. I was able to get the matter stayed in SC until the NC appeal was ended. Discovery involved witnesses in both North and South Carolina. Eventually another trial lasting 3 days was held in Dorchester County and father was awarded custody of the children. Unreported case.
- (e) Duffy vs. Jenkins, et. al. was an heirs property case that required me to probate 5 intestate estates, then a trial in the Master in Equity court for the determination of heirs. The matter took nearly 4 years to resolve, and involved locating Defendants spanning 4 generations in SC, NY, GA, FL and MS, infant heirs, a guardian ad litem, and a mortgage company. Unreported case.
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) James vs. James, Appeal from Charleston County Family Court; Opinion No. 99-UP-642
- (b) Cornwell vs. Cornwell, Appeal from Charleston County Family Court; Case was settled prior to a decision being reported.
- (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.

I have never held a judicial office.

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)
 - (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) South Carolina, 1993;
 - (b) US District Court for the District of SC, 1995;
 - (c) US Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, 1995.
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 taught Family Law to paralegals for the American Institute of Paralegal Studies at the College of Charleston in 1995.
 - (b) I served the SC Bar Young Lawyers Division on the Law School for Non-Lawyers Steering Committee.
 - (c) I have presented numerous seminars for the general public, women's groups, senior citizens, parent groups, pastors and youth ministers on the topics of Family Law in South Carolina, Estate Planning for Seniors, Your Teen and the Law, and the Responsibilities of Mandated Reporters.
 - (d) I co-hosted a weekly 30 minute live-on air radio show called "Legally Speaking" from 1997-2000.
 - (e) I have spoken about a career in law at Career Day programs for various public elementary schools.
 - (f) I was a presenter for a local DivorceCare group, and at the Charleston School of Law Family Law Society.
22. Provide, as a separate attachment, your continuing legal or judicial education report from the past five years. See 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.) See attached.

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) I am listed in the Association of American Trial Lawyers Top 100 Debt Collection Attorneys.

(b) I am listed in the National Association of Family Law Attorneys Top 10.

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) SC Bar Association

(b) Charleston County 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.

I have never held a public office.

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. 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.

(a) Middle School Teacher 1986-1990 (Prior to attending law school). Northwood Christian School, North Charleston, SC.

(b) Development Assistant 2014-19 Part-time admissions and marketing assistant for Blessed Sacrament Catholic School, Charleston, SC where my daughter attends school.

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.

My law practice is the only business that I currently manage.

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.

I have never worked as a lobbyist.

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.)

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.

34. Has a tax lien or other collection procedure ever been instituted against you by federal, state, or local authorities? No.
Have you ever defaulted on a student loan? No.
Have you ever filed for bankruptcy? No. If so, give details.

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? \$5.00 cash for fingerprints paid to the Charleston County Sheriff's Office on July 3, 2019.
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. None.
Explain how you would resolve any potential conflict of interest.
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; None or
 - (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; None and
 - (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.
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 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? No. If yes, explain.

47. Have you ever been sued by a client? No.
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?

I am currently covered by malpractice insurance and have maintained malpractice insurance since 1994, when I began practicing law. 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 currently carry professional liability insurance of \$1,000,000/\$1,000,000, with a \$5,000 deductible.

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? No.
If so, give the details and the resolution. Has your name ever been enrolled on the Central Registry of Child Abuse and Neglect? No.
If so, give the details.

Note: The flash drive with your application materials contains (1) Section 2-19-70(c); (2) JMSC Rule 24, (3) Memo of Guidance, and (4) 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? No.
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? No.
If so, give details.
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? No.
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. 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? No.
If so, give details.
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) Thad H. Vincent, Esquire

[REDACTED]

(b) Cindy M. Floyd, Esquire

[REDACTED]

(c) Mavis Gyamfi Huger, Esquire

[REDACTED]

(d) E. Warren Moise, Esquire

[REDACTED]

(e) Deborah K. Lewis, Esquire

[REDACTED]

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.? I have both a personal and a firm Facebook account. I also have a LinkedIn account. 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 would close my social media accounts.

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) Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church Stewardship Committee

(b) Blessed Sacrament Catholic School Advisory Council, Secretary

(c) Children's Liturgy and Vacation Bible School Director

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 have always loved working with children, and throughout my career, both prior to becoming an attorney and while working as an attorney, I have sought to serve children in my community. Through my work as a middle school teacher, my work as a youth mentor through my church and through my involvement with my children's schools, I have maintained a strong connection with children, pre-teens and teenagers. Through my work with parents of school age children, I have been able to observe many different types of parenting styles and types of families that range from traditional, single parent, adoptive, foster, blended, gay, and multigenerational. I have also had a unique role with those suffering with mental illness. I served for several years as the legal guardian for an incapacitated, mentally ill adult, and saw first-hand the challenges that mental illness brought to her marriage. I believe that life experiences have made me a compassionate person, have honed my communication skills and have given me a wisdom and ability to discern truth about many difficult family situations. I believe that all of my life experiences would make me an asset to the people of South Carolina.

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: _____