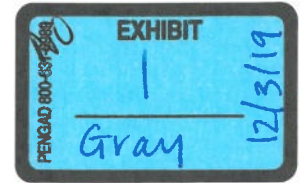


JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION
PERSONAL DATA QUESTIONNAIRE



Court, Position, and Seat # for which you are applying: Family Court, At-Large, Seat #1

1. Name: Ms. Deanne Marie Gray

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

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: 216 Orangeburg Road, Summerville, SC 29483

E-Mail Address: [REDACTED]

Telephone Number: (home): [REDACTED]
(office): (843) 486-1863
(cell): [REDACTED]

2. Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 1972
Place of Birth: Adak, Alaska
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 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 April 20, 1999 to John William Gray, Jr.
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) University of Pittsburgh, August 1990 – December 1993, B.A. History/Political Science;
 - (b) Rutgers University School of Law, August 1996 – May 1999, J.D.

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) Summer Intern for Pennsylvania Superior Court, May 1996 – August 1997;
 - (b) Research Assistant, August 1997- May 1998;
 - (c) Summer Intern for Pennsylvania Attorney General, May 1998 – August 1998;
 - (d) Extern at US Attorneys Office, Philadelphia, PA, August 1998 – May 1999;

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, 2000, took exam twice;
 - (b) Texas, 2006, did not take exam and was admitted via reciprocity

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) Law Clerk, South Carolina Court of Appeals, August 1999-August 2002
Drafted opinions and orders, read and analyzed trial records and briefs, participated in pre-oral argument court conferences, performed legal research, supervised two junior law clerks;
 - (b) Assistant Solicitor, Charleston County Family Court, August 2002-February 2006. Prosecuted juvenile criminal offenses, including all sexually based offenses, worked closely with law enforcement agencies, prepared and presented training materials to law enforcement;
 - (c) Prosecuting Attorney, City of Fort Worth, Texas, June 2007-February 2008.
Prosecuted state and local offenses in the City's municipal courts, prepared cases and pre-trial hearings, negotiated appropriate settlements with attorney representatives and un-represented defendants, represented the State in hearings regarding Emergency Protective Orders;
 - (d) Assistant City Attorney, City of Fort Worth, Texas, February 2008-June 2008.

Researched legal questions and evaluate the impact on city policies and procedures, provide advice to city management staff, filed charges, prosecute and/or negotiated pending cases against violators, supervised work of staff responsible for providing legal assistance to the City;

(e) Managing County Attorney Dorchester County DSS, May 2013-Present.

Represent SCDSS in Court and at administrative hearings, in addition to providing legal advice for county Child Protective Services and Adult Protective Services staff. Manage the county legal offices and will hire, fire, train and supervise and manage attorneys and paralegals in the legal offices. Assume final responsibility for the county to ensure good working relationships and communication between county legal office and other system stakeholders. Manage work flow for timeliness and statutory compliance.

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.

Divorce and Equitable Division 0%

As a law clerk for the SC Court of Appeal, I reviewed many divorce cases. In addition, while appearing frequently in Family Court on behalf of the DSS, I have observed numerous divorce actions and reviewed the Divorce Orders in order to explain provisions of the order to DSS staff.

Child Custody 2%

I appear on behalf of SCDSS in private custody actions where the Department is involved with the family during the pendency of the private action to gain information regarding the provisions of custody and visitation that impact the children.

Adoption 3%

I have begun appearing on behalf of SCDSS in adoption hearings where foster parents or other individuals have filed a private action seeking to adopt a child in SCDSS custody who is not yet legally free.

Abuse and Neglect 75%

I have served as the Managing County Attorney for Dorchester County DSS for the last six years handling Probable Cause, Merits, Permanency Planning and Termination of Parental Rights hearings.

Juvenile Justice 20%

I served as an Assistant Solicitor in Charleston County for two years prosecuting juvenile offenders and participating in Detention, Adjudicatory, and Dispositional hearings. During this time I handled all juvenile sexually based offenses. I also was the lead attorney in a waiver hearing to General Sessions Court.

For the last year years, I appear before the Family Court every Thursday afternoon for the DSS Summary Docket and one full day a month for a Contested DSS Docket. I also appear before the Court for juvenile hearings, private actions and any other hearings where DSS is involved. On an average week, I appear in Family Court at least twice a week and average approximately 12-15 cases a week.

- (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. Not Applicable.
- (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. Not Applicable
- (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. Not Applicable
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: Weekly

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: 5%
- (b) criminal: 5%
- (c) domestic: 90% (Abuse and Neglect)
- (d) other:

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? 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) SCDSS v. A.W., et. al. This emergency removal and termination of parental rights case involved a minor child in foster care, foster parents who filed a private action seeking termination of parental rights/adoption action and third parties who filed a private adoption action after obtaining consent relinquishments from the birth parents;

(b) SCDSS v. M.J. This emergency removal case involved minor children who were adopted after the birth parents' rights were terminated. The adoptive mother allegedly began physically abusing the minor children shortly after the adoption. One of the minor children testified during the five (5) day Merits Hearing;

(c) SCDSS v. M.L, et. al. The termination of parental rights action was filed involving a birth parents who were arrested on federal charges. A great deal of time was spent getting information from the US Attorneys Office regarding the status of the federal charges to determine how best to present to the Family Court that termination of parental rights was in the best interests of the minor child;

(d) State v. R.S. I prosecuted a juvenile for several counts of criminal sexual conduct with a minor. I prepared the five (5) year old victim to testify and worked with the Clerk's office to us closed circuit testimony after the Family Court granted the appropriate motions;

(e) SCDSS v. D.M., et. al. The termination of parental rights action involved a minor child with numerous allergies, medical conditions and behavioral issues. Defense counsel argued that these conditions made the minor child "unadoptable" and therefore, termination of parental rights was not in the minor child's best interests. After working closely with his treating physicians and counselors, I was able successfully argue that termination of parental rights was in the minor child's best interests.

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. N/A
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. N/A
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. N/A
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, 2000;
 - (b) Texas, 2006
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 lectured at the 2019 Charleston County Bar Program "DSS Abuse & Neglect Cases."
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. N/A
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) South Carolina Bar Association
 - (b) Dorchester County Bar Association
 - (c) Dorchester County Family Court Liaison Committee
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. N/A
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) AVID Tutor and Substitute Teacher, Lejeune High School, March 2011-May 2013. I advocated for students, tutored student individually or in small groups. Instructed students following school and system-wide curricular goals.
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.

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? N/A
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. 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. N/A
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. N/A
40. Describe any interest you or a member of your immediate family has in real property: N/A
 - (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.

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.
N/A
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? 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.
N/A

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, (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? 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) Jason Pockrus, [REDACTED]
- (b) Monica Schuring, [REDACTED]
- (c) Katina Ferguson, [REDACTED]
- (d) Cassandra Hutchens, [REDACTED]
- (e) Mary Lee Briggs, [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.? 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 an active member of Facebook. I strictly limit who has access to my information and if serving in a judicial capacity, I would be even more vigilant about what I post and who has access to that information.
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) Hickory Ridge Home Owner's Association, Secretary and President
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 spent the majority of my legal career practicing in the South Carolina Family Court. During this time, I have been blessed to appear in front of a diverse group of judges that have been shining examples of the type of judge I plan to be in the future. These judges have shown me how a judge can be tough, but fair. They have shown me how judges can hold attorneys to a high standard, but also mentor those same attorneys to become better litigators and members of the bar.

During my personal life, my life as a military spouse, and now as DSS attorney, I have been exposed to a wide array of individuals, cultures, and circumstances. I have handled cases that involve issues of substance abuse, extreme physical abuse and neglect, sexual abuse and domestic violence. These experiences have allowed me to develop a professional demeanor when arguing these cases and not let my emotions rule my judgement, decisions, and interactions because every individual who appears before the Court deserves to be treated with respect no matter the allegations they are facing.

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: _____