

JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION
PERSONAL DATA QUESTIONNAIRE



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

Family Court, Fourteenth Judicial Circuit Seat 2

1. Name: Mrs. Jean K. McCormick

Home Address: [REDACTED]

Business Address: 95 Sams Point Road, Beaufort, South Carolina 29907

E-Mail Address: [REDACTED]

Telephone Number: (home): [REDACTED]
(office): 843-525-0004
(cell): [REDACTED]

2. Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 1964
Place of Birth: Charleston, South Carolina
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.

- (a) Married;
- (b) July 1, 1989, to Harvey Wilson McCormick, III; attorney;
- (c) Never divorced; three children;

(d)

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) Winthrop College/University
1982-1986
Bachelor of Science Degree in Government and Public Service

(b) University of South Carolina School of Law
1987-1990
Juris Doctor

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) Phi Delta Phi, Legal Fraternity 1988-1990
- (b) Palmetto Law Society, Legal Fraternity 1988-1990
- (c) American Bar Association law student division 1988-1990
- (e) Student Pro Bono Program 1988-1990
- (f) Volunteer guardian ad litem 1988-1990
- (g) Intern Richland County Public Defender Office 1988-1990

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 1990
- (b) None
- (c) South Carolina passed the first time

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) Richland County Public Defender, Attorney, Columbia, South Carolina.
Assistant Public Defender, 1991-1993;

Represented adults and juveniles charged with criminal offenses in the Family, Circuit and Magistrate Courts.

I was not involved in the administrative or financial management of the office.

- (b) Beaufort County Public Defender, Attorney, Beaufort, South Carolina.
Assistant Public Defender, 1993-1995;
Represented adults and juveniles charged with criminal offenses in the Family and Circuit Courts.

I was not involved in the administrative or financial management of the office.

- (c) United States Army Corps of Engineers, Attorney, Savannah, Georgia.
General Attorney, 1995-1996;
Provided legal advice and assistance to a staff of approximately eighty (80) individuals involving difficult and complex legal and factual issues related to the management and disposal of property acquired by the government. Responsibilities included correlating and reviewing evidence of title, appraisals, foreclosure documents, environmental reports, offers to sell, title insurance policies, deeds, closing documents and other pertinent information for legal sufficiency necessary for the acquisition and resale of properties.

Certified transactions as closing officer and approved payment to proper parties. The program acquired 1786 properties from the Charleston area with an acquisition cost of \$131,271,000.00.

- (d) Peter L. Fuge, Attorney, Beaufort, South Carolina.
Associate, 1996-1997;
Practice of law and litigation in Family Court. I assisted or handled cases involving divorce, equitable division of property, child custody, adoption, abuse and neglect.

I was not involved in the administrative or financial management of the office.

- (e) Jean K. McCormick, Attorney at Law, Beaufort, South Carolina.
Sole Practitioner, 1998-2006;
Practice of law and litigation in the Family Court, Common Pleas, General Sessions, and certified Family Court Mediator.

Handled all administrative and financial matters to include management of trust accounts.

- (f) State of South Carolina Office of the Solicitor Fourteenth Judicial Circuit, Attorney, Allendale, Beaufort, Colleton, Hampton and Jasper Counties, South Carolina.
Assistant Solicitor, 2007-2017;
Practice of law and litigation in Family Court and Circuit Court where I handled Magistrate Court criminal appeals.

I was not involved in the administrative or financial management of the office.

- (g) Jean K. McCormick, Attorney at Law, Attorney, Beaufort, South Carolina.
Sole Practitioner, 2017-present;
Practice of law and litigation in Family Court and certified Family Court Mediator.

Handle all administrative and financial matters to include management of trust accounts.

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 of property

My first exposure to Domestic Law was working as an associate attorney with Peter L. Fuge, before he was elected to the Family Court. He had an extremely busy domestic practice with very high profile cases. I assisted or handled cases involving divorce and equitable division of property. The clients were usually very wealthy and many of the cases involved a number of complex issues relating to business valuations and division, retirement accounts, qualified domestic relations orders (QDRO), appraisals, accounting, bankruptcy, jurisdiction, alimony and contempt of court.

I have successfully mediated cases involving division of Property.

Child Custody

In addition to representing a party in a divorce action seeking child custody, the majority of my private guardian ad litem cases involved child custody. I have handled cases involving initial custody actions, relocation, alcohol abuse, emotional abuse, physical abuse, sexual abuse, change of circumstances, parental alienation, grandparent custody and visitation.

I have successfully mediated child custody cases.

Adoption

I handled adoption cases while working with Peter L. Fuge, P.A. I have also served as a private guardian ad litem in contested adoption actions.

Abuse and Neglect

I have served as a volunteer guardian ad litem in abuse and neglect cases. I have been appointed as a private guardian ad litem in abuse and neglect cases. I have served as the attorney for the Guardian ad litem's office in abuse and neglect cases. I have also represented defendants in abuse and neglect cases.

While at the Solicitor's Office I prosecuted juveniles charged with Criminal Sexual Conduct. I worked with child forensic interviewers, law enforcement, child victims and their advocates in order to prepare the children for court. I have knowledge of the proper interviewing procedures, physical examinations and protocol.

I have prosecuted and defended children who were taken into Emergency Protection. I have participated in Emergency Protective Custody hearings in Family Court. I have requested and reviewed drug screens, worked with the South Carolina Alcohol and Drug Abuse Department and the South Carolina Department of Mental Health.

Juvenile Justice

After graduating from Law School, I was hired as an attorney by the Richland County Public Defender Office. I immediately took an interest in representing juveniles in Family Court and eventually worked exclusively in Family Court and became head of the Family Court Division. In representing my clients, I visited all of the juvenile facilities and gained hands on knowledge of the policies, procedures and programs at the Department of Youth Services (now Department of Juvenile Justice). I was also able to appear before and learn from some great judges and mentors such as Judge William Byers. I handled serious juvenile matters from murder cases to juvenile waiver/transfer hearings. I was chosen by the Criminal Justice Academy to participate in a training film on juvenile waiver and received an award from the Public Defender Office for demonstrating an outstanding work ethic and trial skills.

Later in my career, from 2007-2017, I worked in the Juvenile Division of the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit Solicitor's Office handling juvenile matters in Family Court in Allendale, Beaufort, Colleton, Hampton and Jasper Counties. I was later named head of the Beaufort Juvenile Division where I reviewed approximately 6000 cases and handled the serious and high profile cases in court. I developed a system of checks and balances with all law enforcement agencies, Department of Juvenile Justice and the Family Court. I was also instrumental in developing the Beaufort County Multi- Disciplinary Court Program, Juvenile Pre-trial Intervention, several diversionary and mentor programs.

I have appeared in Probate Court seeking judicial admission of a juvenile after he was determined not competent to stand trial.

I have worked with South Carolina Continuum of Care, South Carolina Department of Disability and Special Needs, South Carolina Department of Mental Health, South Carolina Alcohol and Drug Abuse Program, University of South Carolina Children's Law Center, and South Carolina Appleseed Legal Justice Center.

Frequency of appearance

When I worked at the Solicitor's Office (2007-2017) I appeared before a Family Court Judge at least twice a week and a full day once a month.

- (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: 0
 - (b) state: When I worked at the Solicitor's Office (2007-2017) I appeared before a Family Court Judge at least twice a week and one (1) full day once a month.
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: 20%
 - (d) other: Family Court Juvenile Justice 70%
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) In the Interest of John Duncan, 2015-JU-07-190 & 191. This case involved a juvenile who was charged with Murder and Possession of a Firearm during the commission of a violent crime. The juvenile was 15 years old at the time of the shooting. The juvenile searched for the 17 year old victim found him and shot him in the head at a busy tourist location in front of children and families. I filed a Motion to have jurisdiction transferred to the court of General Sessions. A highly contested Waiver Hearing was held on October 28, 2016 and my Motion was granted. The defendant was eventually tried and found guilty by a jury.

If the defendant remained in Family Court, he would have only remained in custody until his 21st birthday and then released with no supervision.
 - (b) John Doe #1 vs. Beaufort County School District; The Beaufort County Board of Education; Boys and Girls Clubs of the Lowcountry and Boys & Girls Clubs of America. 2004-CP-07-791; John Doe #2 vs. Beaufort County School District; The Beaufort County Board of Education; Boys and Girls Clubs of the Lowcountry and

Boys & Girls Clubs of America. 2004-CP-07-792; John Doe #3 vs. Beaufort County School District; The Beaufort County Board of Education; Boys and Girls Clubs of the Lowcountry and Boys & Girls Clubs of America. 2004-CP-07-793; John Doe #4 vs. Beaufort County School District; The Beaufort County Board of Education; Boys and Girls Clubs of the Lowcountry and Boys & Girls Clubs of America. 2004-CP-07-794; John Doe #5 vs. Beaufort County School District; The Beaufort County Board of Education; Boys and Girls Clubs of the Lowcountry and Boys & Girls Clubs of America. 2004-CP-07-795; John Doe #6 vs. Beaufort County School District; The Beaufort County Board of Education; Boys and Girls Clubs of the Lowcountry and Boys & Girls Clubs of America. 2004-CP-07-796. I represented a licensed clinical psychologist who had been subpoenaed to provide testimony and produce records of any individual she may have treated who was a victim of a teacher who was charged with molesting 6 students. My client was willing to cooperate, but the victims had not given her their authorization.

I was able to protect my client and the confidentiality of her patient's records.

- (c) Records have been sealed, 1999-DR-07-____ & ____. I was selected to serve as the private guardian ad litem for the children in this matter. The family was very wealthy and the husband was a [REDACTED] in Beaufort. The party's children were very vocal regarding their wishes. Due to a number of concerning issues, I made a motion for a Family Psychological/Custody Evaluation which was ordered by consent agreement. I called the Psychologist as an expert witness during the weeklong trial. A motion was made by one of the parties requesting that the children be appointed an attorney to represent them in the Divorce, Custody and Separate Maintenance action.

This was a very complex case dealing with equitable distribution, custody, child support and the novel issue of whether children are entitled to their own attorney in their parent's divorce and custody action.

- (d) In the Interest of _____, 1995-JU-07____. This case involved a motion by the defendant to vacate a juvenile adjudication for lack of subject matter jurisdiction for Criminal Sexual Conduct 1st degree. The novel issue was that the motion was made 18 years after the adjudication. The defendant was 13 years old at the time of the offense and the victim was 6 years old. At the time of the motion the defendant was 32 years old and the victim 24.

I had to locate the victim in this case and she had to relive the assault which was very traumatic for her. I presented a memorandum on this issues and successfully argued my position and the Motion was denied.

- (e) John & Mary Doe, petitioners, In re: Baby Girl, an infant under one year of age. 2017-DR-07-____. I was appointed to serve as the guardian ad litem for the baby girl in this contested adoption case. The Adoptive parents resided in Texas and the baby girl was born in South Carolina. Her mother signed a consent to adopt without the

father's knowledge and alleged that she did not know how to locate him. Prior to the adoption hearing it was discovered that father had registered with the Responsible Father Registry. He was located and contested the adoption.

I actively participated in the Deposition of the father. I believe it was the consensus of the attorneys that as a result of my gentle questioning of the father that the parties were able to amicably come to an agreement that was in the best interest of the child.

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.

None.

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.

I handled Magistrate Court criminal appeals for the Solicitor's Office for 9 years. I appeared in the Circuit Court and before The Beaufort Master in Equity. I cannot recall the case names but handled a wide variety of appeals involving traffic offenses, criminal domestic violence, driving under the influence, boating under the influence and illegal shrimping.

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.

Not applicable.

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.

All South Carolina state courts; admitted November 16, 1990; Bar number 15207.

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) Instructed and lectured Beaufort County law enforcement and student resource officers during my employment with the Solicitor's Office. (2007-2017)

- (b) Lectured to Beaufort County students regarding the law and juvenile justice. (2007-2017)
- (c) Adjunct Professor at The Technical College of the Lowcountry, 1998 where I taught a variety of courses in the Criminal Law and Paralegal Programs.
- (d) Host and coordinator, continuing legal education accredited Family Court seminar on Juvenile Justice, 1991.

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

Please 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.)

Please see the attached Transfer of jurisdiction order.

Please see the attached Reply brief of the guardian ad litem to the memorandum of law of putative intervenors and brief in opposition of attorney representation of minor children involved in custody disputes.

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.

Martindale-Hubbell Top Lawyers of the Lowcountry 2013 & 2014

Martindale-Hubbell 4.4 BV

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) Beaufort County Bar Association
- (c) Woman Lawyers Association

(d) Certified Family Court Mediator

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.

No.

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.

Not applicable.

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.

No.

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. Vice President of McCormick Law Firm an S Corporation. Assist my husband when needed.

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.)

Please see the attachment.

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?

Postage under \$100.00 for mailing the documents required to apply for this judgeship.

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;
 - (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.

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.

Not applicable.

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.

Not applicable.

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.

Not applicable.

44. For sitting judges, have you used the services of your staff, for which you did not pay, while campaigning for this office?

Not applicable.

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 have been redacted.]

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.

No, since I am only handling guardian ad litem custody cases.

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.

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? 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) Solicitor Duffie Stone; [REDACTED]
- (b) Eve Fleming, Esquire; [REDACTED]
- (c) Tracy O'Kelly Klatt, Esquire; [REDACTED]
- (d) William Thomas Bacon, IV, Esquire; [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- (e) Ralph E. Tupper, 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.? 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?

Yes, I am a member of Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter and Instagram.
I would close all of my 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.

None.

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 knew that I wanted to be a lawyer in the 8th grade and I worked hard to get into the University of South Carolina School of Law. When I entered law school my goal was to help others. Most of my legal career has been in public service.

I have had the opportunity to practice on both sides of the law, by serving as a public defender and prosecutor. I think that opportunity will assist me in being a fair and understanding judge.

I am aware and I have witnessed that in divorce and child custody cases the parties are usually at their very worst. This is usually traumatic on the children. I have represented Women and Men in divorce and custody actions. I have served as the Guardian ad litem for children of all ages from infants to 17 year olds in custody actions. I have the knowledge and perception from all sides of a divorce case which will result in me being a patient and fair judge.

I have prosecuted and defended juveniles in Family Court. Unfortunately, I have been the parent of a child who was the victim of an assault and appeared in Family Court. I have truly been on all sides of a juvenile court case in family court.

I left the Solicitor's Office in 2017 and since then I have been practicing law part-time serving as guardian ad litem in private custody cases. My priority has always been my husband and my 3 children. My 3rd child will be leaving home in August to attend The Citadel. This is the perfect time in my life to achieve my goal of being appointed to the Family Court.

I believe that I have handled every type of case that comes before a Family Court Judge and I have the knowledge, the ability and the passion to be become a great judge.

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: _____