



**JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION
PERSONAL DATA QUESTIONNAIRE**

Court, Position, and Seat # for which you are applying: Circuit Court, Judicial At Large, Seat Thirteen

1. Name: Mr.
Mrs. Debra R. McCaslin d/b/a Debra Y. Chapman
Ms.

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

Maiden Name: Debra Y. Ruilova
Name Change by Stepfather on 2/15/73: Debra Y. Gardner
Previous Married Name: Debra Y. Chapman
Married Name: Debra R. McCaslin

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: 2007 Lincoln Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

E-Mail Address: [REDACTED]

Telephone Number: (home): [REDACTED]
(office): (803) 254-9007
(cell): [REDACTED]

2. Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 1960
Place of Birth: Tampa, Florida
Social Security Number: [REDACTED]
3. Are you a citizen of South Carolina? Yes
Have you been a resident of this state for at least the immediate past five years? Yes
4. SCDL# or SCHD#: [REDACTED] 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.

Not Applicable.

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 June 25, 2006 to Michael Wayne McCaslin. He is a retired engineer from the South Carolina Department of Transportation.

Two step-children:

[REDACTED]

Divorced on August 18, 1983, Eleventh Judicial Circuit, State of South Carolina.

Moving party: Debra Chapman

Grounds: Habitual Drunkenness

No 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) Midlands Technical College	September 1984 to 1985	job opportunity
(b) College of Charleston	January 1987 to May 1990	Bachelor of Arts
(c) USC-School of Law	August 1990 to May 1993	Juris Doctorate

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) Student Body Legislator, USC Law School, 1991-1992

(b) Student Chapter President, S.C. Trial Lawyers Association, USC Law School, 1993

(c) Member Phi Delta Phi Law School Fraternity, USC Law School, 1990-93

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) State of South Carolina 1993 – Bar Exam taken one 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) J. Preston Strom Jr. August 1991 to June 1993

Attorney at Law
Columbia, S.C.

Law Clerk – Duties involved legal research and analysis, prepare legal documents, compile case materials for trial, interviewing clients, drafting letters to clients, solicitors or other parties, assisting with telephone inquiries and other routine administrative duties.

(b) Leigh Leventis, June 1993 to December 1995

Attorney at Law
Columbia, S.C.

Law Clerk/Attorney – Duties included those of a law clerk until I passed the bar in November, 1993. As an attorney my duties changed to include criminal and civil litigation including magistrate, state and federal courts. Responsible for all aspects of client cases: analyzed case documents and evidence, developed case strategy, conducted legal research and writing, interviewed clients and witnesses, provided legal advice to clients, and represented clients at all court hearings.

(c) Debra Y. Chapman, LLC December 1995 to present

Columbia, S.C.

Sole Practitioner – Represent clients in numerous criminal and civil matters at state and federal levels. Litigate an average of 125 cases per year. I also manage all aspects of my practice including, day to day operations, administration, profit and loss, business checking account, business savings account, trust account, and employee supervision.

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.

Not Applicable.

- (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.

The majority of my practice is criminal defense. I practice in both state and federal court. In state court, I have handled numerous drug trafficking cases, assault and battery with intent to kill, armed robbery, burglaries, breach of trust, fraud, forgeries, grand larceny, criminal sexual conduct, attempted murder, and murder. In federal court, I have handled human trafficking, white collar crimes, armed career offenders, bank robberies, drug conspiracies and adoption fraud. I attend bond/detention hearings, preliminary hearings, pretrial conferences, motion hearings, plea and sentencing hearings on both a federal and state level. I have handled approximately 294 federal criminal cases of which 42 were in the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals. I have also been admitted pro hac vice in Florida and Georgia for federal criminal cases.

While most of my criminal cases are disposed of by way of plea negotiations, I have tried several cases in Circuit Court and Federal Court. The following is a list of cases I have tried solely or with co-counsel: State v. Keith Wilson - trafficking cocaine; United States v. Yuji Hitomi - conspiracy to utter forged securities; United States v. Mario Strachan - conspiracy to distribute drugs; State v. Juan Arroyo - distribution of heroin case, tried with co-counsel; United States v. Phyllis Harden - conspiracy to distribute drugs; and State v. Georgetta Wiggleton - voter fraud, tried with co-counsel.

I have represented clients in post-conviction relief hearings, SCDMV administrative hearings, parole hearings, probation revocation hearings and small claims court. Both the post-conviction relief hearings and small claims court cases are adversarial in nature and witnesses are called and examined. Administrative court hearings also

occasionally require the examination of witnesses in addition to extensive oral argument. To gain some experience and procedural knowledge in civil law, I have been involved as co-counsel in several personal injury cases, as well as a workers compensation case. We have discussed strategies, defenses, issues of negligence and damages. The cases I have been associated within the past five years are: Craig Corbett v. Georgina Robinson – personal injury; Debra Wickizer – workers compensation; James Ricard v. Cary Bonivillain – personal injury; John Golden v. Gary Noble – personal injury. I was also co-counsel in Culbertson v. Culbertson, 95-1150, 95-1151, Fourth Circuit, (1998) which involved a violation of 18 U.S.C. §2520 violation. We appealed this case to the Fourth Circuit on the issue of damages. I was on the brief and co-counsel argued. We both appeared for oral argument. If appointed Circuit Judge, I would certainly familiarize myself with the law, and if needed consult my fellow colleagues for advice.

I appear either in front of a Circuit Court Judge, Federal Judge, or Magistrate Judge on a weekly basis.

Note: I have redacted the names of my clients as a matter of lawyer confidentiality and will release the names if requested by the Judicial Merit Selection Commission.

- (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: 40%
 - (b) state: 60%
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: 10%
 - (b) criminal: 80%
 - (c) domestic: 5%

(d) other: 5%

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: 5%

(b) non-jury: 95%

During the past five years, did you most often serve as sole counsel, chief counsel, or associate counsel?

Sole Counsel and associate 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) United States v. Dalton MacKenzie: My client was charged federally with three counts of Threatening a United States Public Official. After a mental evaluation it was determined he suffered from bi-polar disorder. He was found not guilty by reason of insanity at a bench trial. This case is significant because it was my first not guilty by reason of insanity.

(b) State v. Matthew Dalton: 10 counts of Sexual Exploitation of a Minor 2nd Degree. This case involved online child pornography between two roommates and a classic issue of "who dun it". After extensive investigation and forensic computer analysis the case was dismissed against my client. Significant because these cases never get dismissed.

(c) State v. Muhammed Furqan: This was a murder case where the defendant claimed self-defense. After investigating this case, a witness was found to corroborate the defendant's story. This case was significant because the witness was a child which involved other legal issues. He was allowed to plea to a lesser included charge for probation.

(d) State v. Ryan Pyle: This was a DUI case that was dismissed. It is significant to me as it was my first DUI involving a moped. Called an expert to testify as to how fast the moped could go. This was a fun and interesting case.

(e) United States v. Anthony Hodges: This was a federal drug conspiracy in which I won a suppression motion with co-counsel. This case was significant because we won the motion and it dramatically reduced his exposure of incarceration.

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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) Culbertson v. Culbertson , 95-1150, 95-1151, Fourth Circuit, (1998)
 - (b)
 - (c)
 - (d)
 - (e)

Note: I have redacted the names of my clients as a matter of lawyer confidentiality and will release the names if requested by the Judicial Merit Selection Commission.

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) United States v. Benjamin Holmes, 02-4871, Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals, 2002 – oral argument – not published.
 - (b) United States v. Mario Strachan, 99-4119, Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals, - oral argument – not published.
 - (c) United States v. Venson Jones, 13-4038, Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals, 2013
 - (d) United States v. Mario Garcia, 13-4271, Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals, 2013
 - (e) United States v. Kenneth Williams, 13-4516, Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals, 2013

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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) Not Applicable.
 - (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.

United States Supreme Court, 1999
United States Court of Appeals, 1994

United States District Court, 1993
South Carolina Supreme Court, 1993

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.

I assisted a Professor at the University School of Law teach a criminal law class. I cannot remember the year, but I volunteered to help and it was just for a semester.

Continuing legal education: I was asked to speak regarding the sentencing guidelines by the Federal Public Defender's Office. This was several years ago. I do not have the date.

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

Continuing Legal Education report is attached.

23. List all published books and articles you have written and give citations and the dates of publication for each.

I have not published books or articles.

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.)

I have attached a United States Court of Appeals brief and a Sentencing Memorandum.

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.

None.

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) Lexington County Bar Association
 - (c)

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.

Not applicable.

29. Have you ever been an unsuccessful candidate for elective, judicial, or other public office? If so, give details, including dates.

Yes, I submitted an Application for United States Magistrate-2007; submitted an application for Lexington County Magistrate-2014.

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.

I worked for U.S. Senator Strom Thurmond from April 1979 to February 1987 as a Staff Assistant. I also worked for the U.S. Attorney's Office as a secretary while in college from February 1987 to May 1990.

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.

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

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?

I have no expenses.

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.

I have not made any contributions to the General Assembly within the past four years, nor has my family or any business.

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.

I currently own my office building and lease space to two lawyers. I believe it would be a conflict of interest if they appeared in front of me while leasing office space. I would resolve any potential conflict of interest under Rule 501 Code of Judicial Conduct, Canon 3(F) Remittal of Disqualification. If both parties cannot agree, then I would recuse myself from hearing the case.

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.

Not Applicable.

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.

Not Applicable.

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 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.

I had a client appeal a fee dispute decision to Circuit Court. This was dismissed in 2017.

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.

I have carried malpractice insurance since 1995. My limit of liability is 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? 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, I have read the 48-hour rule.

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) The Honorable Joseph F. Anderson, [REDACTED]
- (b) Neal Lourie, [REDACTED]
- (c) Brad Kirkland, [REDACTED]
- (d) Leigh Leventis, [REDACTED]
- (e) Josh Kendrick, [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 currently a member of LinkedIn. I joined this website for professional purposes. I am not a member of Facebook, Twitter or any other social media or Internet site. I have no problem relinquishing this account.

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) N/A
- (b)
- (c)

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 am one of six children that grew up in a small rural community. I was raised by loving parents and grandparents who had strong morals and work ethics for which I am very grateful. Because of extreme financial limitations there was no opportunity to further my education after high school. Those dreams were put on hold while I worked full time. Eventually I was financially able to attend the College of Charleston. I completed my undergraduate degree in three years, while employed full-time as a secretary at the U.S. Attorney's Office in Charleston. I then entered USC law and graduated in 1993. While attending law school, I worked as a law clerk and paid for my education.

I believe these experiences would assist me in holding judicial office. I have experienced life from several different perspectives. I understand what a person can achieve if they work hard and focus on a goal. I am now a proud member of the legal community and have been a sole practitioner since 1995. I haven't forgotten where I came from and the significance of those experiences. I am not afraid to take on new challenges and I understand that hard work achieves results. Having appeared before Circuit Court Judges for the last 26 years, I feel very confident I know the duties required of the office. If appointed, I would strive and dedicate myself to apply the law as written, treat litigants and attorneys with courtesy, and pursue the administration of justice as provided by our statutes and case law.

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: _____