



November 6, 2019

Erin B. Crawford
Chief Counsel
Judicial Merit Selection Commission
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Columbia, SC 29202

RE: Personal Data Questionnaire Supplement
Personal Information Supplement

Dear Ms. Crawford:

I am writing to supplement my responses to questions 36 and 47 of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission Personal Data Questionnaire and to correct an error on my Personal Information form. If a more formal response is required, please let me know, and I will be happy to provide it.

Personal Data Questionnaire

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.

Postage: \$89.10 on November 6, 2019

I have purchased stamps for a letter to be sent to members of the General Assembly (other than members of the JMSC) thanking them for the opportunity to serve and announcing that I am seeking re-election to Seat 7 of the Court of Appeals.

47. Have you ever been named a 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.

As I noted in my initial response, I have been named as a defendant in my capacity as a judge on the South Carolina Court of Appeals. I am aware of two such cases, both of which have been dismissed:

1) 6:18-cv-01576-HMH:

Lakessiah Henderson v. Darnell Fisher (West Greenville Summary Court Judge), Judge Stilwell (Court of Common Pleas Judge), Paul Allen, Claire Allen (Deputy Clerk), Court of Appeals, Paul White (Clerk, West Greenville Summary Court), James E. Lockemy, Thomas E. Huff, Paul Short, Jr., H. Bruce Williams, Paula H. Thomas, Aphrodite K. Konduros, John D. Geathers, **Stephanie P. McDonald**, and D. Garrison Hill

Filed: 6/8/2018
Dismissed: 8/13/2018

The Honorable Henry M. Herlong, Jr., dismissed this case without prejudice and without issuance and service of process. The last docket entry reflects that judgment was mailed to the pro se plaintiff, but the mail was returned as undeliverable to the United States District Court, District of South Carolina (Greenville) on 11/19/2018.

2) 3:15-cv-04870-MBS:

Glenda R. Couram v. South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles, Shirley Rivers (in her official and individual capacity), Lula N. Davis (in her official and individual capacity), Constance "Connie" Rhett (in her official and individual capacity), Marcia Adams (in her official and individual capacity), Dorothy Blankenship (in her official and individual capacity), Tosha Autry (in their official and individual capacities), Richardson Plowden Attorneys at Law, Eugene H. Matthews, Esq. (in his individual and official capacity), SC Office of Disciplinary Counsel, Lesley M. Coggiola (in their individual and official capacity), John Doe (in their individual and official capacity), Steven W. Lake (in his official and individual capacity), Judge James R. Barber, III (Court of Common Pleas, Richland County Circuit Court - District 5, in his individual and official capacity), Judge Casey L. Manning, (Court of Common Pleas, Richland County Circuit Court - District 5, in his individual and official capacity), Judge H. Bruce Williams (SC Court of Appeals, in his individual and official capacity), Judge John D. Gathers [sic] (SC Court of Appeals, in his individual and official capacity), and **Judge Stephanie P. McDonald** (SC Court of Appeals, in her individual and official capacity)

Filed (removed): 12/9/2015
(Removed from the Court of Common Pleas to United States District Court)

Dismissed: 8/10/2016 (by the United States District Court)
1/5/2018 (mandate and dismissal of USCA - Fourth Circuit)

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The Honorable Margaret B. Seymour dismissed all defendants, other than the SCDMV defendants, and remanded the remaining portions of the action to state court on 8/9/16. Judgment was entered in favor of Richardson Plowden Attorneys at Law, Eugene H. Matthews, Esq., H. Bruce Williams, James R. Barber, III, John D. Gathers (Geathers), L. Casey Manning, Lesley M. Coggiola, and **Stephanie P. McDonald** on 8/10/2016.

The pro se plaintiff filed a notice of appeal on 8/18/16, but it appears there were some problems with the filing fee; Judge Seymour granted plaintiff's motion for leave to appeal *in forma pauperis* on 8/26/2016. While the appeal was pending, Judge Seymour granted plaintiff's Rule 59(e) motion for reconsideration, dismissed all but one of plaintiff's claims, and remanded her remaining claim to state court. Plaintiff did not file a new or amended notice of appeal from Judge Seymour's February 2017 order.

The Fourth Circuit found no reversible error as to any of the timely appealed claims; on 12/14/2017, it affirmed in part, and dismissed in part, as to Judge Seymour's 2016 decision. The Fourth Circuit's mandate and judgment issued on 1/5/2018.

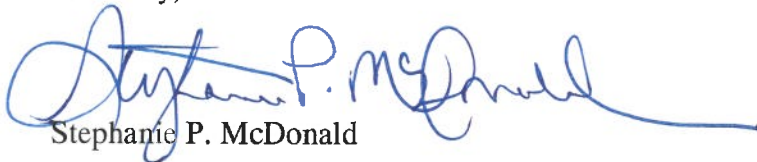
Personal Information Form

In providing my mother's full name, I transposed my last name with hers by mistake. My mother's full name is:

[REDACTED]

If you need any additional information, please let me know. I can be reached at [REDACTED] or by email to smcdonald@sccourts.org.

Sincerely,


Stephanie P. McDonald

cc: Emma T. Dean, Chief Counsel, House Judiciary Committee