



**JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION
PERSONAL DATA QUESTIONNAIRE**

Court, Position, and Seat # for which you are applying: Family Court Judge, Tenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 3

1. Name: Mr.
Mrs. Brittany Dreher Senerius
Ms.

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

Brittany Dreher Tye / Brittany Senerius Calhoun

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: 224 McGee Rd., Anderson, SC 29625

E-Mail Address: [REDACTED]

Telephone Number: (home): N/A
(office): 864-260-4100
(cell): [REDACTED]

2. Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 1983
Place of Birth: Toledo, OH
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]
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: Divorced

Divorced on April 21, 2014, Tenth Circuit Family Court, State of South Carolina, Irreconcilable Differences/One Year Continuous Separation – No Fault. Brittany D. Tye was moving party.

Divorced on October 22, 2018, Tenth Circuit Family Court, State of South Carolina, Irreconcilable Differences/One Year Continuous Separation – No Fault. Brittany Dreher Senerius Calhoun was moving party.



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) Clemson University August 2001 – May 2005, Bachelor of Science in Marketing, Minor in Sociology
 - (b) Charleston School of Law August 2005 – May 2008, 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) Moot Court Board 1L Competition Finalist 2006,
 - (b) Assoc. of Justice of the Founder's Upper Class Moot Court Competition, 2007
 - (c) National External Competition: John Gibbons National Moot Court Competition – Final Four 2007
 - (d) Moot Court Board Member 2006 – 2008
 - (e) South Carolina Trial Lawyer's Association, Study Abroad Tulane Law School Spetses Greece, Summer 2007
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 2008
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 to the Honorable Alexander Macaulay – 10th Circuit Court Judge (Active/Retired): Researched questions of law. Wrote memorandums for Judge Macaulay regarding specific cases, as well as general questions of law. Assisted Judge during trials, motions, and plea hearings. Corresponded with attorneys and pro se litigants to facilitate each week's docket. Kept up with Orders to be signed and advised Judge of updates in case law and statutory law for relevant cases before the Court.

(b) Attorney for Cass Elias McCarter Guardian ad Litem Program:

i. Anderson County Attorney / June 2010 – May 2017

ii. Oconee County Attorney / October 2016 – May 2017

Represented volunteer guardians ad litem at all court hearings, mediations, and meetings. Reviewed each case, made case assessments, and developed strategic plans while maintaining communication with each guardian ad litem. Advised guardians ad litem with legal guidance and researched applicable case law.

(c) Junior Partner at Senerius Law Firm / August 2009 – May 2017:

i. Family Court Attorney / Guardian ad Litem (Minor Children and Incapacitated Adults): Met with potential clients to consult regarding needs and develop trust to establish a professional relationship evidenced by contract of representation at consultation. Represented clients on issues relating to divorce, such as division of marital property, custody, child support, and alimony. Appointed by Court to represent the best interest of minor children as their Guardian ad Litem in family court litigation, including custody, placement, visitation, and relocation. Appointed by Court to represent the best interest of incapacitated adults as their Guardian ad Litem in probate court. Conducted case assessments, legal research, and strategic planning for cases while keeping clients informed of progress and documenting time/updating case management system related to case.

ii. Legal Office Management: Managed office with one (1) other attorney and four (4) staff members. Oversaw client billing/accounts and trust accounting reviews monthly. Provided/Oversaw ordering of supplies, promotional material, and coordinating contracts for maintenance of office equipment.

(d) Department of Social Services

i. Attorney III / May 2017 – May 2019: Staff cases with members of the Anderson County Child Protective Services Office, to include Investigators, Family Preservation Caseworkers, Foster Care Caseworkers and Adult Protective Services Caseworkers, and their supervisors. Review and manage caseload, to include preparing for trial, prosecuting abuse and neglect cases, including adult protective services cases. Provide legal guidance to agency employees when needed relating to child and adult protective services issues.

ii. Interim Managing Attorney / May 2019 – Present: All responsibilities listed in Attorney III position. In addition, reviewing and managing entire office's caseload. Assisting and monitoring all attorneys relating to issues such as meeting necessary deadlines, case/file review, preparation for trial/hearings, and conduct/interaction with other staff, the public, members of the bar and the judiciary.

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.

I have spent the bulk of my legal career practicing in the family courts of South Carolina. As a partner in small firm, a large portion of our practice was devoted to family court matters, including divorce, child custody, adoption, abuse and neglect, and juvenile justice cases. In the past five years, I focused almost entirely on family court matters with a focus on abuse and neglect cases through my work as the Attorney for the Anderson and Oconee County Guardian ad Litem Programs and private/appointed guardian ad litem work. I have had the pleasure of being appointed as both the guardian ad litem and the defense attorney for juveniles in family court. I recently received a graduation announcement from a young man I assisted through the juvenile justice system. I also assisted families with their adoption actions. I served as guardian ad litem for a number of adoption actions in the past five years. Much of my work in divorce actions had a child support component to them.

Given my extensive work as the Attorney for the Anderson and Oconee Guardian ad Litem Programs, and the nature of family court practice, I have benefited from appearing in family court multiple times each week over the past five years. Additionally, I was able to appear in family court on motions, divorce hearings, judicial reviews, and a number of other hearings on a weekly basis. Since joining Anderson County DSS I have maintained a constant presence in family court and only increased the areas of family court law I have been exposed to.

- (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.

- (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.
 - (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.
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: Three-Four times each week
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: Ten
 - (b) criminal: Ten
 - (c) domestic: Eighty
 - (d) other: NA
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: Five
 - (b) non-jury: Ninety-Five

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

I most often served as sole counsel. However, as I practiced with an experienced partner, I was able to utilize his experience and expertise if I came across a situation I was unfamiliar with. Additionally, I have been fortunate to have a working relationship with a number of members of my local and state bar that allowed me to contact them for additional guidance when appropriate.

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. Michelle Gursky, et al – Significance: I represented the Volunteer Guardian ad Litem in this matter. This case involved some of the most significant abuse of any case I have been involved with and required a number of hearings both in the underlying removal action as well as the subsequent termination of parental rights action. Given the nature and substance of this case, there were a number of interests that had to be balanced while advocating for the protections necessary for the minor children. The TPR portion of this case was appealed to the South Carolina Supreme Court and Affirmed therein. SCDSS v. Michelle G. and Robert L., Opinion No.: 27371 (S.C. Sup. Ct. filed March 27, 2014).

(b) Jessica Pitts v. Jason Pitts, Case No.: 2015-DR-04-623 – Significance: I represented the Plaintiff/Mother in this action. Mrs. Pitts is still one of the most hardworking clients/mothers I have come into contact with during my legal life. With the abuse she suffered during her marriage, this case required a great deal of patience and guidance to keep my client on track to achieve the most beneficial outcome for her. Making sure she was fully aware of the possible outcomes so she could make the best decision for herself and her children involved a lot of different aspects. This case truly taught me how necessary patience is when dealing with all clients/parties we come into contact with.

(c) SCDSS v. Ivoree Malcom, et al – Significance: I represented the Volunteer Guardian ad Litem in this matter. This case required multiple days to try, to include a number of days (and even months) in between trial dates. This case helped teach me how to be truly organized and take notes from trial to make sure I have a full understanding of what happened during the previous day(s). Additionally, this case required attendance at multiple motion hearings prior to the trial of the case. This case helped me increase my abilities regarding cross-examination.

(d) State v. Hinton, Case No.: 2009-GS-37-1347 – Significance: I served as second chair during this case and subsequent trial. I learned a lot about trial strategy and client control during this case.

(e) State v. Abdelhamid Yousef Mefleh – Significance: I served as second chair during this case and subsequent trial. This was the first major trial I was a part of and helped me really get myself acclimated to trial work. This case involved motions, press, a large audience, a number of days of trial, and a difficult subject matter.

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) Weatherford v. Weatherford, Opinion No.: 2014-UP-277 (S.C. Ct. App. filed June 14, 2014)

(b) SCDSS v. Ngoc Tran, Opinion No.: 5445 (S.C. Ct. App. filed October 10, 2016).

(c)

(d)

(e)

17. List up to five criminal appeals you have personally handled. Give the case name, the court, the date of decision and the citation if the case was reported.

(a) N/A

(b)

(c)

(d)

(e)

18. Have you ever held judicial office? If so, list the periods of your service, the courts involved, and whether you were elected or appointed. Describe the jurisdiction of each of the courts and note any limitations on the jurisdiction of each court.

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.

(a) N/A

(b)

(c)

(d)

(e)

20. List all courts in which you have been admitted to practice and list the dates of your admission. Give the same information for administrative bodies that require a special admission to practice.

South Carolina State Court, 2008

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.

Adjunct Professor, Anderson University 2010 – 2012: PreLaw Class – Introductory class covering the basic aspects of the legal world. This class focused on the major areas of law and the structure of the state and federal courts.

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

Attached.

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.)

Attached.

25. What is your rating or membership status, if any, by any legal rating organization, such as, Best Lawyers, Chambers, Legal 500, Martindale-Hubbell, Who's Who Legal, Super Lawyers, Million Dollar Advocates Forum, etc.? N/A If you are currently a member of the judiciary, list your last available rating, if any.
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) Anderson Bar Association
 - (b) South Carolina Bar Association
 - (c) South Carolina House of Delegates
 - (d) Young Lawyers Division
 - i. Tenth Circuit Representative (2015-2017)
 - ii. Cinderella Project Coordinator / Anderson, Oconee, Pickens Counties: 2009, 2010, 2011
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.

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.

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.

Senerius & Tye, LLC, DBA Senerius Law Firm / Junior Partner

At this time, the business is in its closing process. My Senior Partner, Gordon Senerius, has been employed full-time at the Anderson County Public Defender's Office since May 2017 and I joined the Anderson County Department of Social Services that same month. Since that time, all clients' cases have been finalized or properly turned over to another practicing attorney to complete. The Senerius Law Firm has not taken on any new clients since that time and has only performed litigation services in an effort to finalize matters. This work was only done on cases where no conflict with our new employment existed. Any matters having conflicts were immediately forwarded to new counsel.

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?

None.

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.

I am currently employed by the South Carolina Department of Social Services. I would recuse myself from any Anderson County cases that I had a conflict with. Additionally, as the Attorney for the Guardian ad Litem Programs in Oconee and Anderson Counties I must follow the same recusal process for cases in which I represented the volunteer guardians. Finally, if any case specific conflicts arose from my employment with Senerius Law Firm I would make that appropriate decision.

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.

None.

41. Identify any personal property interest you or a member of your immediate family sold, leased, or rented to a South Carolina state or local public agency. Identify the property, its amount or value, and the name of the agency. Attach a copy of any contract or agreement.

None.

42. For sitting judges, if you currently hold an interest in stock or other securities or have held such an interest, list each stock you currently own or owned during the prior calendar year. If you prefer, you may attach broker or account records containing the requested information instead of listing it here.

N/A

43. For sitting judges, have you ever accepted anything of value from an attorney or litigant in a matter currently or previously before you or your court? If so, please give the details, including the name of the attorney or litigant and the thing of value you received.

N/A

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

N/A

45. Have you ever been arrested, charged, or held by federal, state, or other law enforcement authorities for violation or for suspicion of violation of any federal law or regulation, state law or regulation, or county or municipal law, regulation, or ordinance, or any other law, including another country's law? If so, give details but do not include traffic violations which are subject to a penalty of \$125 or less. You must include any and all arrests, including, but not limited to, offenses for driving under the influence or similar traffic offenses. Include all arrests that resulted in expungement, which will be redacted. If you have questions regarding whether to include an offense, please contact the Commission.

[All answers have been received and considered by the Commission, and as noted above, any expunged matters are redacted from the record.]

46. Have you, to your knowledge, ever been under federal, state, or local investigation for possible violation of a criminal statute? 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) M.J. Goodwin, Esq. – [REDACTED]

(b) Robert M. Calhoun – [REDACTED]

(c) Hughlyn H. Burgess – [REDACTED]

(d) Sam Briggs, Esq. – [REDACTED]

(e) J. Scott Bischoff, II, Esq. – [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.? Yes.

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? Due to an increased number of people potentially knowing who I was, I would reduce/eliminate the posting of

pictures/information regarding my minor child for her safety and security. I would continuously check all security measures that are currently in place to avoid anyone being able to illegally gain access to my accounts. Additionally, as the judicial canons require, I would make sure not to be associated with accounts, or postings that could compromise my judicial integrity in any way. While I am not extremely active on any social media accounts, I would be even more mindful of the content involved.

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) Deacon – Welcome Baptist Church
 - (b) Member – Welcome Baptist Church
 - (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 divorced with a small child. She will turn two (2) years old in September of this year (2019). Her father and I have a great working relationship and co-parent effectively; however, the time she is with me I am a single parent. She spends every other weekend and one night during the off week with her dad. He and I work well together with flexibility on the schedule when the other is in need of it, while trying to maintain as much consistency for her sake as possible. Additionally, I have the benefit of both sets of grandparents living within approximately fifteen minutes. Lastly, I have a number of other friends that I can count on at a moment's notice to assist in the care of my child. In the work I do, I understand it is not to be taken lightly that I have so many amazing people my child and I can count on. I know I will have to utilize this "village" if I were to be granted the opportunity to fill the seat being vacated by Judge Edwards. Giving up time that could be spent with my daughter is not something I do without a lot of thought and consideration. I have been asked multiple times whether or not it was worth it. And my immediate answer is, absolutely. Being able to serve as a family court judge is a goal and dream of mine. I have the resources around me to allow me to fulfill my dream, help provide for my daughter, and raise her surrounded by incredible friends and family. I am proud to have the opportunity to show my daughter that I continued working toward my dreams, no matter the outcome.

I am thirty-six (36) years old. I understand that I would be considered a young member of the judiciary, should I be given the chance to hold that position. While I wonder if some might consider this a negative, I think it can be viewed as wildly positive. I have an enthusiasm and excitement for the practice of law that I believe is beneficial for a member of the judiciary. I have no doubt I have the knowledge base to preside over the matters that would come before me. I have greatly benefited from an incredible local bar. I have

developed relationships with other bar members that allow me to reach out should I have questions or want to talk through complex issues. I have always valued these relationships and will continue to utilize them when appropriate.

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: _____