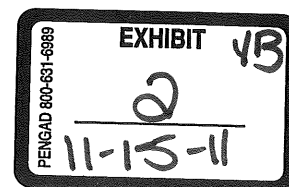


**JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION  
PERSONAL DATA QUESTIONNAIRE**

Court, Position, and Seat # for which you are applying:  
Circuit Court, Fourteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1

1. NAME: Mr. Perry M. Buckner, III  
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Walterboro, SC 29488)  
TELEPHONE NUMBER: (office): (843) 549-7878
2. Date of Birth: 1949  
Place of Birth: Walterboro, Colleton County, SC
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
5. Family Status: Married on January 2, 1982, Janet Hobbs Buckner. Never divorced; two children.
6. Have you served in the military?  
Yes. I was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant at graduation through the Wofford College ROTC program in May of 1971. I was on active duty from October 13, 1971 to January 13, 1972. The branch of service at this time was the Quarter Master Corps. My serial number is XXX-XX-XXXX. After discharge from active duty, I continued in the U.S. Army Reserves from 1972 until approximately 1979 and was transferred to the Judge Advocate General Corps, and I received my discharge from the Reserves in about 1979, at which time I had obtained the rank of Captain. My current status is inactive. I have an Honorable Discharge.
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) Wofford College, 1967-71, Bachelor of Arts Degree, Cum Laude.  
(b) USC School of Law, 1972-75, JD, Cum Laude.
8. 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. If you took the bar exam more than once in any of the states listed, please indicate the number of times you took the exam in each state.  
South Carolina, 1975
9. List the significant activities in which you took part during your attendance at college, graduate, and law school. Give the dates you were involved in these activities and list any leadership positions you held.  
1967-71, Wofford College:  
(a) Kappa Alpha Order Fraternity;



- (b) Hyperopics;
- (c) Distinguished Military Graduate;
- (d) Honor Graduate.

1972-75, USC School of Law:

- (a) Member of Order of Wig and Robe
- (b) Honor Graduate

10. Describe your continuing legal or judicial education during the past five years. Include only the title and date of any continuing legal or judicial education course completed.

<u>Conference/CLE Name</u>	<u>Date(s)</u>
(a) SC Bar Convention	1/27/06;
(b) Annual Judicial Conference	8/23/06;
(c) SC Circuit Judges Conference	5/10/06;
(d) SC Circuit Judges Conference	5/16/07;
(e) Orientation School for New Circuit Judges	7/11/07;
(f) Annual Judicial Conference	8/22/07;
(g) SCSA Annual Conference	9/23/07;
(h) SCDTAA Annual Meeting	11/01/07;
(i) SC Bar Convention	1/24/08
(j) Orientation School for New Circuit Judges	7/09/08;
(k) SCAJ Annual Meeting	8/7/08;
(l) Annual Judicial Conference	8/20/08;
(m) SC Bar Sporting Clays/Skeet Shoot	10/30/08;
(n) SCDTAA Annual Meeting	11/13/08;
(o) SC Bar Convention	1/23/09;
(p) SC Circuit Court Judges Conference	5/06/09;
(q) Orientation School for New Circuit Judges	7/08/09;
(r) SCAJ Annual Meeting	8/06/09;
(s) Annual Judicial Conference	8/19/09;
(t) 40 Hr Civil Mediation Training	1/04/10;
(u) SC Bar Convention	1/21/10;
(v) Sporting Clays CLE; Ethics with Judges	4/29/10;
(w) SC Circuit Judges Conference	5/05/10;
(x) Annual Judicial Conference	8/18/10;
(y) Sporting Clays CLE: Ethics with Judges	10/28/10;
(z) SC Bar Convention	1/21/11;
(aa) SC Circuit Court Judges Conference	5/04/11.

11. Have you taught law-related courses or lectured at bar association conferences, educational institutions, or continuing legal or judicial education programs?

- (a) In 1981 or 1982 I spoke at a SC Bar CLE Seminar on "Extraordinary Writs" at the USC School of Law.
- (b) On May 18, 1984, I was moderator at a seminar on "Condemnation Law and Practice" at the USC School of Law.

- (c) On October 21, 1994, I taught a CLE seminar entitled "Calling as A Witness an Expert Who Was Engaged but Not Called by Opposing Party" at the University of South Carolina School of Law.
  - (d) On or about October 1, 2001, I served on a panel at the Annual Solicitor's Conference and gave a speech entitled "Recent Court Decisions."
  - (e) In September 2004, I spoke at a conference held at Wofford College, entitled "Wofford and the Law." Along with other circuit court judges, I spoke about new developments in the law, both in General Sessions and Common Pleas Court, in a speech entitled "Observations from the Bench."
  - (f) In September 2007, I spoke at a conference held at Wofford College, entitled "The Constitution: The Third Branch of Government, an Insider's View." My speech was entitled "Judicial Independence."
  - (g) In July of 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, and 2011, I spoke at the New Circuit Judges Orientation School regarding "Common Problems in Applying Rules of Court and Rules of Evidence."
12. List all published books and articles you have written and give citations and the dates of publication for each. NONE
13. List all courts in which you have been admitted to practice and list the dates of your admission. Give the same information for administrative bodies that require a special admission to practice.
- (a) South Carolina Supreme Court, November 11, 1975;
  - (b) US District Court, District of SC, December 31, 1975;
  - (c) US Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit, February 11, 1976.
14. Describe chronologically your legal experience since graduation from law school and include a list of all law firms with which you have been associated. Describe the general character of your practice and divide it into periods with dates if its character has changed over the years.
- (a) 1975-79: SC Attorney General's Office as a Staff Attorney and Assistant Attorney General, Columbia, SC.  
 From 1975 to 1977 I was a staff attorney in the Attorney General's Office during my first two years of employment. My duties included prosecuting criminal cases in the Magistrate and Circuit Courts of South Carolina. I also handled criminal appeals to the South Carolina Supreme Court on behalf of the State of South Carolina during my initial two years with the South Carolina Attorney General's Office.  
 From 1977 to 1979, I moved to the Civil Division of the SC Attorney General's Office and I handled civil litigation for the State of South Carolina, including representation of the SC Wildlife Department, the SCHighway Department, the Medical University of SC, The Citadel, and the SC Forestry Commission.
  - (b) 1979-81: Partner in the Law Firm of Wise and Cole, P.A., in Charleston, SC.

From 1979-81, I did insurance defense work as a partner with the firm of Wise and Cole in Charleston, SC. During this time, my practice consisted of almost entirely civil defense work.

- (c) 1981-1986: Partner in the Law Firm of Smoak, Moody, Buckner and Siegel in Walterboro, SC.

From 1981 to 1986, as a partner with the law firm of Smoak, Moody, Buckner and Siegel in Walterboro, SC, I handled primarily plaintiffs' personal injury cases and Workers' Compensation cases. This was a general law practice so I handled both plaintiff and defense cases in both magistrates and circuit court.

- (d) 1986-2000: Private Practice, Law Office of Perry M. Buckner, in Walterboro, SC.

From 1986-2000, I started my own private law practice, I handled plaintiffs' personal injury cases, Social Security cases, and Probate Court/Estate work. I also handled both plaintiff and defendant litigation in civil court, and I handled criminal defense work in the Court of General Sessions of South Carolina. In 1986 I was selected to serve on the Board of the Colleton County Public Defender Corporation, where I continued until being hired as an Assistant Solicitor for the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit in 1997. In 1987 I was court appointed to represent a Capital Defendant in a murder case in Colleton County, which was tried to completion in both the guilt and sentencing phases.

In 1997, I became a part-time Assistant Solicitor for the 14th Judicial Circuit, prosecuting cases for the Solicitor's Office in the Court of General Sessions for Colleton County.

From 2000 to the present, I have served as a resident Circuit Court Judge for the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit.

15. What is your rating, if any, by any legal rating organization, such as, Best Lawyers, Chambers, Legal 500, Martindale-Hubbell, Who's Who Legal, Super Lawyers, etc.? If you are currently a member of the judiciary, list your last available rating, if any.

My last rating as an attorney was AV.

22. Have you ever held judicial office?

Yes. On February 9, 2000, I was elected as a resident Circuit Court Judge of the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat Number 1, and I was sworn in on June 30, 2000. I began work on July 1, 2000, as a Circuit Court Judge.

23. If the answer to question 22 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) Vicki F. Chassereau v. Global-Sun Pools, Inc. and Ken Darwin, 03-CP-25-476.

The Court of Appeals affirmed my order denying Defendants' Motion to Compel Arbitration, which is attached hereto.

The Court of Appeals' decision in this case is cited as Vicki F. Chassereau v. Global-Sun Pools, Inc. and Ken Darwin, 363 S.C. 628, 611 S.E.2d 305 (Ct. App. 2005).

- (b) Guffey v. Columbia/Colleton Regional Hosp., Inc., 364 S.C. 158, 612 S.E.2d 695 (2005).

This was a medical malpractice case involving death in which I directed a verdict regarding conflicting instructions and excluded evidence regarding conflicting discharge instructions after the withdrawal of the defense of comparative negligence. The SC Supreme Court recently upheld this decision. My order denying a new trial in this case is attached.

The decision of the Supreme Court is reported as Guffey v. Columbia/Colleton Regional Hosp., Inc., 364 S.C. 158, 612 S.E.2d 695 (2005).

- (c) State v. Victor Pichardo and Lorenzo Victoria Reyes, 367 S.C. 84, 623 S.E. 2d 840 (Ct App., 2005)

This is a criminal case in which I suppressed evidence seized by law enforcement which was affirmed by the SC Court of Appeals.

- (d) State v. M.S. Hernandez, 386 S.C. 655, 290 S.E. 2d 582 (Ct. App, 2010)

This is an appeal from a criminal case in which I was affirmed by the Court of Appeals in refusing to charge the lesser included offense of voluntary manslaughter. I was affirmed by the South Carolina Court of Appeals.

- (e) Partain v. Upstate Automotive, 386 S.C. 488, 689 S.E. 2d 602 (2010)

This is a SC Supreme Court decision in which I was affirmed for refusing to compel arbitration.

24. Have you ever held public office other than judicial office?

I served as Staff Attorney for the State of SC in the SC Attorney General's Office from 1975-77. I served as an Assistant Attorney General for the State of SC from 1977-79. In 1997, I became a part-time Assistant Solicitor for the 14th Judicial Circuit. All of these offices are appointed.

25. 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. None

26. Have you ever been an unsuccessful candidate for elective, judicial, or other public office? No

27. 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? No

28. Are you now an officer or director or involved in the management of any business enterprise? .

I am a general partner in a partnership with my two sons, known as PP&G, which owns and operates a pine tree farm in Colleton County consisting of approximately 70 acres. We also grow corn and sunflowers.

29. A complete, current financial net worth statement was provided to the Commission.
30. 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. Explain how you would resolve any potential conflict of interest.
31. 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?  
No
32. Have you, to your knowledge, ever been under federal, state, or local investigation for possible violation of a criminal statute? No
33. 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? No
34. Have you ever been sued, either personally or professionally, that is, have you ever been named as defendant or respondent in any court of law? No
36. 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? No
37. 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)? No
38. 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? None
39. S.C. Code § 8-13-700 provides, in part, that "[n]o public official, public member, or public employee may knowingly use his official office, membership, or employment to obtain an economic interest for himself, a member of his immediate family, an individual with whom he is associated, or a business with which he is associated." Please detail any knowledge you have of any formal charges or informal allegations against you or any other candidate for violations of these provisions. None
40. S.C. Code § 8-13-765 provides, in part, that "[n]o person may use government personnel, equipment, materials, or an office building in an election campaign." Please detail any knowledge you have of any formal charges or informal allegations against you or any other candidate for violations of these provisions.

41. 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 and Stationary – Less than \$100.00.
42. List the amount and recipient of all contributions made by you or on your behalf to members of the General Assembly since the announcement of your intent to seek election to a judgeship. None
43. 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? 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? None
44. Have you requested a friend or colleague to contact members of the General Assembly on your behalf? Are you aware of any friends or colleagues contacting members of the General Assembly on your behalf? No
45. Have you or has anyone acting on your behalf solicited or collected funds to aid in the promotion of your candidacy? No
46. Have you or has anyone acting on your behalf contacted members of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission about your candidacy or intention to become a candidate? No
47. 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) Current Member of the SC Bar Association;
  - (b) Current Member of the Colleton County Bar Association;
  - (c) Current Member of the American Bar Association;
  - (d) Former Member of the SC Defense Trial Attorneys Association;
  - (e) Former Member of the SC Association for Justice;
  - (f) Former Member of the SC Bar Judicial Qualification Committee;
  - (g) Former Member of the SC Bar Nominating Committee;
  - (h) Former Member of the SC Bar House of Delegates.
48. 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) Liturgist, Usher, Greeter at Bethel United Methodist Church, Walterboro, SC;
  - (b) Member of the Colleton County Historical and Preservation Society;
  - (c) Member of Colleton County Arts Council;
  - (d) Member of Walterboro Elks Club;
  - (e) Past member of the Dogwood Hills Country Club.

49. 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. None

50. References:

- (a) Pat Grant  
Clerk of Court of Colleton County
- (b) Arnold Zipperer  
President of 1<sup>st</sup> Federal of SC in Walterboro, SC
- (c) Dr. Joseph Flowers  
Chairman of Colleton County Council and Personal Physician
- (d) Thomas F. Hartnett  
Longtime personal friend
- (e) Charles Rowland  
Managing Editor of The Press and Standard, Walterboro, SC

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: Perry M. Buckner, III

Date: August 10, 2011