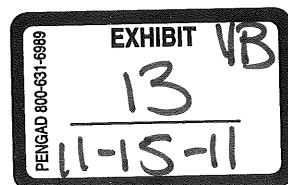


JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION
Sworn Statement to be included in Transcript of Public Hearings

Circuit Court
(Incumbent)

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1. Why do you want to serve another term as a Circuit Court Judge?
I enjoy my job.
2. Do you plan to serve your full term if re-elected? Yes
3. Do you have any plans to return to private practice one day? No
4. Have you met the Constitutional requirements for this position regarding age, residence, and years of practice? Yes
5. What is your philosophy regarding *ex parte* communications? Are there circumstances under which you could envision *ex parte* communications being tolerated?
Avoid them at all costs. Yes. Scheduling matters, TRO's, unknown or absent parties, and other situations as the rules provide.
6. What is your philosophy on recusal, especially in situations in which lawyer-legislators, former associates, or law partners are to appear before you?
If there is any doubt then there is no doubt. I would probably recuse for appearance sake alone.
7. If you disclosed something that had the appearance of bias, but you believed it would not actually prejudice your impartiality, what deference would you give a party that requested your recusal? Would you grant such a motion? Yes
8. How would you handle the appearance of impropriety because of the financial or social involvement of your spouse or a close relative?
Recusal
9. What standards have you set for yourself regarding the acceptance of gifts or social hospitality?
I don't accept any gifts of any kind from lawyers or litigants. Whether I would go to a party, wedding or other social gathering would depend on my personal relationship with the patrons.
10. How would you handle a situation in which you became aware of misconduct of a lawyer or of a fellow judge?
Report the lawyer or judge to Office of Disciplinary Counsel.
11. Are you affiliated with any political parties, boards or commissions that, if you were re-elected, would need to be re-evaluated? No



12. Do you have any business activities that you would envision remaining involved with if reelected to the bench?
Color Analysis for University of South Carolina basketball games.
13. How do you handle the drafting of orders?
Many different ways, but, usually my law clerk and I prepare a Form 4 (short order form) immediately. Then, depending on the circumstances, invite both parties or at least the prevailing party to submit a formal order, always copying the adverse, and then I may add or detract or completely change any submission.
14. What methods do you use to ensure that you and your staff meet deadlines?
My Administrative Assistant, my Law Clerk and I all keep the exact calendar and we check, double check and verify all deadlines and events months, weeks, days and hours in advance of the scheduled matter.
15. What is your philosophy on "judicial activism," and what effect should judges have in setting or promoting public policy?
I don't have a philosophy on "judicial activism" and I practice and believe in addressing one case and one issue at a time in connection with a unique and specific set of facts.
16. Canon 4 allows a judge to engage in activities to improve the law, legal system, and administration of justice. What activities do you plan to undertake to further this improvement of the legal system?
Lectures, speeches and generally supporting all events that tend to enrich the legal profession.
17. Do you feel that the pressure of serving as a judge strains personal relationships (i.e. spouse, children, friends, or relatives)? How do you address this? No
18. The following list contains five categories of offenders that would perhaps regularly appear in your court. Discuss your philosophy on sentencing for these classes of offenders.
- a. Repeat offenders:
This category generally receives more substantial punishment.
 - b. Juveniles (that have been waived to the circuit court):
It always depends on the specific offense, i.e., murder, CSC, burglary, and to what extent or degree the defendant has participated. Otherwise, this class of defendants is treated just like all categories and prior history of criminal activity weighs heavily on one's decision.
 - c. White collar criminals:
Since these types of offenses are generally more insidious than street crimes, my decision on sentencing is triggered more by

the long term impact and the number of victims directly and indirectly affected.

- d. Defendants with a socially and/or economically disadvantaged background:

One tries to help and punish this class at the same time. This is where all of the historic educational and vocational programs in place in the system are utilized more as a component of the sentence to elevate their prospects of the future success to stem recidivism.

- e. Elderly defendants or those with some infirmity:

One first considers all of the institutional placements that are equipped to handle special needs individuals before simply sending this category of defendants into a general prison population.

19. Are you involved in any active investments from which you derive additional income that might impair your appearance of impartiality?
No
20. Would you hear a case where you or a member of your family held a *de minimis* financial interest in a party involved? No
21. Do you belong to any organizations that discriminate based on race, religion, or gender? No
22. Have you met the mandatory minimum hours requirement for continuing legal education courses? Yes
23. What do you feel is the appropriate demeanor for a judge?
Poker faced with the patience of Job.
24. Do the rules that you expressed in your previous answer apply only while you are on the bench or in chambers, or do these rules apply seven days a week, twenty-four hours a day?
They apply all of the time.
25. Do you feel that it is ever appropriate to be angry with a member of the public, especially with a criminal defendant? Is anger ever appropriate in dealing with attorneys or a pro se litigant?
No.
26. How much money have you spent on your campaign? If it is over \$100, has that amount been reported to the House and Senate Ethics Committees? None
27. While campaigning for this office, have you used judicial letterhead or the services of your staff for your campaign? No
28. Have you sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to this date? No
29. Have you sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by any legislator pending the outcome of your screening? No
30. Have you asked any third parties to contact members of the General Assembly on your behalf before the final and formal screening report

has been released? Are you aware of any friends or colleagues contacting members of the General Assembly on your behalf?

No

31. Have you contacted any members of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission? No
32. Are you familiar with the 48-hour rule, which prohibits a candidate from seeking pledges for 48 hours after the draft report has been submitted? Yes

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ANSWERS TO THE ABOVE QUESTIONS ARE TRUE AND COMPLETE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

L. Casey Manning

Sworn to before me this 9th day of August, 2011.

Notary Public for South Carolina

My commission expires: 1/8/2020