

**JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION
PERSONAL DATA QUESTIONNAIRE**

Circuit Court, Ninth Judicial Circuit, Seat 2

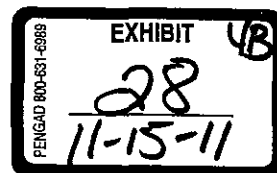
1. NAME: Ms. Kristi Lea Harrington
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TELEPHONE NUMBER: (office): 843-719-4480
2. Date of Birth: 1969
Place of Birth: Newport, Rhode Island
3. Are you a citizen of South Carolina? Yes
Have you been a resident of this state for at least the immediate past five years? Yes
5. Family Status: Divorced in January of 2001, in the Family Court of Tulsa, Oklahoma. I was the moving party.
One child.
6. Have you served in the military? I have never served in the military.
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) College of Charleston. August 1987 to May 1988. Transferred.
 - (b) Francis Marion University. January 1989 to December 1991. Graduated with B.A. in English.
 - (c) University of Tulsa College of Law. August 1993 to May 1996. J.D.
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.
 - (a) Oklahoma. Admitted 1996.
 - (b) South Carolina. Admitted 2001.
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.

College

 - (a) Editor of Yearbook
 - (b) Alpha Delta Pi; several offices held
 - (c) Member of English, Social Science, and Political Science honor societies.

Law School

 - (a) Legal Clinic Intern
 - (b) Editor, law school paper
 - (c) ABA Negotiation Competition finalist
 - (d) Intern, Tulsa County District Attorneys Office.



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) Trial Advocacy I	6/19/06;
(b) Jessie's Law	6/30/06;
(c) Child Sex Abuse Investigation	04/04/07;
(d) Confronting the Challenge of	09/12/07;
(e) Annual Solicitors Conference	09/23/07;
(f) Orientation School	07/09/08;
(g) Judicial Conference	08/20/08;
(h) Civil Law Update	01/23/09;
(i) Judicial Conference	08/19/09;
(j) Civil Law Update	01/22/10;
(k) Criminal Law Update, part 2	01/22/10;
(l) General Jurisdiction-NJC	05/16/10;
(m) Inns of Court	11/10/10;
(n) Criminal Law Section	01/21/11;
(o) Trial and Appellate Advocacy Section	01/21/11;
(p) A little bit of this and a little	02/11/11.

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

- (a) Trial Advocacy. Charleston School of Law. April 21, 2011. Presided over a mock trial.
- (b) iCivics Training. April 8, 2011. Spoke on Constitutional Law.
- (c) Charleston Lawyers Club CLE. February 25, 2011. Spoke on courtroom decorum and docketing procedures.
- (d) "Perspectives from the Bench." Charleston School of Law. March 23, 2011. Discussed several issues concerning courtroom etiquette and decorum with law students.
- (e) Professionalism Series Lecture. Charleston School of Law. March 3, 2011. Spoke on various topics of the law and how to relate with the judiciary.

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) admitted to practice before the State Courts of South Carolina in 2001;
- (b) also admitted to practice before the Federal District Court and Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals in 2004;

- (c) admitted to practice before the State Courts of Oklahoma in 1996.
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) September 1996-February 2001. Tulsa County District Attorneys Office. Staff attorney. Prosecuted juvenile, misdemeanor and felony cases.
 - (b) February 2001-February 2002. Law office of Carter D. Harrington. Assisted in preparing legal documents and preparing attorney for court.
 - (c) February 2002-February 2008. Ninth Judicial Circuit Solicitors Office. Staff attorney. Prosecuted felony cases.
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. To my knowledge, I am not rated.
22. Have you ever held judicial office?
- I was elected to the Circuit Court, Ninth Judicial Circuit, Seat 2, on February 6, 2008.
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) State v. Jacobs
 - (b) State v. Goss
 - (c) Singleton v. Allied
 - (d) State v. Goodwin
 - (e) Geddings v. D&L.
24. 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?
- I have not held any other public office.
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.
- I currently am an adjunct instructor at Strayer University. I have been employed there since 2008. I currently teach Business Law and Criminal Justice. My supervisor is Dean Rufus Robinson.
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?

I had a variety of retail jobs during high school and college.

28. Are you now an officer or director or involved in the management of any business enterprise? No.

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.

I have no financial arrangements or business relationships that would create a possible 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? No.

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.

There have been no charges or allegations.

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.

There have been no formal charges or allegations.

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. None.

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? I have not.

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? I have not.

45. Have you or has anyone acting on your behalf solicited or collected funds to aid in the promotion of your candidacy?

Neither I nor anyone else has solicited or collected funds on my behalf.

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?

I have not, nor to my knowledge, has anyone on my behalf, contacted members of the JMSC.

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) South Carolina Bar Association;
- (b) Oklahoma Bar Association;
- (c) Petigru Inn of Court (Charter Member);
- (d) American Bar Association;
- (e) Berkeley County Bar Association;
- (f) Charleston County Bar Association;
- (g) South Carolina Women Lawyers Association.

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) Howe Hall PTA;

- (b) Liberty Fellowship;
 - (c) Berkeley County Youth Court;
 - (d) Eastern Star.
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.

My current term has been the most professionally and personally rewarding part of my legal career. I have had the opportunity to preside over many trials and hearings. As such, I have realized the important role that my decisions make in people's personal and professional lives.

50. References:

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- (c) Sheriff Wayne DeWitt
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Moncks Corner, SC 29461
(843) 719-4465
- (d) Marietta Hicks
1207 Edward Drive
Moncks Corner, SC 29461
(843) 830-4703
- (e) Amanda Patterson-First Federal Bank
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(843) 529-5800

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

Signature: Kristi Harrington

Date: July 25, 2011