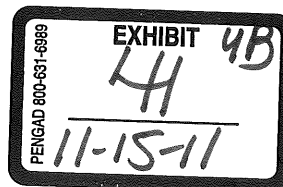


JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION
Statement to be included in Transcript of Public Hearings

Retired Judge

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1. Have you met the Constitutional or statutory requirements for this position regarding age, residence, and years of practice? Yes
2. Have you met the mandatory minimum hours requirement for continuing legal education courses? Yes
3. Do you have any plans to return to private practice one day? No
4. Are you engaged in any legal activities other than your service as a retired judge, such as acting as an arbitrator or mediator? No
5. Are you involved in any active investments from which you derive additional income that might impair your appearance of impartiality? No
6. Do you belong to any organizations that discriminate based on race, religion, or gender? No
7. Have you engaged in any partisan political activity since your retirement? No
8. What do you feel is the appropriate demeanor for a judge?
Attentive, Patient and Courteous.
9. In your position as a retired judge, what methods do you employ to ensure that deadlines for the timely issuance of orders are met?
I note on my rosters when Orders are signed.
10. 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? No
11. How would you handle a situation in which you became aware of misconduct of a lawyer or fellow judge?
If my knowledge of the misconduct is personal and the misconduct is clear I would confront the lawyer or Judge for explanation, and if not satisfied, I would report the misconduct.
12. What is your philosophy on recusal, especially in situations in which lawyer-legislators, former associates, or law clerks are to appear before you?
I do not recuse for lawyer legislators. I have been a judge 30 years so I no longer worry about former Associates and I have never had a law clerk.



13. What is your philosophy regarding *ex parte* communications? Are there circumstances under which you could envision *ex parte* communications being tolerated?

Ex parte communications are permissible for administrative or scheduling matters and in emergencies.

14. 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?

I would recuse.

15. What standards have you set for yourself regarding the acceptance of gifts or social hospitality?

I do not accept gifts from lawyers. If I have a meal with a lawyer I pay for mine.

16. In order that we might advise court administration on steps that need to be taken, are there any limitations on your sight, hearing, or mobility that should be addressed by the court administrator?

I wear hearing aids in court.

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

s/Wylie H. Caldwell, Jr.

Sworn to before me this 11th day of July, 2011.

Notary Public for S.C.

My Commission Expires: 8/8/2012