## JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION PERSONAL DATA QUESTIONNAIRE

Court, Position, and Seat # for which you are applying: SC Court of Appeals, Seat 6

1. NAME: The Honorable Aphrodite Konduros

BUSINESS ADDRESS: 305 E. North St., Suite 116

Greenville, SC 29601

TELEPHONE NUMBER: (office): 864-467-8496

2. Date of Birth: 1959

Place of Birth: Sumter, 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 May 21, 1994, to Samuel James Konduros. Never divorced, no children.
- 6. Have you served in the military? No.
  - 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) USC, 1977-81 BA in English;
    - (b) University of Kent, Canterbury, England, 1980-81 (Exchange Student, no degree);
    - (c) USC School of Law, 1981-84 JD.
- 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.

SC, 1985; SC, took the exam twice.

I am and have always been a member in good standing with the SC Bar.

- 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.
  - (a) 1980-81 Kent Scholar Recipient-foreign exchange scholarship;
  - (b) 1979 Outstanding Jr. in the English Department;
  - (c) 1981-84 Phi Delta Phi Law Fraternity;
  - (d) 1983-84 Student Bar President, USC School of Law;
  - (e) 1984-USC Law School Claude Sapp Award co-recipient for Outstanding 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.
  - (a) 2008-09

4-22-08 Family Court Judges Conference

11-13-08 SCDTAA Annual Meeting

12-5-08 Family Court Bench Bar

1-23-09 SC Bar Civil Law Update

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- 1-23-09 SC Bar Criminal Law Update
- 2-13-09 Greenville Bar Year End CLE;
- (b) 2009-2010
  - 4-21-09 The Changing Nature of Legal Representation
  - 7-31-09 Judicial Merit Selection Commission
  - 11-5-09 SCDTAA Annual Meeting
  - 1-22-10 Civil Law Update
  - 1-22-10 Family Law Update
  - 2-19-10 Criminal Punishment in Society
  - 2-12-10 Family Law Update, Greenville Bar;
- (c) 2010-2011
  - 7-21-10 Summer Associate Luncheon
  - 8-5-10 SCAJ Annual Conference
  - 11-3-10 SCDTAA Annual Meeting;
- (d) 2011-2012
  - 6-8-11 Orientation School for New Judges
  - 8-17-11 Annual Judicial Conference
  - 11-3-11 SCDTAA Annual Meeting
  - 2-10-12 Greenville Bar Year End CLE;
- (e) 2012-2013
  - 8-2-12 SCAJ Annual Meeting
  - 8-22-12 Annual Judicial conference
  - 11-2-12 SCCA Annual Meeting
  - 11-8-12 SCDTAA Annual Meeting
  - 12-7-12 Family Court Bench Bar
  - 1-25-13 SC Bar Trial and Appellate Advocacy
  - 1-25-13 Criminal Law Section.
- 11. 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.
  - (a) SCTLA 2003-spoke on Ethical considerations in Family Court for an absent speaker;
  - (b) Family Law Lawyers Annual Conference 2002-spoke on Elder Law issues to fellow judges;
  - (c) Numerous Omnibus Adult Protection Act presentations at the Criminal Justice Academy;
  - (d) DSS-sponsored CLE seminars on Termination of Parental Rights, Adult Abuse issues and Adoptions;
  - (e) Abuse and Neglect trainings to Greenville School District teachers;
  - (f) "Grand Rounds" training to interns at Greenville Hospital on recognizing abuse;
  - (g) Annual training to Greenville Chamber young members on the court system and moderating law enforcement panel;
  - (h) Annual training to "Leadership Greenville" on recognizing abuse;
  - (i) Training to "Fatherhood Program" on the logic of Child Support;

- (j) Summer School on Gerontology, Winthrop University;
- (k) Various judicial panels at the SC BAR Family Law section;
- (l) Panelist on the Chief Justice's Mini-Summit on Children, August 2006;
- (m) Spoken for many years at the SCDTAA Conference on appellate issues, including this year;
- (n) Spoken for many years at the SC Access to Justice Conference on appellate issues;
- (o) Spoken to the inaugural class of the USC SC Legal Writing Academy;
- (p) Addressed the Biannual National Court Technology Conference in Baltimore, Maryland on use of the iPad for appellate review of cases;
- (q) Taught a Maymester class at CSOL on DSS Abuse and Neglect law;
- (r) Taught a summer school class at CSOL on practice tips and practical application for new lawyers;
- (s) Addressed the National Governor's Conference in Washington on sentencing considerations;
- (t) Have spoken for many years at the Greenville Bar Year end CLE on family and appellate law updates;
- (u) James Otis Speaker, ABOTA Annual Youth Competition;
- (v) Spoken to the SC Magistrates and Municipal Judges Annual conference twice;
- (w) Spoken to the SC Clerks of Court on docketing issues for Family Court;
- (x) Girls State programs across the State;
- (y) I spoke at most of the CLE's listed in Question 10 since joining the Court Of Appeals.
- 12. List all published books and articles you have written and give citations and the dates of publication for each.
  - (a) "Chief of the Catawbas", Sandlapper Magazine, Summer Issue, 1999;
  - (b) "An Unlikely Mentor", SCWLA "Briefcase", Spring Issue 2007
  - (c) SC Adoption Law and Practice (SC Bar 2010), Editorial Board;
  - (d) Marital Litigation in SC, Professor Emeritus Roy T. Stuckey (SC Bar 2010), Third and Fourth Editorial Board.
- 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) SC Supreme Court, admitted May 21, 1985;
  - (b) United States District Court, admitted May 29, 1987;
  - (c) United States Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit, admitted April 19, 1993.
- 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) 1984-85
    - Weinberg, Brown & McDougall Sumter, SC General practice, civil, criminal defense, appellate practice, Armed Services Board of Contract Appeals;
  - (b) Law Clerk to the Hon. David F. McInnis, Circuit Court, Third Circuit

Accompanied the judge to 33 counties in our state, assisting him in civil and criminal court:

- (c) Todd & Barber Columbia, SC
  General practice including residential and commercial real estate and development,
  domestic, probate, appellate practice, criminal, civil, outdoor advertising licensure,
  and collection;
- (d) SC Department of Disabilities and Special Needs, Assistant and Deputy General Counsel, Columbia, SC Practice included family court juvenile hearings, unemployment hearings, workers compensation, civil, criminal, probate commitments, Medicaid, and Social Security benefits practice;
- (e) SC Department of Social Services Greenville, SC County attorney for DSS prosecution of abuse and neglect cases, child support, unemployment, appellate practice, and probate;
- (f) 1/97-12/97 The Code Law Firm Greenville, SC Private practice including divorce, child support, DSS, DJJ, civil defense in state and federal court, Insurance Reserve Fund defense for the SCDOT, Department of Education, DSS, DDSN, City of Greenville, Greer Police Department, Department of Corrections, Magistrate's Court, appellate practice;
- (g) SC Department of Social Services, Assistant General Counsel, Columbia, SC Adoptions, DSS prosecution, appellate practice, state procurement, day care licensure appeals, State employee grievances;
- (h) 2000-02 Director, Greenville Department of Services, Greenville, SC Managed 314 state employees and multi-million dollar budget, administering Medicaid, food stamps, child and adult protective services, foster care licensing, and over 400 foster children. Supervised five lawyers handling child abuse and neglect cases, adoptions, termination of parental rights cases. Continued to handle a small number of DSS cases, unemployment hearings personally;
- (i) 2002-08 Family Court Judge, Thirteenth Circuit, Seat #3;
- (j) 2008-present SC Court of Appeals, Seat #6.
- 15. What is your rating in Martindale-Hubbell AV.
- 22. Have you ever held judicial office?
  - Family Court Judge in the Thirteenth Circuit, Elected February 6, 2002, and February 4, 2004 to February 6, 2008. Jurisdiction is set forth in SCC Section 20-7-420, et seq. Court of Appeals Judge, Elected February 6, 2008 to present.
- 23. If the answer to question 22 is yes, describe or attach 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) Williams Carpet Contractors, Inc v Skelly, 400 S.C. 320, 734 S.E.2d 177 (Ct. App.2012);
  - (b) <u>Nakatsu v. Encompass Indem. Co.</u>, 390 S.C. 172, 700 S.E.2d 283 (Ct. App. 2010);
  - (c) Neeltec Enters., Inc. v. Long, 402 S.C. 524, 741 S.E.2d 767 (Ct. App. 2013);

- (d) <u>State v. McGee</u>, 408 S.C. 278, 758 S.E.2d 730 (Ct. App. 2014);
- (e) <u>State v. Pradubsri</u>, 403 S.C. 270, 743 S.E.2d 98 (Ct. App. 2013).
- 24. Have you ever held public office other than judicial office? No.
- 25. List all employment you have 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 taught two classes for the Charleston School of Law in 2013 and 2014. My responsibilities were that of a guest professor.

- 26. Have you ever been an unsuccessful candidate for elective, judicial, or other public office?

  I ran unsuccessfully for SC Court of Appeals, Seat 3, to which the Honorable Paula
  Thomas was elected on February 7, 2007, and for the SC Court of Appeals, Seat 7, to which
  the Honorable Daniel Pieper was elected May 23, 2007.
- 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?
  - Restaurant worker-prior to law school I worked as a waitress and cashier at the Howard Johnson's Hotel in Myrtle Beach, which no longer exists. Summers of 1976-80; worked in our family-owned restaurant named Big Jim's in Sumter, SC, all my life;
  - (b) Director of Greenville County Department of Social Services (see Answer 14).
- 28. Are you now an officer or director or involved in the management of any business enterprise?
  - No. My siblings and I formed Karvelas Children's Holdings, LLC to manage and dispose of commercial property we inherited from our mother. I am a member. We have one piece left which we are actively marketing. My brother is the managing partner. I have no day to day responsibilities.
- 29. A complete, current financial net worth statement was provided to the Commission.
- 30. Describe any financial arrangements or business relationships that 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. None.
- 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? 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? Have you ever been sued, either personally or professionally?
  - Yes, three times, and all three have been before the screening committee before.
  - (a) I was sued in Circuit Court in my professional capacity as a DSS attorney by aggrieved grandparents that DSS had investigated. I was defended under the Torts Claims Act by an Insurance Reserve Fund attorney, and the case was dismissed with prejudice at the first hearing;
  - (b) I was named in a family court contempt action by defendants in a DSS case while I was director of Greenville DSS. The parties dismissed the action against me before

trial:

- (c) I was named in a suit against my father. He gave an option to purchase on a piece of property that he no longer owned post-divorce from our mother. When my siblings and I sold it, unaware of the option, the option holder sued. The case was dismissed before the issues were joined, as we sold the so-called option holder another piece of property.
- 36. Have you ever been investigated by the Department of Social Services? Have you ever been enrolled on the Central Registry of Child Abuse and Neglect? No.
- 37. If you are in private practice, are you covered by malpractice insurance and, if so, how long have you carried malpractice insurance.

I have not had malpractice insurance since I left Code Law Firm in 1997. I have never had a tail policy.

38. 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?

I am not, and have not used any social media outlet, other than I follow Instagram to see my family's photos. My husband uses Instagram and Facebook, and I have appeared in pictures he has posted. As I do not personally post, I do not feel it has affected me at all. I was always concerned about litigants trying to reach me, so I chose not to get started on any social media. I follow Instagram under a pen name.

- 39. 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.
- 40. 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.
- 41. 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.
- 42. 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. No.
- 43. 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. A box of paper and some stamps. Roughly \$50.00
- 44. 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.
- 45. 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? No.
- 46. 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. I have in past campaigns at the appropriate time, but not in this campaign.

- 47. Have you or has anyone acting on your behalf solicited or collected funds to aid in the promotion of your candidacy? No.
- 48. 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.
- 49. 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) SCWLA
    - -Regional liaison in the late 90's for one year;
  - (b) Greenville County Bar since 1994;
  - (c) SC Bar since 1985:
  - (d) Richland County Young lawyers in the 1990's;
  - (d) Family Court Judges Association 2002-08;
  - (e) Haynesworth- Perry Inn of Court 2013 to present.
- 50. 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. None.
- 51. Provide any other information which 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.
  - (a) Co-recipient of the Claude N. Sapp Award for Outstanding Law Graduate (with David Dukes, Esq. of Columbia);
  - (b) Served as a Acting Associate Justice of the SC Supreme Court on June 22, 2004;
  - (c) 2007-2008 Vocational Service Award from the Greenville East Rotary;
  - (d) Recipient of the Statewide Fatherhood Advocate Award, 2005;
  - (e) Award of Excellence, The SC Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual E;
  - (f) The SC American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA) Jurist of the Year, 2013.
- 52. References:
  - (a) Shields Cochran Sr. VP, South State Bank 200 E. Broad St., Suite 100 Greenville, SC 29601 (864) 250-4455
  - (b) R. Kinard Johnson Retired Family Court Judge 12 Rivoli Lane

Greenville, SC 29615-3091 (864) 235-1910

- (c) Stephen P. Navarro
  President, The Furman Co., Inc.
  7 N. Laurens St.
  Greenville, SC 29602
  (864) 242-5151
- (d) C. Douglass Harper Harper Corporation 35 West Court St., Suite 400 Greenville, SC 29601 (864) 527-2500
- (e) Terri Wilfong
  12 Parkins Mill Court
  Greenville, SC 29607
  (502) 817-2188

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

Signature: Aphrodite Konduros

Date: July 29, 2014

## Aphrodite Konduros 16 Ruskin Square Greenville, South Carolina 29607

November 5, 2014

Jane Shuler, Chief Counsel Judicial Merit Selection Commission P.O. Box 142 Columbia, SC 29202

Re: Amendment to Question 32 of Personal Data Questionnaire

Dear Mrs. Shuler,

It is my privilege to be allowed to amend my answer to Question 32 as follows:

"In 2011, my father's second wife questioned whether my sister and I were entitled to personal property that we had inherited from our deceased mother. There was no merit to her allegations that the eight goblets and antique mirror were hers and not ours. Once our documentation of rightful ownership was provided, the issue was quickly resolved in our favor."

Please thank the Commission for the opportunity to amend and the courtesy of waiving my appearance.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to call on me.

Sincerely

Aphrodite Konduros

SC Court of Appeals, Seat 6