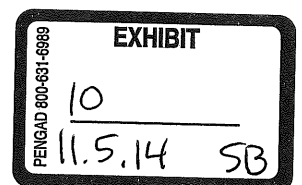


**JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION
PERSONAL DATA QUESTIONNAIRE**

Court, Position, and Seat # for which you are applying:
Circuit, At-Large, Seat 3

1. NAME: The Honorable Clifton Bernard Newman
BUSINESS ADDRESS: Williamsburg County Courthouse
125 W. Main Street,
P. O. Box 516
Kingstree, SC 29556-0516
TELEPHONE NUMBER: (office): 843-355-9321
2. Date of Birth: 1951
Place of Birth: Greeleyville, 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 to Patricia Blanton Newman on May 28, 1977. Four 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) Cleveland State University 1969-73 BA;
 - (b) Cleveland Marshall College of Law 1973-76 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.
 - (a) Ohio, 1976;
 - (b) SC, 1981.
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.
Cleveland State University, Cleveland, Ohio:
 - (a) President of Student Government (1973-74);
 - (b) Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity - Polemarch (1971);
 - (c) Presidential Search Committee (1973);
 - (d) Chief Justice, University Judiciary (1975).
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</u>
(a) SC 2009 Bar Convention	01/22-01/25/09;
(b) Judicial Education Program Northwestern Law School	04/21-04/22/09;
(c) SC Judicial Conference	05/06/09;
(d) National Judicial College Seminar	06/14-06/18/09;
(e) SCCA – Orientation School for New Judges	07/08/09;
(f) ABA Annual Meeting – Delegate	7/30-08/04/09;



(g)	SC Annual Judicial Conference	08/19/09;
(h)	SC Defense Trial Attorneys	11/05-11/08/09;
(i)	American College of Business Court Judges	11/08-11/10/09;
(j)	SCDTAA Construction Law Seminar	12/16/09;
(k)	Civil Justice Institute, Northwestern Law School	12/07-12/08/09;
(l)	JBOIC - Handling the High Profile Case	01/12/10;
(m)	SC Bar - Civil Law Update	01/22/10;
(n)	SC Bar - Criminal Law Update-Part 2	01/22/10;
(o)	SC Bar - Bridge the Gap	03/08/10;
(p)	SCCA – Orientation School for New Judges	07/07/10;
(q)	SC Bar – Bridge the Gap	08/02/10;
(r)	JBOIC – Remarks by Rt Hon Lord Justice	10/20/10;
(s)	SupCt – Introduction to Court-Annexed ADR	10/29/10;
(t)	JBOIC – Oaths to the Federal Judiciary	11/09/10;
(u)	SC Bar-	01/20-01/21/11;
(v)	SC Bar – Bridge the Gap	03/07/11;
(w)	SC Circuit Court Judges’ Conference	05/04/11;
(x)	SCHS – J. Waites Waring and the Dissent	05/19/11;
(y)	SC Bar- Criminal Law Essentials	05/20/11;
(z)	MCC – 5 th Annual East Region Construction	06/02/11;
(aa)	National Forensics Institute	06/26-06/30/11;
(bb)	SCCA – 2011 Orientation School for New Judges	07/06/11;
(cc)	SCCA – 2011 Annual Judicial Conference	08/17/11;
(dd)	JBOIC – Law Schol Moot Court Team v.	09/14/11;
(ee)	Defense Research Institute Conference-Constructiion Law	09/21-09/23/11;
(ff)	Northwestern Law Judicial Education Program	10/17-10/21/11;
(gg)	AAS Emerging Issues in Neuroscience	10/30-10/31/11;
(hh)	Judicial Symposium on Civil Justice	11/13-11/15/11;
(ii)	ACBCJ Business Court Judges	12/04-12/06/11;
(jj)	The Conference of Chief Justices, Wilmington, DE	01/12;
(kk)	JBOIC – The Importance of an Independent	01/17/12;
(ll)	SC Bar – Part 2 Criminal Law Section	01/20/12;
(mm)	SC Bar – Trial & Appellate Advocacy Section	01/20/12;
(nn)	Judicial Education Program, George Mason University	03/10/12;
(oo)	American Bar Association	03/22-03/24/12;
(pp)	West Coast Casualty Group	05/16/12;
(qq)	M C Consultants, Inc.	06/06-06/08/12;
(rr)	American Bar Association	08/04-08/07/12;
(ss)	NCJRL University of Mississippi	10/15-10/16/12;
(tt)	SC Conference on Lawyer & Judicial Discipline	11/07/12;
(ss)	SC Defense Trial Lawyers Association	11/07-11/10/12;
(tt)	Judicial Education Program, George Mason University	11/13-11/15/12;
(uu)	Judicial Education Program, George Mason University	12/12;
(vv)	National Judicial Conference – Brain Trauma, Philidelphia,PA	2013;
(ww)	SC Bar “Bridge the Gap”	03/11/13;
(xx)	SCCJC Spring Conference	05/01/13;

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| (yy) | SC Bar Lawyers;Guns and Money:Criminal Defense | 05/10/13; |
| (zz) | SCCA 2013 Orientation School for New Circuit Judges | 07/10/13; |
| (aaa) | SCAJ 2013 Annual Convention | 08/01/13; |
| (bbb) | SC Bar "Bridge the Gap" | 08/05/13; |
| (ccc) | SCCA 2013 Annual Judicial Conference | 08/21/13; |
| (ddd) | Commission on Judicial & Lawyer Conduct Seminar | 10/30/13; |
| (eee) | SCDTAA Annual Meeting | 11/07/13; |
| (fff) | SC Bar "Bridge the Gap" | 01/02/14; |
| (ggg) | SC Bar Criminal Law Section-Part 2 | 01/24/14; |
| (hhh) | SC Bar Trial and Appellate Advocacy Section Civil Law Update | 01/24/14; |
| (iii) | SC Bar Construction Law Section | 01/24/14; |
| (jjj) | SC Bar SC e-Filing 01/25/14; | |
| (kkk) | SC Judicial Conference | 03/24/14; |
| (lll) | SC Bar CLE- "Criminal Law Essentials" | 05/30/14; |
| (mmm) | ABA Busines Law Meetings | 2012-2014. |
11. Have you taught law-related courses or lectured at bar association conferences, educational institutions, or continuing legal or judicial education programs?
- (a) I have presented at the SC Defense Lawyers Conference, "Litigating Construction Law Matters";
 - (b) SC Bar- Construction Law Panel, 2014;
 - (c) SC Trial Lawyers – Arbitration and ADR;
 - (d) I have lectured at the SC Bar Program "Bridge the Gap" twice yearly, 2011-present;
 - (e) I have presented "Managing Complex Litigation" at ABA Business Law Section Meeting;
 - (f) I spoke at the 2009 SC Annual Judicial Conference on "Sentencing";
 - (g) The ABA Judicial Division: "The Court of the Future" webinar;
 - (h) I was a National Judicial College faculty presenter on establishing Business Courts in Michigan;
 - (i) I spoke at the DRI- Construction Law Seminar in 2011;
 - (j) I presented at the 2013 & 2014 SC Supreme Court Institute for teachers;
 - (k) I have been a panelist several years at the MC Consultants' East Region Conference;
 - (l) I spoke at the American Conference Institute's Litigation Conference Judicial Panel in New York, NY, Miami, FL, Atlanta, GA, and Chicago, IL, 2012-14;
 - (m) I spoke at the 2013 Annual Judicial Conference on Docket Management;
 - (n) I spoke annually at the "New Judge's School" on criminal law, 2004-present;
 - (o) I spoke at the 2014 Annual Meeting of Pardon and Parole Agents on the "Omnibus Crime Bill" and its effect on sentencing;
 - (p) I spoke at the SC Women Lawyers Lunch in 2011;
 - (q) I spoke at the West Coast Casualty Conference, Anaheim, CA, on Construction Law Litigation; 2012 & 2013.
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.

<u>Courts</u>	<u>Date</u>
(a) Ohio Bar	1976;
(b) U. S. District Court of Ohio	1977;
(c) SC Bar	1981;
(d) U. S. District Court of SC	1983.

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) 1976-77;
Associate Attorney
Law Office of Elliott Ray Kelley
Cleveland, Ohio
(General law practice concentrating on the representation of plaintiffs in civil matters and defendants in criminal matters.);
- (b) 1977-82;
Partner
Belcher and Newman
Cleveland, Ohio
(General law practice; civil and criminal.);
- (c) 1982-94;
Law Office of Clifton Newman
Kingstree and Columbia, SC
(General law practice; civil and real estate.);
- (d) 1994–2000.
Managing Attorney
Newman and Sabb, P. A.
Kingstree, Lake City and Columbia, SC
(General law practice; civil and real estate.);
- (e) 1983–2000.
Assistant Solicitor
Third Judicial Circuit
(Criminal Prosecution);
- (f) 2000–Present.
Circuit Court At-Large Seat 3.

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.

I am not aware of the last available Martindale-Hubbell rating.

22. Have you ever held judicial office?
- (a) Circuit Court, Third Circuit; Elected May 2000 filling an unexpired term;
- (b) Circuit Court, Third Circuit; Re-elected April 2003;
- (c) Circuit Court, Third Circuit; Re-elected February 2009.

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. Mikal Deen Mahdi,
Opinion No. 26671
Death Penalty Order
Automatic Review by Supreme Court;
 - (b) Perry v. Bullock
Opinion No. 27419;
 - (c) Carnival Corporation, et al v. Historic Ansonborough Neighborhood Associate, et. al
Appellate No. 2011-197486;
 - (d) Magnolia North v. Heritage Communities
Opinion No. 4943;
 - (e) State v. Isaac
Opinion No. 27302.
24. Have you ever held public office other than judicial office? 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? NO.
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? Explain the nature of the business, your duties, and the term of your service.
I am a member of Umtali Investments, an investment group that has ownership interest in Harbison Hall Assisted Living Facility in Columbia, SC.
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. 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, 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?
A tax lien was improperly filed against me in 2013 by the Town of Kingstree over an alleged unpaid water bill. When it was established that I was never billed for the temporary water service, I was reimbursed in full.

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?

I am the co-borrower on the home mortgage of my son. As this is his primary residence, he receives all notices and is responsible for all payments. In 2012 he became delinquent and he and I were named as defendants in a lawsuit. I was unaware that the mortgage payments were in arrears. When I became aware of the delinquency, I assisted in reinstating the loan and the lawsuit was dismissed without my having to file an answer or enter an appearance.

36. Have you ever been investigated by the Department of Social Services? NO.
37. If you are in private practice, are you covered by malpractice insurance and, if so, how long have you carried malpractice insurance? If applicable, have you ever been covered by a tail policy? NOT APPLICABLE.
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, such as, Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, etc.?

I am on Facebook and LinkedIn. It does not affect my judicial service as I do not communicate with litigants or counsel through social media, nor do I regularly post on these sites. Additionally, I do not accept friend requests from any litigant appearing before me.

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. NONE.
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. NONE.
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.
 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) American Bar Association;
 - (b) SC Bar Association;
 - (c) Ohio Bar Association (inactive);
 - (d) American College of Business Court Judges
Member of Board of Directors;
 - (e) John Belton O'Neall Inn of Court.
 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.
 - (a) I. DeQuincey Newman United Methodist Church (charter member)
President of The United Methodist Men; Member, Board of Trustees
Member, Staff/Pastor Parish Relations Committee;
 - (b) Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity;
 - (c) ABA Business Law Section Service Award.
 51. 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.

I treasure my service to mankind and the people of the State of SC as a member of the Circuit Court.
 52. References:
 - (a) Rev. Jack C. Washington
I. DeQuincey Newman United Methodist Church,
7801 Wilson Boulevard
Columbia, SC 29203
(803) 786-9894;
 - (b) Dr. Jennifer Gardner, Principal
Kenneth Gardner Elementary School
1503 Woodland Drive
Kingstree, SC 29556
(843) 355-7233;
 - (c) Mr. Robert W. Jonte, Jr., President
Bank of Greeleyville,
P. O. Box 278
Greeleyville, SC 29556

- (843) 426-2161;
- (d) Ms. Keena Edwards
EDRUSH Consulting and Development Group, LLC.
3255 Landmark Drive, Ste. 214
North Charleston, SC 29418
(843) 494-9504;
- (e) Ms. Sharon Staggers
Williamsburg County Clerk of Court
125 W. Main Street
Kingstree, SC 29556
(843) 355-9321, Ext. 7100.

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

Signature: Clifton B. Newman

Date: August 4, 2014