

**JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION
PERSONAL DATA QUESTIONNAIRE**

Court, Position, and Seat # for which you are applying:
Circuit Court, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 3

1. NAME: The Honorable Robin B. Stilwell
BUSINESS ADDRESS: 305 East North Street, Suite 315
Greenville, SC 29601
TELEPHONE NUMBER: (office): 864-467-8406
2. Date of Birth: 1966
Place of Birth: Alexandria, VA
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 Charlotte Whelan Stilwell on April 8, 1995. Three children.
6. Have you served in the military?
Entered military service 1985 upon enrollment in ROTC at The Citadel. Commissioned as Officer of Infantry 15 March 1991 in the United States Army. Served continuously since in the SC Army National Guard. Currently serving as a Lieutenant Colonel.
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) The Citadel, 1985-90, BA English;
 - (b) USC, August 1988-December 1988 (left to return to The Citadel to obtain my undergraduate degree);
 - (c) USC School of Law, 1990-93, 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.

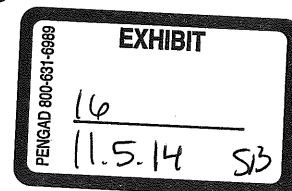
SC, 1994
9. List the significant activities in which you took part during your attendance at college, graduate, and law school. Give the dates you were involved in these activities and list any leadership positions you held.

Significant positions at the Citadel –

 - (a) Commander 1989 Junior Sword Drill (1988-89)
 - (b) Member 1989 Summerall Guard (January 1988-89)
 - (c) Cadet First Sergeant Alpha Company (1987-88)
 - (d) Regimental Clerk (1986-87)
 - (e) President's List x 2 (Spring 1986, Fall 1985)
 - (f) Commandant's List x 2 (Spring 1986, Fall 1985)
 - (g) Regimental Color Guard (Spring 1987), National History Honor Society (inducted 1987), Dean's List and Gold Star Recipient, Citadel Scholar

Graduate/Law School –

Commissioned Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army Infantry serving with the South



Carolina National Guard as a Platoon Leader with Echo Company, First of the 118th Infantry, St. George, SC.

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) Annual Judicial Conference	2009, 2010, 2011, 2013;
(b) Criminal Law Review/ Bar Convention	2009, 2010, 2012, 2014;
(c) Trial and Appellate Advocacy Annual Review	2009, 2010, 2012, 2014;
(d) SC Circuit Court Judges' Conference	2010, 2011, 2012;
(e) Lawyer Mentoring Program	12/15/2010;
(f) Summary Court Judges' Convention, Kingston Plantation	2/12-14/2009;
(g) General Jurisdiction Course/ U. Nevada Reno	May 2011.

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 spoken at a Greenville Bar CLE on the topic of The Rules of Civil Procedure;
 (b) I have participated in a panel of attorneys and judges at a CLE at the SC Defense Attorneys Convention in a discussion of Discovery in State Trial Court.

12. List all published books and articles you have written and give citations and the dates of publication for each. N/A

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) Supreme Court of SC May 3, 1994 ID# 4353;
 (b) United States District Court, District of SC November 7, 1995 ID# 6475.

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) 2009 – Present
 State Circuit Judge;
 (b) January 2009 – May 2009
 Associate Judge, Greer Municipal Court;
 (c) 2000-09
 Hunter, Tomaszek & Stilwell, PA
 Shareholder

General Practice emphasizing representation of small businesses. This would include formations of businesses, negotiations between shareholders and members, litigation between members and shareholders and litigation involving commercial disputes with third parties. However, this practice included litigation of a general nature as well. It also included real estate matters to include the closing of real estate loans for both commercial and residential clients. Because of my practice in real estate, I was a title insurance agent since the mid-1990's. Prior to 2002, I represented litigants in Family Court as well;

- (d) Certified Circuit Court Mediator – certified on January 14, 2002. I actively mediated cases at the rate of approximately twenty to thirty cases per year;

- (e) 1999-2009
Judge, Mauldin Municipal Court. I began serving as Judge at the Mauldin Municipal Court on a fill-in basis in 1999. In the year 2000, I began to serve in the stead of Judge Randolph Hunter who had taken an extended leave of absence. I served for all of the year as the Associate Judge presiding on all cases before the Court and was nominated by the City Council of Mauldin as the Chief Judge of Mauldin Municipal Court in 2001.
- (f) 1999-2000
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Sole Practitioner. This was a general practice of law wherein I represented any number of clients in various courts to include Circuit Court, Magistrate's Court, Probate Court and Federal Court. I also represented clients on both commercial and residential real estate matters. I also represented litigants in Family Court.
- (g) 1996-99
Anderson, Fayssoux & Chasteen
Associate Attorney. I had a very general practice focused on litigation and representation of clients in all courts. I also practiced both commercial and residential real estate. During this period of time I also was serving as an Indigent Defense Counsel for the County of Greenville as indicated below. I represented litigants in Family Court as well.
- (h) 1995-97
Greenville County Indigent Defense Contract Attorney. I acted as a contract Public Defender for Greenville County.

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. BV

22. Have you ever held judicial office? Describe the jurisdiction of each of the courts and note any limitations on the jurisdiction of each court.

I am currently a State Circuit Judge. I am a Resident Judge for the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit and have been serving in that capacity since 2009. I was elected by the SC Legislature in May of 2009 and was sworn into office that summer.

I began serving in 1999 as Associate Judge for the City of Mauldin. This is a Summary Court Judge with jurisdiction over criminal matters that carry incarceration for less than one year or a fine less than \$500. Summary Court Judges may also hear cases outside of this stated jurisdiction by special designation by the Supreme Court.

I also served as an Associate Municipal Judge for the City of Greer, SC. I began in this capacity in early 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.

I have decided no significant cases that have been cited or reported. However, all of the cases that come before the Court are significant to the parties to the suit. I have heard and decided cases across the broad spectrum of the Circuit Court's jurisdiction.

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? N/A
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.
 During my service as a Judge, I have been commissioned as an infantry officer with the United States Army serving in the SC Army National Guard. I have also practiced law as described above.
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 have served as an officer in the military.
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.
 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?
 Accused of DUI in April of 1986 in Folly Beach, SC. Charge was reduced to Reckless Driving.
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?
 My wife was in a traffic accident in a car which was jointly titled to the both of us. Subsequent to the accident, the insurance company, USAA, refused to pay dubious claims. A suit was brought in which I was named as a Defendant. The suit was subsequently settled prior to trial.
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. If you are in private practice, are you covered by malpractice insurance and, if so, how long have you carried malpractice insurance? N/A
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.?
 No. I have no social media accounts.

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. N/A
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. N/A
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? 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) SC Bar Association;
 - (b) Greenville County Bar.
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) 1998-2003
Greenville Literacy Association
Member, Board of Directors, 1998-2000
Treasurer, 2001

- President, 2002
 - Past President, 2003;
 - (b) 2004-06
Eastside YMCA Advisory Board
Member, Board of Advisors;
 - (c) 2005-06
Mental Health Association of SC
Member, Board of Directors;
 - (d) 2005-06
Greenville Hospital System Patewood Advisory Board
Member, Board of Advisors;
 - (e) 2008
Member, Veteran of Foreign Wars (VFW);
 - (f) Liberty Fellow of the Liberty Fellowship
Wofford College/ Aspen Institute.
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 feel that my legal experience has prepared me well to be a Circuit Court Judge. I have spent a career in Court. I believe that I am both well-qualified and well-disposed to be a Circuit Court Judge. I believe that. Thus far, I have acquitted myself well on the bench.
52. References:
- (a) Bryan Garrison
 - (b) Jessica Shead
 - (c) Carole Ring
 - (d) Dean Cook
 - (e) April Herron

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

Signature: Robin B. Stilwell

Date: August 4, 2014