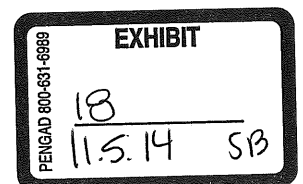


JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION  
PERSONAL DATA QUESTIONNAIRE

Court, Position, and Seat # for which you are applying:  
Circuit Court, Fourteenth Circuit, Seat 2

1. NAME: The Honorable Carmen Tevis Mullen  
BUSINESS ADDRESS: Beaufort County Courthouse  
100 Ribaut Road  
Beaufort, SC 29901  
TELEPHONE NUMBER: (office): 843-255-5070
2. Date of Birth: 1968  
Place of Birth: West Covina, CA
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 July 26, 2004 - George Edward Mullen, Sr. Never divorced, 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) Indiana University – 1986-90, BA in English and Speech Communications;
  - (b) Clemson University - Coursework Fall 1991 - Summer 1992, Wrote Master's Thesis in Summer/Fall 1997, Received MA in English in December 1997;
  - (c) USC School of Law - 1992-94, 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) SC - May 9, 1995 - Continued member in good standing;
  - (b) Illinois - June 13, 1996 - Continued member in good standing.
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) Delta Delta Delta Sorority, 1987-90;
  - (b) Graduate Teaching Assistant at Clemson University  
Taught two sections of Freshman Composition "Elements of Argument" - Spring Semester 1992;
  - (c) Assistant to the Director of Southern Literature Writer's Conference at Clemson University, Summer 1992;
  - (d) Research Assistant to Professor William J. Quirk, USC School of Law, Summer 1994;
  - (e) Law Clerk while in law school at Bolt, Popowski, McCulloch & Strom, 1993-95, Columbia, 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>Date</u>	<u>Conference/CLE Name</u>
1/25/13	SC Bar Association - Trial & Appellate Advocacy Section;
1/25/13	SC Bar Association - Part 2: Criminal Law Section;
4/25/13	SC Bar Association - Spring Sporting Clays;
5/1/13	SCCJC Spring Conference;
8/21/13	SCCA 2013 Annual Judicial Conference;
9/24/13	Hilton Head - How to Win in Circuit Court;
9/23/13	Myrtle Beach - Public Defenders' Conference;
1/20/12	SC Bar Association - Part 2 Criminal Law Section;
1/20/12	SC Bar Association - Trial & Appellate Advocacy Section;
4/12/12	SC Bar Association - Spring Sporting Clays;
5/2/12	SCCJC - Annual Circuit Court Judges' Conference;
8/22/12	SCCA - 2012 Annual Judicial Conference;
10/18/12	SC Bar Association - Spring Sporting Clays;
1/20/11	SC Bar Association - Criminal Law Section;
1/21/11	SC Bar Association - Trial & Appellate Advocacy Section;
4/14/11	SC Bar Association - Sporting Clays CLE Ethics w/Judges;
5/4/11	SCCJC - SC Circuit Court Judges' Conference;
8/17/11	SCCA - 2011 Annual Judicial Conference;
10/13/11	SC Bar Association - Sporting Clays CLE Ethics w/Judges;
10/21/11	SCWLA - Women Lawyers and Leadership;
7/12/10	National Judicial Conference;
8/5/10	SCAJ - SCAJ 2010 Annual Conference;
8/18/10	SCCA 2010 Judicial Conference;
11/5/10	USC Law School - Judging Judges;
11/12/10	SC Bar Association - 2010 SC Torts Law Update;
5/6/09	SCCJC - Judge's Conference;
8/19/09	SCCA - 1009 Annual Judicial Conference;
11/5/09	SCDTA - 42nd Annual Meeting.
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) Speaker, Solicitor's Association Fall Conference, September 2008;
	(b) Presenter, "On Judging Judges," USC School of Law Class of 1995 Reunion, November 5, 2010;
	(c) Speaker, SC Tort Law Update, November 12, 2010;
	(d) Speaker, Practice Basics for the New Lawyer, Charleston School of Law Women in Law, April 13, 2011;
	(e) Panel Member, "Sporting Clays: Ethics with the Judges," April 14, 2011;
	(f) Speaker, Senior Leadership of Beaufort, Spring 2012;
	(g) Panel Member, Public Defender's Conference, September 23, 2013;
	(h) Speaker, "How to Win in Circuit Court," Hilton Head Bar Association CLE, September 27, 2013;
	(i) Speaker, Summary Jury Trials, Hilton Head Bar Association CLE, November 22, 2013;
	(j) Panel Member, Construction Law, SC Bar Convention, January 24, 2014;

- (k) Panel Member, Tips from the Trial Bench for Criminal Practitioners, 23rd Annual Criminal Practice in SC Seminar, February 28, 2014.
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) SC Supreme Court, May 9, 1995;
  - (b) State of Illinois, June 13, 1996;
  - (c) U.S. District Court for the District of SC, November 6, 1998;
  - (d) U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Mississippi, August 6, 1999;
  - (e) United States Supreme Court, March 3, 2014.
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.
- My legal experience since graduation is as follows:
- (a) Law Clerk to Honorable L. Casey Manning, Circuit Court Judge for the Fifth Judicial Circuit, April 1995 - August 1996. Assisted Judge in all research, writing orders, scheduling, etc.;
  - (b) Charleston County Public Defender's Office, Assistant Public Defender, August 1996 - December 1997. Handled caseload of 250+ criminal defendants for misdemeanor and felony crimes including Murder, CSC 1st, Burglary 1st, and ABHAN;
  - (c) SC House of Representatives, Labor, Commerce & Industry Committee, Staff Attorney, December 1997 - October 1998. Duties included researching legal affect of pending bills before legislature and instructing Members on law and drafting some legislation when requested by Members;
  - (d) Uricchio, Howe, Krell, Jackson, Toporek & Theos, Associates, October 1998 - April 2000. Criminal and civil litigation practice in state and federal courts. Case types: Plaintiffs tort actions, contract disputes, criminal defense;
  - (e) Berry, Tevis & Jordan, Partner, April 2000 - May 2001. Tort litigation including automobile accidents and some criminal defense;
  - (f) Carmen M. Tevis, LLC, Solo Practitioner, May 2001 - June 2006. Tort litigation, construction litigation, contract litigation, fraud litigation, and criminal defense in state and federal courts;
  - (g) Resident Circuit Court Judge, 14th Judicial Circuit - June 2006 - Present.
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.
- Martindale Hubbell - BV.
22. Have you ever held judicial office?
- July 17, 2006 to present - SC Circuit Court. Elected. General civil and criminal jurisdiction.
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 of SC v. Ernest Daise - Death Penalty Case tried in October, 2013. Double homicide of mother and child and also shooting of Defendant's own 15 month old child. Significant for the heightened due process requirements of a death penalty case, significant pretrial publicity, multiple complex evidence issues, contested guilt stage, and lengthy explanation of juror bias issues;
- (b) Ex Parte James A. Brown, Jr., Attorney/Appellant. In Re: State of SC, Respondent v. Alfonzo Howard, Defendant. 393 S.C. 214 (2011) Affirmed. Significant due to the gruesome nature of the underlying criminal case (kidnapping, rape, armed robbery) combined with a defense lawyer using the trial to make a public statement about compensation for appointed attorneys. Required maintaining the decorum of the court while protecting the victims' rights to conclude the trial (avoid a mistrial) and simultaneously protect Defendant's rights to a fair trial and competent defense, while maintaining the ability to sanction the defense lawyer for his courtroom antics;
- (c) Maureen T. Coffey v. Community Services Assoc., Inc., George F. Bread, Jr., Sea Pines Resort, LLC., Assoc. of Sea Pines Plantation Property Owners In., and the Advisory Board. Involved slander and libel of a sitting judge, a public official. Substantial jury award given;
- (d) Harbour Ridge Homeowners Association, Inc. v. North Harbour Development Corporation, Inc., et al. Horry County. Non-jury trial involving condominium project. Homeowner's Association suing Developer and General Contractor for negligent construction of 8 condominium buildings. Awarded \$1,908,354. Issues involved: statute of limitations and individual contractor liability. Significant as to the competing measure of damages and that all parties agreed to allow me to try it non-jury;
- (e) Willie Homer Stephens, Guardian ad Litem for Lillian Colvin, a minor, Appellant v. CSX Transportation, Inc., and SC Department of Transportation, Respondents, Hampton County. 400 S.C. 503 Affirmed by the Court of Appeals. Car versus train wreck wherein a car collided with a train and a 12 year old passenger suffered traumatic brain injury. Significant in length of trial (3 weeks), extensive pre-trial matters, 60+ witnesses and a defense verdict in Hampton County.
24. Have you ever held public office other than judicial office? 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?  
Court of Appeals, Seat 7, Spring 2014.
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?  
One year following graduation from college and prior to graduate school, I worked as a tour guide for American Trans Air and in wireless communication sales for Cable and Wireless Communications.
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. 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? 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? Has your name ever been enrolled on the Central Registry of Child Abuse and Neglect? Not applicable.
37. If you are in private practice, are you covered by malpractice insurance and, if so, how long have you carried malpractice insurance? No.
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.?  
My eighteen-year-old daughter created a Facebook page for me in December 2013. I do not have time to use it nor do I intend to use it.
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. None.
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 Women Lawyers Association - Board Member 2012 - Present;
  - (b) National Association of Women Judges;
  - (c) American Bar Association;
  - (d) Beaufort County Bar Association;
  - (e) Hilton Head Bar Association;
  - (f) SC Bar Association.
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) Sea Pines Montessori, Board Member 2010-Present; Board Chair - 2012-13;
  - (b) Hilton Head High School Booster Club;
  - (c) Providence Presbyterian Church.
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. This information may include how your life experiences have affected or influenced the kind or type of judge you have been or plan to be.
- My experience as a trial lawyer and having served on the Circuit Court bench for the last 8 years has taught me the patience and resilience necessary to be a judge.
52. References:
- (a) Tricia L. Poland, Tidelands Bank  
52 Burnt Church Road  
Bluffton, SC 29910  
(843) 837-0718
  - (b) Susan Sneider  
69 Barony Lane  
Hilton Head Island, SC 29928  
(847) 707-3000
  - (c) Francis E. Grimball  
171 Church Street, Suite 370  
Charleston, SC 29401  
(843) 364-8629

- (d) Edward Dukes  
820 Bay Street  
Beaufort, SC 29901  
(843) 812-5000
- (e) Robert L. Wylie, IV  
4717 Jenn Drive, 2nd Floor  
Myrtle Beach, SC 29577  
(843) 449-4800

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

Signature: Carmen Tevis Mullen

Date: August 4, 2014