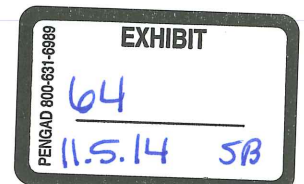


JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION  
PERSONAL DATA QUESTIONNAIRE

Court, Position, and Seat # for which you are applying:  
Circuit Court, At-Large, Seat 9

1. NAME: Ms. Mindy W. Zimmerman  
BUSINESS ADDRESS: 1207 Friend Street  
Newberry S.C. 29108  
MAILING ADDRESS: P.O. Box 1207  
Newberry, SC 29108  
TELEPHONE NUMBER: (office): (803) 321-0000
2. Date of Birth: 1980  
Place of Birth: Spartanburg, 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 October 15, 2006, to Donald Franklin Zimmerman. Never divorced; No children.
6. Have you served in the military?  
No military service.
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) Spartanburg Technical College - 1997/1998 School Year Attended during Senior year of High School for High School credit;
  - (b) Wofford College - Fall, 1998 through Spring, 2001, BA— Major in English;
  - (c) Gardner-Webb University - Fall, 2002 through Summer, 2005, MBA;
  - (d) Campbell University - Fall, 2003 through Spring, 2006, 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 2006. I took the SC Bar exam one time in 2006.
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) While attending Wofford College:
    - Dean's List
    - Pre-law Fraternity
    - Sigma Tau Delta English Society
    - Spartanburg Area Chamber of Commerce (2000-2001)
    - Spartanburg Board of Realtors (2000-01)
    - SC Licensed Real Estate Agent (1999-2001)
    - Notary Public (1998 to present);
  - (b) While attending Gardner-Webb University



-Spartanburg Downtown Association from 2002-2005 (Business Development Coordinator, Secretary, Chair of Newsletter Committee, Director of Events, and Executive Committee – won Jill Plemmons Downtown Pride Award);

- (c) While attending Campbell University
  - Completed both the Advocacy and Business Tracts
  - Member of the Student Body Association
  - Member of the American Bar Association
  - Case Summary Writer for Campbell Law Observer
  - Octo-finalist in Intermural Moot Court Competition.

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 Solicitor's Conference	9/24/2006;
(b) NDAA – Prosecutor's Bootcamp	2/12/2007;
(c) SC Solicitor's Conference	9/23/2007;
(d) NDAA – Prosecuting Drug Cases	9/30/2007;
(e) Community Response to Child Abuse and Neglect	2/21/2008;
(f) NDAA – Trial Advocacy I	6/9/2008;
(g) SC Solicitor's Conference	9/28/2008;
(h) SC Solicitor's Conference	9/28/2009;
(i) Stewart Title – Review and Updates for Real Property	3/16/2010;
(j) Recognizing and Reporting Child Abuse	3/24/2011;
(k) Public Defender's Conference	9/26/2011;
(l) Lawyer Mentoring Orientation Workshop	1/26/2012;
(m) SC Bar Family Court Mediator certification Training	11/12/2012;
(n) Lawyer Mentoring Orientation Workshop	1/30/2013;
(o) SC Bar Guardian Ad Litem Course	1/31/2014.

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.

I have not taught; however, I have served as a Mentor under the SC Bar Lawyer Mentoring Pilot Program in 2011 for Ashley Agnew.

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.

Admitted to practice before the State Courts of SC in 2006.

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) November, 2006 to February, 2009: Assistant Solicitor with the Eighth Judicial Circuit Solicitor's office prosecuting criminal cases in Laurens and Newberry Counties. For two years, I handled primarily narcotics offenses in both Laurens and

- Newberry. During my last year with the Solicitor's Office, I handled general crimes, magistrate court appeals, and docket management for Newberry County;
- (b) February, 2009 to present: In February of 2009, along with my law partner, Benjamin L. Shealy, I formed Zimmerman and Shealy, LLC. We handled real estate transactions, mortgage closings, magistrate's trial work, criminal trial defense, civil trial work, domestic relations trial work, and estate and probate matters;
  - (c) For the first year of our practice, we could not engage in criminal defense, because I agreed to work as a special prosecutor for the Eighth Judicial Circuit for the terms of General Sessions Court held in Newberry County. I also handled prosecution in juvenile cases in Newberry County during that time. Since I no longer act as a special prosecutor, our firm has been successful in building a criminal defense case load.

If you are a candidate for Circuit Court, please provide a brief written description of your experience in criminal matters, including any cases handled over the past five years and include a brief description of the issues involved. Further, please provide a brief written description of your experience in civil matters, including any cases handled over the past five years and include a brief description of the types of matters handled, issues involved, and procedural history. Please include information such as the primary areas in civil court in which you practice, whether you represent plaintiffs or defendants, or both. You may go back further than five years if you feel it would assist the Commission with its assessment of your experience. If you lack experience in an area, describe how your background has prepared you to preside over such matters as a Circuit Court Judge, or how you would compensate for your lack of experience in this area.

With regards to my experience in criminal matters; I was fortunate in that my first job as a practicing attorney was as an Assistant Solicitor. Young Assistant Solicitors generally learn a lot of lessons the hard way, as they are quickly given large caseloads with plenty of opportunity for in-court experience. My position was no different. I initially prosecuted narcotic offenses in Laurens and Newberry Counties, which involved negotiating hundreds of cases, but it also gave me the opportunity to gain a vast amount of trial experience. Drug cases are generally easy to prepare for trial, with little notice, as most of your witnesses are law enforcement or informants that require very little preparation. Because of this, I was generally the go-to attorney for filling holes in the trial docket.

After nearly a year in handling exclusively drug cases, I was given the opportunity for advancement. I moved my office into the Newberry County Courthouse, where I prosecuted a wide assortment of crimes. In addition, I was charged with managing the docket for that county. During this time, I handled cases ranging from larcenies, burglaries, drug offenses, criminal domestic violence, and even our County's most serious offenses, such as Murder and Felony Driving Under the Influence. I learned the value of working with law enforcement, victims, and community groups (such as MADD, SADD, etc.) to ensure all voices get heard. Different crimes impact various individuals, in many different ways. Often those impacted crave an avenue, simply to express the emotional consequences. As a prosecutor, I quickly learned that being a good lawyer is not all about having a skilled tongue...sometimes the most important skill is to be a good listener.

In 2009, I decided to face the next chapter in my professional career. I, along with a fellow prosecutor, decided to open Zimmerman and Shealy, LLC. Initially, as a safety net

of sorts for this venture, I kept a contract, working as a special prosecutor for the Eighth Judicial Circuit. After our first year; however, we moved into the realm of criminal defense. During my time as a prosecutor, I developed a reputation for being relaxed under pressure, at-home in the Courtroom, quick on my feet, and unafraid to face a challenge. That reputation helped me to build a very successful criminal defense practice, which has included the same variety of criminal law that I once prosecuted. The interesting thing for me in this new chapter of my career has been the added value of listening while on this side of the aisle. While sympathy was such a critical part of prosecuting, I believe empathy is a crucial element of criminal defense. So often it is necessary to hear about the path that led a client to a particular charge. I don't want to only help resolve that one criminal charge, but I look for ways in which I might help each client avoid subsequent charges. While there are many clients who don't want to change, I have helped clients with mental health issues, drug and alcohol addictions, depression, poverty, and many other problems that lie below the surface. Each criminal client is more than what his or her indictment reads, and as a defense attorney, I try to listen and look for ways to help that person find healing and personal growth.

With regards to my experience in civil litigation; since opening Zimmerman and Shealy, LLC, I have litigated numerous civil cases as counsel for Plaintiffs and Defendants. My first case in Common Pleas resulted in Summary Judgment in favor of my client. That ruling was followed by an appeal by the Plaintiff, and I was successful in convincing the Appellate Court to uphold that Judgment. From that experience; however, I learned the true value of the record. Since that time, I have worked various other civil cases, included property disputes, personal injury, slip and fall, and debt collections.

In addition to my experience in Common Pleas, a large fraction of my law practice is devoted to domestic matters. The Family Courts in SC follow, with only small exceptions, the same rules of procedure as the Court of Common Pleas. In addition, trials in Family Court are much the same as Common Pleas Non-Jury trials. I believe that my vast Family Court experience only boosts the strength and depth of my experience in civil litigation.

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 Client Rating is 5 out of 5. I do not currently have a Martindale-Hubbell Peer Review Rating.

Retired judges/justices and judges/justices applying for reelection to their current position may omit Questions 16-21. If a candidate is seeking a judgeship different than his or her current position, Questions 16-21 should be answered based on experience prior to serving on the bench.

16. What was the frequency of your court appearances during the last five years?
- (a) federal: 0%;
  - (b) state: 100%.
17. What percentage of your practice involved civil, criminal, domestic, and other matters during the last five years?
- (a) civil: 10%;
  - (b) criminal: 30%;
  - (c) domestic: 60%.

Although I do occasionally handle small real estate transactions or draft wills, that portion of my practice is no minute, that I have not given a percentage to "other."

18. What percentage of your practice in trial court during the last five years involved matters that went to a jury, including those that settled prior to trial?

- (a) jury: 90-95%;  
(b) non-jury: 5-10%.

It is important to note, as outlined in Question 17 above, 60% of my practice is in domestic matters, which do not involve the possibility of a jury; however, during the time that I worked as an Assistant Solicitor, the percentage of cases that involved matter that went to a jury was probably closer to 35%.

Did you most often serve as sole counsel, chief counsel, or associate counsel in these matters?

Sole counsel.

19. List five of the most significant litigated matters you have personally handled in either trial or appellate court or before a state or federal agency. Give citations if the cases were reported and describe why these matters were significant.

- (a) State v. Tyrone Cannon  
2009-GS-36-852 through 856  
Newberry County General Sessions Court

I served as defense counsel for Tyrone Cannon. Mr. Cannon was charged with Assault and Battery with Intent to Kill; however, he had been previously diagnosed with Mild Mental Retardation. At the first attempt to litigate this matter, during a competency hearing, I was able to reveal significant flaws in the procedure by which the Court Ordered evaluation was conducted, resulting in a mistrial of the case. After subsequent evaluations, several hearings on the matter, and the election of a new Solicitor, I was able to negotiate the case to an Assault and Batter of a High and Aggravated Nature.

- (b) State v. Roy Johnson  
2008-GS-36-311 through 315  
Newberry County General Sessions Court

I prosecuted Roy Johnson, along with his two co-defendants. Both of his co-defendants pled guilty after being noticed of the possibility of a sentence of life without parole; however, Roy Johnson did not have the requisite criminal history for the service of such upon him.

These three individuals committed a violent home invasion, in which a mentally handicapped girl was duct-tapped to her bed and brutally beaten. In addition, her father was beaten and nearly shot to death. The family was saved only due to the mother's quick thinking. She escaped, went to a neighboring house, and brought help before her husband and daughter were killed. Although never proven in Court, it was the belief of the State that this was a gang initiation. Roy Johnson was convicted of this offense; however, only after a second trial, because the jury hung on the first trial.

This case was significant because I was able to get to know this family. The cruel nature of this offense and the innocent nature of the victims is something that has always stayed with me.

- (c) State v. Sophie Egleston

E443330, 31, and 32  
Lexington County Magistrate Court  
Appeal: 2011-CP-32-303  
Lexington County Court of Common Pleas

I defended Ms. Elgeston on the charges of Driving Under the Influence, False Information, and Use of the License of Another in Magistrate's Court. Although the jury acquitted Ms. Elgeston on the charge of Driving Under the Influence, she was convicted of the other two offenses. I subsequently appealed the case to the Circuit Court, and was successful in getting the conviction overturned on the charge of Use of the License of Another, due to an error in the charge given by the trial court and a lack of evidence presented by the State. This case was significant, because it happened while Ms. Egleston was in college. Three years later, Ms. Egleston came back to me, because she was applying for a job at a bank, and wanted to have the False Information conviction expunged from her record. I was able to obtain that expungement, since she only had one conviction, which meant that my efforts on appeal, allowed this young woman to obtain a good job. I was also able to see Ms. Egleston had grown from the girl she was in college into a mature, responsible young woman.

- (d) Cathy Frick v. Hughey G. Capps  
2010-CP-36-356  
Newberry County Court of Common Pleas  
AND  
2010-DR-36-360  
Newberry County Family Court

This case was significant due to the very unusual nature of the case. I represented Ms. Frick, who owned a home in Newberry County. Ms. Frick was an avid outdoorsman, who developed a close friendship with Mr. Capps who was a fishing guide. Subsequently, Mr. Capps suffered a heart attack, which started him on a downward financial spiral. When he lost his home, Ms. Frick allowed him to move into her home, where he lived for several years. However, this situation later caused problems with Ms. Frick's boyfriend. Eventually, Ms. Frick filed for an eviction, but at that hearing, Mr. Capps claimed the parties were husband and wife, because of a common law marriage. The Magistrate ruled that, since they lived in the same house, they probably were married, and dismissed the eviction. Ms. Frick then hired me. I filed an appeal to the Circuit Court from the dismissal of the eviction and an action in Family Court seeking to declare that the parties were not married. The Circuit Court granted the appeal on the basis that only Family Court and Probate Court have the jurisdiction to determine the question of common law marriage, and thus, the Magistrate should not have dismissed the eviction, but instead referred the case to the Family Court for a ruling on the question of the validity of the marriage. Subsequently, the Family Court ruled that there was absolutely no evidence of intent to marry. Thus, after a very interesting passage through the Court system, Mr. Capps was evicted from Ms. Frick's residence.

- (e) Thomas Jeffrey Frady v. Leonard Scott Gregory and Thomas H. McAllister  
2012-CP-36-414  
Newberry County Court of Common Pleas

I served as counsel for Thomas H. McAllister. This case was significant because of the very interesting facts that led to the action. McAllister was friends with Frady, who operated a business as an auto mechanic in a garage that he did not own. During a period of incarceration, Frady requested that McAllister continue to operate the garage, because the building was old and if the electricity was every disconnected, it would have to be brought to current code in order to reconnect. During the period in which McAllister was operating the business, Gregory worked as the mechanic. Gregory was working on a vehicle, which had apparently been left in drive, and the vehicle ran over Gregory and crashed into the garage. McAllister, through a different attorney, was able to receive a cash settlement for property damage, all of which was reinvested back into repairs on the building. Subsequently, Frady was released from incarceration, purchased the building, and sued both Gregory and McAllister, claiming that the funds should have been given to him, as the owner of the business, instead of being reinvested back into the building. We were successful in convincing the trial court that Frady was not damaged by the repairs to the building, but the facts of the case were very unique, particularly considering that actual title-owner of the building at the time of the loss was not a party to the action.

20. List up to five civil appeals you have personally handled. Give the case name, the court, the date of decision, and the citation if the case was reported. If you are a candidate for an appellate court judgeship (please attach one copy of briefs filed by you in each matter).

(a) Wayne Turner

I served as Defense Counsel at trial for Wayne Turner

2007-CP-36-412

Newberry County Court of Common Pleas

I defended the appeal on behalf of Wayne Turner.

Unpublished Opinion 2011-UP-563

SC Court of Appeals;

Grant of Summary Judgment in Favor of Defendant was upheld.

(b) Charlotte Barfield v. James Simmons

I defended the appeal on behalf of James Simmons

Case Tracking #201194246

SC Court of Appeals;

Following the submission of briefs, the appellate dismissed the appeal.

(c) Dr. William Edward Bull, III v. Vicky Raycene Bull

I filed the appeal on behalf of Dr. Bull from the Eighth Circuit Family Court, Judge McGowan presiding.

2013-002204

SC Court of Appeals

Appeal is currently pending;

(d) Allen Koon and Larry Koon v. Thomas Jackson

I filed the appeal on behalf of Thomas Jackson from the Eighth Circuit Court of Common Pleas, Judge Hocker presiding.

Appeal from 2014-CP-36-00109

SC Court of Appeals

Appeal is currently pending;

- (e) Austin Byrd v. Courtney Hawkins  
 I filed the appeal on behalf of Austin Byrd from the Eighth Circuit Family Court, Judge Smithdeal presiding.  
 Appeal from 2012-DR-36-433  
 SC Court of Appeals  
 Appeal is currently pending.
21. List up to five criminal appeals that you have personally handled. Give the case name, the court, the date of decision and the citation if the case was reported.
- (a) State v. Sophie Egleston  
 Appeal from Lexington County Magistrate Court to Circuit Court  
 Reversed in part and Affirmed in part;
- (b) State v. Jesse V. Osborne, III  
 Appeal from Newberry County Magistrate Court to Circuit Court  
 Tickets F327898 and F503955  
 Reversed in full – Directed Verdict of Not Guilty.
22. Have you ever held judicial office?  
 No.
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.  
 N/A.
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?  
 Over the past 1.5 years, I have worked one night per week with Weight Watchers in Newberry. Although this is a part-time paid position, it is an insignificant portion of my income. I lost weight through the Weight Watchers program, and I helped to bring a meeting to the Newberry area. I have also helped to train staff to take over that meeting, as I have informed the company that I will not work with them beyond the 2014 calendar year.  
 Prior to attending law school, I worked as a legal assistant for Richard H. Whelchel, and before that for Michael N. Duncan.  
 During college, I worked as a licensed real estate agent at Southers Real Estate and subsequently at Prudential C. Dan Joyner and Young.  
 Throughout high school, college, and graduate school, I had various jobs in retail and restaurants.
28. Are you now an officer or director or involved in the management of any business enterprise?  
 I am the President and Chief Financial Officer for Zimmerman and Shealy, LLC, which is a law firm in which I am one-half owner. I have served as such since the firm's inception in February, 2009.
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?

I was charged with operating uninsured; however, I was not guilty of the offense. In 2001 I was involved in an automobile accident where the other driver was at-fault. Following the accident, I took the FR-10 Form, as required, to my insurance agent, who inadvertently failed to file the form. As a result, I was charged with operating uninsured. My agent appeared in Court and admitted that she was responsible for failing to file the FR-10. I provided proof that I had insurance on my vehicle, and the Magistrate dismissed the charge. This charge has been expunged from my record.

32. Have you, to your knowledge, ever been under federal, state, or local investigation for possible violation of a criminal statute?

Not to my knowledge, except as outlined in Question 31 above.

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?

No.

37. If you are in private practice, are you covered by malpractice insurance and, if so, how long have you carried malpractice insurance?

While working at the Solicitor's Office, I did not have malpractice insurance. In 2009, upon opening Zimmerman and Shealy, LLC, our firm obtained a policy through Navigators Insurance Company. The limits on liability for that policy was One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) per claim with a Five Thousand Dollar (\$5,000.00) deductible. That policy remained in effect until March 9 2014, when we changed insurance companies. There was not a lapse in coverage during the change. The reason for change was due to a reduced premium.

Our current malpractice policy is with Protexture Lawyers. The limits on liability for that policy are One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) per claim with a Five Thousand Dollar (\$5,000.00) deductible. That policy took effect beginning on March 9, 2014, and remains in effect through March 9, 2015.

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 currently have a Facebook page, and our firm has a page for marketing purposes. Both pages were suggested in order to help optimize the firm's website. From time to time, I have posted, but do not regularly do so. If elected for this position, I would likely terminate any connection to Facebook, in order to avoid the appearance of impropriety.

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) Newberry County Bar Association;
  - (b) SC Bar Association ;
  - (c) SC Association for Justice ;
  - (f) ALTA.
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) Newberry Business Alliance;
  - (b) Newberry County Chamber of Commerce;
  - (c) SC Jaycees  
Outstanding First Timer Award (1<sup>st</sup> Qrt, 2012)  
Outstanding Young Business Leader (2012);
  - (d) Newberry County 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Girl Scout Celebration Committee Fund Raising Coordinator / Bookkeeper (2012).

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.

I believe my life experiences have certainly prepared me for this position. My parents divorced with I was young. They both had only a high school education, both worked entry level positions in manufacturing industries when I was a child. I worked multiple jobs from the time I was twelve years old in order to help support my family, while finishing high school with a high grade point average, remaining on the Dean's List through college, obtaining my bachelor's degree in only three years, and completing the courses necessary for my master degree and law degree at two different universities, which were approximately three and half hours drive apart, nearly simultaneously.

I watched my parents work hard every day, which taught be the value of earning what you have. I am driven, dedicated, and determined, because in my life, anything less is simply unacceptable. I face every element of my life with self-motivation; however, I have never been afraid to watch and learn from those around me. These skills will certainly serve me well on the bench.

I believe that my background will help me relate to the litigants before me, since many of them will be from the same working-class environment. I understand the struggles that come with that, and those roots will always keep me grounded.

52. References:

- (a) Jason James  
Wells Fargo – Newberry Branch  
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803-321-2447
- (b) Michael Egleston  
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- (c) Jackie Bowers  
Clerk of Court for Newberry County  
Post Office Drawer 10  
Newberry, SC 29108  
803-321-2110
- (d) Lee Foster  
Sheriff for Newberry County  
520 Wilson Road  
Newberry, SC 29108  
803-321-2211
- (e) Misty West  
West Electrical Contractors of Newberry, LLC  
P. O. Box 734  
Newberry, SC 29108  
803-276-1884

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

Signature: Mindy W. Zimmerman

Date: July 24, 2014

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October 20, 2014

Jane O. Shuler, Chief Counsel  
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Re: Circuit Court, At-Large, Seat 9  
Amendment to PDQ Questions 10 and 15

Dear Ms. Shuler,

This letter serves to amend my PDQ, Questions 10 and 15.

With regards to Question 10: On October 8, 2014 I attended the Old Republic Title Companies Fall Seminar, and acquired 5 hours of CLE credit.

With regards to Question 15: I now have a Martindale-Hubbell Peer Review Rating of BV.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

  
Mindy W. Zimmerman  
Attorney at Law

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September 17, 2014

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Re: Circuit Court, At-Large, Seat 9  
Amendment to PDQ Question 38

Dear Ms. Shuler,

This letter serves to amend my PDQ, Question 38.

I am a friend of State House Representative Walt McLeod, III, who is currently up for reelection. Representative McLeod has a Reception and Fundraiser scheduled for October 6, 2014. He has inquired of me regarding Facebook for purposes of promoting himself as a candidate, and more specifically for promoting his event. I assisted in the creation of an Event Page for the Fundraiser, truly without thinking of it having any connection to me; however, when the page was published and the invitations sent, it listed me as the "host" of the event, since I created it. I recognize the error in my decision to assist him, which is why I chose to immediately report my actions to you.

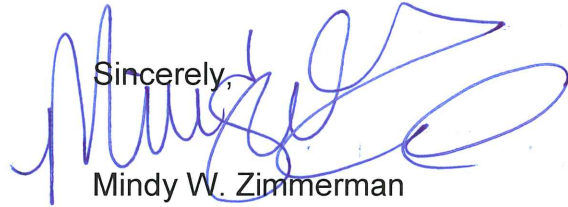
I have since deactivated my Facebook page and deleted the Event Page. I believe Representative McLeod has contacted someone else for purposes of reestablishing the page, but I have not worked further on the matter. I will not attend the event, and regret that I erroneously created the page.

I have never discussed with Representative McLeod the fact that I am currently a judicial candidate. I have not asked for his support in that endeavor, and in fact, I don't know if he was even aware of my candidacy.

I am truly sorry for this error in judgment. In light of my recent actions, I have thoroughly reviewed the Judicial Cannons in order to ensure I avoid such mistakes in the future.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mindy W. Zimmerman', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Mindy W. Zimmerman  
Attorney at Law