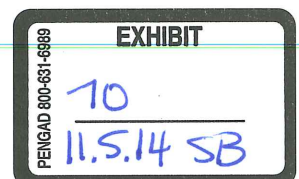


**JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION
PERSONAL DATA QUESTIONNAIRE**

Court, Position, and Seat # for which you are applying:
Administrative Law Court, Seat 3

1. NAME: The Honorable Carolyn Cason Matthews
[Note: the name under which I practiced law from 1978-90 was Carolyn M. Adams]
BUSINESS ADDRESS: SC Administrative Law Court
1205 Pendleton Street, Suite 224
Columbia, SC 29201
TELEPHONE NUMBER: (office): 803-734-0550
2. Date of Birth: 1950
Place of Birth: Columbia, 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 July 3, 1999, to John Andrew McAllister, Jr. Divorced on September 12, 1983, one year's continuous separation. Three 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) Furman University, 1968-1972, BA in English Literature June 4, 1972;
 - (b) University of London and Shakespeare Institute, Stratford-on-Avon, Fall 1970 [Furman University non-degree program];
 - (c) USC School of Law, 1975-78, JD, May 13, 1978.
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 – November 8, 1978
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) Furman University
Collegiate Educational Service Corps (1968-72)
Student Senate (1970-72);
 - (b) USC Law School
Order of Wig and Robe (Top 10% of Class)
American Jurisprudence Award, Torts (First in Class) Fall 1975
1977-78: Research Assistant to professors John Montgomery and David Owen:
Research and assistance in drafting textbook—Keeton, Owen, and Montgomery, Products Liability and Safety, Foundation Press, Inc., 1980.



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) John Belton O'Neall Inn of Court	03/17/2009;
(b) S. C. Women Lawyers Conference	09/30/2009;
(c) JBOIC "Learning Ethical Behavior	11/17/2009;
(d) SC Bar Convention "Trial & Appellate Advocacy"	01/22/2010;
(e) SC Bar Convention: "Environment & Natural Resources"	01/22/2010;
(f) SC Bar "Bridge the Gap"	03/08/2010;
(g) SC Bar "Bridge the Gap"	08/02/2010;
(h) League of Women Voters: "Independence & Diversity"	10/06/2010;
(i) JBOIC: "Rt. Hon Lord Justice of English Inn of Court"	10/20/2010;
(j) SC Bar Convention: "Admin. & Regulatory Law"	01/23/2011;
(k) SC Bar Convention: "Law Firm Management"	01/22/2011;
(l) SC Bar Convention: "Environment & natural Resources"	01/22/2011;
(m) "Bridge the Gap" Administrative Law	03/07/2011;
(n) SCWLA: "Troubling Statistics"	06/02/2011;
(o) SCWLA: "Women Lawyers & Leadership"	10/21/2011;
(p) SC Bar Convention: "Government Law"	01/20/2012;
(q) SC Bar Convention: "Health Care Law"	01/21/2012;
(r) SCWLA "Autism and the Law"	04/05/2012;
(s) SCWLA "Collaborative law in SC"	07/26/2012;
(t) SCWLA "The State of the Judiciary in SC"	08/07/2012;
(u) SCWLA Conference "Law Practice Diversity & Leadership"	10/05/2012;
(v) SC Bar Convention "Environment & Natural Resources"	01/25/2013;
(w) SC Bar Senior Lawyers Conference	01/26/2013;
(x) SCWLA "2013 Legislative Update by Katherine Wells	08/13/2013;
(y) SC Bar SCWLA "Vision for Success" Conference	10/10/2013;
(z) SC Bar Convention "Environment & Health Care Law"	01/24/2014;
(aa) SC Bar Convention "Senior Lawyer Division"	01/24/2014.

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 lectured at the 1900 SC Bar Program "Bridge the Gap" for new lawyers on "Administrative Law" from 1999-2010;
- (b) I have made presentations on the topic of "Appellate Advocacy" to Circuit Judges attending the 1982 Supreme Court Conference;
- (c) I have made a presentation on "SC State Government Restructured" at the 1993 SC Bar Convention;
- (d) I have lectured on "Res Judicata and Collateral Estoppel" to the SC Attorney Generals and State Agency Attorneys in 1986;
- (e) I have given a "1994 Legislative Update on Natural Resources" to the SC Bar Convention Natural Resources Section;
- (f) I have participated in a panel discussion on "Judicial Independence" at the SC Women Lawyers Conference in 2000;
- (g) I have participated in a panel discussion "Ensuring Judicial Independence & Diversity in SC" in 2010 before the SC League of Women Voters;

- (h) I have taught “Tips from the Bench” from 2002-2007 at SC Bar Continuing Education Seminars;
 - (i) I have taught “Ethics and Professionalism—the 8 Commandments” to attorneys for The SC Association of Counties in 2002;
 - (j) I have taught ”Ethics for State Government Attorneys” in 2003;
 - (k) I have taught “How Judges Perceive Lawyers” in 2003 at USC Law School;
 - (l) I have taught “Rules! Rules! Rules! – Success with Judge and Jury” at a Bar-Sponsored CLE in 2008;
 - (m) I have taught “The Lighter side of the Law” to a SC Women Lawyers CLE seminar in 2003 and 2010;
 - (n) I have lectured on “The 10 Commandments of Administrative Law” before the National Association of Unemployment Insurance Appeals Professionals on June 26, 2014;
 - (o) I have lectured on “Evidence” at the Charleston School of Law;
 - (p) I have lectured to the National Association of Unemployment Insurance Appeals Professionals on June 26, 2014;
 - (q) I will participate in a panel discussion on August 14, 2014, in Charleston with Justice Hearn, Judges McDonald, Mullen, Harrington, and Kirchner regarding balancing being a Judge and a Mother.
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) Admitted to practice before the State Courts of SC November 8, 1978;
 - (b) Admitted to practice before the Federal District Court of SC March 23, 2979;
 - (c) Admitted to practice before the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals on April 4, 1981;
 - (d) Admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court February 24, 1986.
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) Staff Attorney, SC Supreme Court (1978-81)
Reviewed and researched civil and criminal appeals; Recommended disposition by Court; Supervised junior Staff Attorneys. Assisted at settlement Conferences. Drafted Court Rules;
 - (b) Law Clerk, SC Supreme Court, Justice George T. Gregory, Jr. (1981-82)
Reviewed and researched civil and criminal appeals and motions; Drafted opinions, rules, and Orders for Justice Gregory; Assisted at hearings on Extraordinary Writs such as Mandamus and Supersedeas; reviewed Attorney Disciplinary proceedings;
 - (c) Assistant Attorney General, State of SC (1982-86)
Researched and wrote more than 200 appellate briefs and argued more than 80 appeals solo before SC supreme Court, SC Court, and US Supreme Court. Coordinated appeals with Solicitors; Prosecuted Medical Board and other licensing Board cases. Wrote Attorney General’s Opinions as directed by the Attorney

- General. Represented State agencies; Coordinated Continuing Legal Education seminars; Chaired first Law Enforcement Leadership Conference;
- (d) Counsel, SC House of Representatives Judiciary Committee, David H. Wilkins, Chairman (1986-88)
 Managed research and drafting of Legislation and amendments for all legislation referred to Judiciary Committee. Coordinated legislative efforts with Governor's Office, Legislative staff, and state agencies. Supervised Staff Attorneys and Law Clerks and 5 subcommittees of Judiciary Committee;
- (e) Partner, Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough (1988-96)
 Administrative practice before State Agencies such as DHEC, Department of Water Resources, Department of Insurance, and Public Service Commission. Governmental Relations; Appellate practice;
- (f) Partner, Woodward Cothran & Herndon (1996-1998)
 Commercial Litigation; Appellate and Administrative Law Practice before state agencies, including Administrative Law Court, DHEC, Insurance Commission, and PSC. State and Federal Governmental Relations;
- (g) Carolyn C. Matthews, Attorney and Counselor at Law (December 1998-May 1999)
 Administrative and Appellate Law; State and Federal Governmental Relations;
- (h) Administrative Law Judge, Seat #3 (June 2, 1999-present; reelected February 9, 2000; reelected February 2, 2005; reelected February 2010)
 Contested Cases from State Agencies, including: DHEC, DOR, DNR, DOI, DOT, DSS, OCRM, SLED, County Auditors and Assessors Regulatory Hearings from State Agencies governed by a single director.
 Appeals from State Agencies, including LLR
 Injunctions, Petitions for Stay, and other procedural Motions.
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
 Martindale-Hubbell: AV
22. Have you ever held judicial office?
Administrative Law Judge, Seat #3, Elected June 2, 1999; reelected in 2000, 2005 & 2010.

By statute, the Administrative Law Court has jurisdiction over (1) Contested Cases from State Agencies [including DHEC, DOR, DOT, DHHS, Department of Insurance, DNR, Secretary of State, Budget and Control Board, Tourism Expenditure Review Committee, and SLED]; (2) Appeals from the 50 Licensing Boards of LLR and other agencies [including Medicaid Appeals, State Fire Marshal Appeals; Appeals of Day Care and Foster home license revocations; DOC, DSS, OMVH, DEW, Human Affairs Commission, Mining Council, State Ports Authority, and PEBA]; and (3) Hearings regarding the need for and reasonableness of Regulations promulgated by agencies governed by a single director [e.g., Department of Insurance and LLR]

Administrative Law Judges have all the powers of Circuit Judges to issue Injunctions and Extraordinary Writs [e.g., Supersedeas, Mandamus, Quo Warranto and Procedendo] and contempt. [Section 1-23-630]

Administrative Law Judges cannot rule on the Constitutionality of a Statute or Regulation, but can rule on whether a party's constitutional rights have been violated by the

application of a statute of regulation. Dornan v. SC Department of Health and Environmental Control, 350 S.C. 159, 565 S.E.2d 119 (SC App. 2002).

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) Heath Hill v. SC DHEC and SCE&G [08-ALJ-07-0183-CC, July 10, 2008]

This procedural order granted a Motion to Lift Automatic Stay under S.C. Code Section 1-23-600(H)(4), which became effective only 9 days before the hearing on this Motion. It is significant because it demonstrated the magnitude of the decisions entrusted to the Administrative Law Court—whether SCE&G would be allowed to proceed with construction of a landfill to dispose of byproducts of coal combustion during the pendency of the Contested Case. The new statute required me to hold a hearing within 30 days after the Motion to Lift Stay was filed, and to issue an Order within 15 days after the four-hour arguments on the Motion.

I ruled that SCE&G had satisfied the statutory standard for lifting the stay; i.e., “for good cause shown or if no irreparable harm will occur ...” Moreover, if the Legislature imposes a statutory time frame, Administrative Law Judges are required to comply with it.

- (b) Sonoco Products Company v. S.C. Department of Revenue [03-ALJ-17-0440-CC, August 30, 2005, aff’d. 378 S.C. 385, 662 SE2d 599 (S.C. 2008)]

In this property assessment case, the DOR assessed three of Sonoco’s corporate office buildings, located across a public street and a railroad from its manufacturing plant, at a 10.% ratio as “Manufacturing-related property.” Sonoco contended that the office buildings were not “contiguous” to the plant within the meaning of S. C. Code Ann. Section 12-43-220(a), and should be assessed at a 6.5% ratio.

I affirmed the DOR, ruling that the buildings were contiguous to the Manufacturing Plant. The circuit court reversed; the SC Supreme Court reversed the Circuit Court and affirmed my Order.

This order is significant because it addresses the primary rule of Statutory Construction—ascertaining the intent of the Legislature.

- (c) Anonymous No. 1, Registered Dental Hygienist and Anon. No., RDH v. S. C. Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation [06-ALJ-11-0562-AP and 06-ALJ-11-0563-AP, Filed October 25, 2007; aff’d by Court of Appeals, 2012 WL 10841386, April 18, 2012]

Two Dental Hygienists were disciplined by the Board of Dentistry for failing to meet the Standard of Care in placing sealants on children’s teeth in a school setting. This Order is an example of the Administrative Law Court’s Legislative duty to review sanctions imposed by approximately 50 Licensing Boards of the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation, including Doctors, Nurses, Realtors, and Contractors in order to protect the public health and welfare. The availability of an appeal to the ALC is vital to give licensees and the licensing boards due process and an opportunity to be heard.

- (d) Kim Murphy v. S. C. Department of Health and Environmental Control and District 5 of Richland and Lexington Counties [11-ALJ-07-0134-CC; Aff’d. 396 S.C. 633, 723 SE2d 191 (2012)]

This case is significant because it reflects the complex environmental issues which come to the Administrative Law Court. This case took almost 3 weeks to try, and involved numerous issues. It was highly controversial, and my ruling had enormous impact on the school District, which could not commence renovation of Chapin High School until I ruled on the permitting decisions of DHEC. It also reflects the principle that Agency Regulations are construed in the same manner as Statutes; i.e., the Legislative Intent is controlling, and deference is given to the Agency's interpretation of its regulations. The SC Supreme Court affirmed my decision.

- (e) SC Department of Motor Vehicles v. Brown [08-ALJ-21-0476-AP; aff'd. 2011 WL 11733618 (S.C. Ct. App. 2011) ; aff'd 406S.C. 626, 753 SE2d 524 (2014)]

This case is significant because it addresses one of the primary principles of appellate review: issue preservation. The DMV cases which are appealed to the ALC are submitted on briefs only; we do not hear arguments on those cases. Thus Drivers License suspensions for DUI are reviewed based on the record made before the OMVH, which is a statutorily-created division within the Administrative Law Court.

24. Have you ever held public office other than judicial office?

No.

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.

N/A

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

Circuit Court (1995)- withdrew when it became apparent I could not win. Court of Appeals (2004) I was found "Qualified, but not Nominated" by the Judicial Merit Selection Commission. Chief Judge, Administrative Law Court (2009). I was found "Qualified and Nominated," but withdrew when I did not have the requisite votes.

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?

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.

If any party, attorney, or subject matter appeared to create a possible conflict of interest, I would inform all parties, allow them to discuss it out of my presence, and if they requested it, recuse myself from the case consistent with the Code of Judicial Conduct.

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? No.

Have you ever defaulted on a student loan? No.

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?

(a) On October 15, 2001, Inmate Gerald Brown filed a civil complaint against me in Richland County Court. The complaint was dismissed on January 18, 2002 {2001-CP-40-04363};

(b) 6:02-CV-04027 is a prison condition case. William C. McKinney [prisoner] v. Jon E. Ozmint, Governor Jim Hodges, Attorney General Charles Concon, NFN McKie (General Counsel Office; Warden Rickie Harrison, and Carolyn Matthews. On September 3, 2004, the 4th Circuit Court of Appeals denied a petition for rehearing.

Note: There is no proof of service on me in this Federal Case.

36. Have you ever been investigated by the Department of Social Services? No.

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.?

Facebook. I use Facebook mostly to post photos of my grandchildren. I do not "friend" any political sites and only comment or "like" photos or postings which reflect personal photos or announcements of life events from friends. Under the Judicial Advisory opinions, Judges are permitted to have such social networking sites.

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)?

1992

Waste Placement Professionals, Carowinds, S. C. Wine & Hail Underwriters DSM, IBM, SC Tourism Council, RADAR, 3M National Advertising Company, SC Health Insurance Pool, Grand Strand Water & Sewer, Marine Spill Response Corporation, Phillip MorrisUSA, BellSouth Mobility, SC Coin Operators, SC State Ports Authority, ThermalKEM, Soap and Detergent Association, State Farm, SC Coalition of Interior Designers, Grand Strand General Hospital, C&S National Bank, Southeastern Chemical, Winthrop University;

1993

Winthrop University RADAR, MSRC, SC Tourism Council, SC Wine & Hail Underwriters, PEPSICO, Inc., Grand Strand Water and Sewer, Outdoor Advertising of SC, THERmaKEM, S. C. Bankers Association, Southeastern Chemical, IBM, Carowinds, Premark International, Inc., Health Ins. Co. of America, SC Health Ins. Pool, Mid-American Waste System, Wagering, Inc., SC Commission for Concerned Dental Hygienists;

1994

State Farm Insurance Co., SC Wind & Hail Underwriting Association, SC property and Casualty Insurance Guaranty Ass'n., SC Health Insurance Pool, SC Committee for Concerned Dental Hygienists, Roche Carolina, Inc., Philip Morris Companies, Inc., SC Outdoor Advertising Association, MSRC, HIAA, Grand Strand Water & Sewer Authority, Ellis & Associated, Inc., Carowinds, Automated Wagering;

1995

American Automobile Manufacturers Ass'n., Associated International Auto Manufacturing, AWI, Inc., HIAA, Ellis & Associated, Inc., National Ass'n. of Recording Merchandisers, Grand Strand Water & Sewer Authority, Outdoor Advertising Ass'n of SC, Phillip Morris Companies, Roche Carolina, Inc., S. C. Health Insurance Pool, SC Property and Casualty Insurance Guaranty Ass'n., S. C. Wine & Hail Underwriting Ass'n., State Farm Insurance Companies;

1996

The R. L. Bryan Company, Grand Strand Water & Sewer Authority;

1998

Grand Strand Water & Sewer Authority, S. C. Association of Marriage & Family Therapists;

1999

Grand Strand Water & Sewer Authority, S. C. Association of Marriage & Family Therapists, S. C. Association of Public Accountants.

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. N/A

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. N/A
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? No.
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.
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) SC Bar Association [November 8, 1978-present]
SC Bar Senior Lawyers Commission [appointed 2014]
SC Bar House of Delegates [1998-99]
SC Bar Task force on Professional Satisfaction & Retention [2008-11]
Mentor, S. C. Young Lawyers Division [1998-99]
SC Bar Legislative Counsel Committee [1991-96]
SC Bar Committee on Continuing Legal Education [1994-97]
SC Bar Practice & Procedure Committee: Drafted Legislation creating Court of Appeals [1993-94]
SC Bar Committee on Administrative & regulatory Law [2009-present]
SC Bar Committee on Conventions [2008-present];
 - (b) Richland County Bar Association [1978-present]
Chair, Legal Services Committee [1996-99]
Chair, Richland County Bar Programs Committee [1991-92];
 - (c) SC Women Lawyers Association [1995-present]
State President [2012-13]
Secretary [2009-12}
Board of Directors [1995-2001; 2009-14];
 - (d) Board of Directors: National Conference of Women's Bar Associations;
 - (e) American Bar Association [1978-present];
 - (f) National Association of Women Judges [2012-present];
 - (g) National Association of Women Lawyers [2010-present];
 - (h) S. C. Administrative & Regulatory Law Association [2000-present];
 - (i) National Association of Administrative Law Judges [1999-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.

- (a) Woman of Distinction Award – 2012 SC Girl Scouts Mountains to Midlands;
 - (b) Governor’s Advisory Committee to Study the Commission on Women;
 - (c) Leadership SC Graduate - 1993;
 - (d) Leadership SC Alumnae Association;
 - (e) Fellow, Richard W. Riley Furman University Diversity Leaders Institute 2011.
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.

The General Assembly of SC has conferred on me the privilege of serving the state as an Administrative Law Judge for the past 16 years. Because ALJ’s hear Contested Cases from many state agencies, including DHEC, the Department of Revenue, and the Department of Transportation, we are affording due process and an opportunity to be heard to many citizens of SC who have no other forum.

Contested cases involve matters as diverse as Certificated of Need for Hospitals, designation as a Minority Business Enterprise, Environmental permitting and penalties, Property Tax Assessment cases from every county in the state, and permits for bridges and docks in the eight coastal counties. We also hear appeals from the 50 licensing boards of LLR, including doctors, dentists, nurses, realtors, and contractors. Our orders affect the livelihood of these individuals and protect the public welfare and safety.

In my 36-year legal career, I have been fortunate to serve as Staff Attorney at the SC Supreme Court, as Law Clerk to the late Chief Justice George T. Gregory, Jr., and as an Assistant Attorney General for the State of SC. During my tenure with the Attorney General, I was assigned to the Criminal Appeals Division, and worked closely with the Solicitors in reviewing transcripts, writing more than 200 appellate briefs and arguing solo more than 80 appeals before the Supreme Court and Court of Appeals in upholding criminal convictions. I also prosecuted licensees on behalf of the Medical Board and several other Boards, and handled their civil appeals.

I have also served as Counsel to the House Judiciary Committee. In that position, I worked with all members of the General Assembly in drafting legislation and amendments, reviewing legislation and regulations, and being part of the process of statutory enactment. While serving as Counsel to the Chair of the House Judiciary Committee, I received a true understanding of the fundamental principle of statutory construction: that is, that the Legislature’s intent is paramount.

In 10 years of private practice, I concentrated on administrative and appellate law and governmental relations. I represented clients before state agencies, including the Department of Insurance, DHEC, OCRM, and the Public Service Commission. I also participated in complex civil and federal court litigation. I became a partner at the State’s largest law firm.

I am fortunate to have been born in SC, to parents who instilled in me and my three sisters many values. We were taught to treat all persons equally, and to “do unto others as we would have them do unto us.” I saw my parents and all my relatives treating people of all classes, races, and creeds with equal compassion, humility, and dignity. We were taught that we could achieve anything through education, hard work, and perseverance. I was divorced when my daughter was only 5 years old, and as a single parent, I had to work very long hours as an Assistant Attorney General, House Judiciary Committee Counsel, and to become a partner at the largest law firm in the state [I was the only single parent in a firm of

more than 200 lawyers at the time.] I understand the demands of the private practice of law. Whenever possible, I try to accommodate attorneys' schedules, and will never embarrass an attorney or litigant in the courtroom.

I am one of the few attorneys in the state who has worked for all three branches of state government—Judicial, legislative, and Executive—providing a unique perspective and fundamental understanding of the Separation of powers Doctrine. I have practiced law for 36 years and have tried, heard, and appealed a wide variety of cases. My legal experience is extremely broad and diverse. I am 63 years old and believe I can continue to contribute on the Administrative Law Court.

I am the Administrative Law Judge who is most involved in County, State, and National Organizations to improve professionalism in Courts and improve the practice of law. I am the ALJ most frequently asked to speak and serve on panels at various Continuing Education Conferences and state and national conferences. I travel out of Columbia and out of state to participate in such conferences at my own expense, and am committed to raising the profile and enhancing the professionalism of the S. C. Administrative Law Court. I believe I am a good Ambassador for the Court and for the State of SC.

52. References:

- (a) Thornwell F. Sowell, Esquire
Sowell Gray Stepp & Laffitte, LLC
P. O. Box 11449
Columbia, SC 29211 [803-929-1400]
- (b) Darra W. Cothran, Esquire
Woodward Cothran & Herndon
218 Main Street, Suite 2
Lexington, SC 29072 [803-799-9772]
- (c) Flo Lester Vinson, Esquire
Folkens Law Firm, P.A.,
P. O. Box 6139
Florence, SC 29502 [843-665-0100]
- (d) Ashton Mundy, Vice-President
First Palmetto Savings Bank [banker]
3932 Forest Drive
Columbia, SC 29204 [803-782-7030]
- (e) Belva S. Hamer
157 Shannondale Court
Columbia, SC 29209
[803-261-2220]

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

Signature: Carolyn C. Matthews

Date: August 1, 2014

CAROLYN CASON MATTHEWS
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carolyncasonmatthews@gmail.com
803-238-5665

October 28, 2014

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

Dear Jane:

Please amend the following portions of the Personal Data Questionnaire [PDQ], dated August 1, 2014:

1. **Number 5(b):** Please correct the year of my divorce from "2983" to "1983".
2. **Number 13(b):** Please correct the year I was admitted to practice before the Federal District Court of South Carolina from "2979" to "1979".
3. **Number 34:** Please add the following:
(3) 3:12-CV-02316 is a civil rights case. Plaintiff [Prisoner] Edward Bryan v. Carolyn C. Matthews.
This case was dismissed on November 28, 2012, without issuance of process and there was no service of process on me.
4. **Number 43:** I have expended \$237.35 on mailings and postage to members of the General Assembly [other than those who are members of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission]. I have notified the House and Senate Ethics Committees of this expenditure.

Many thanks for making these amendments to the above-referenced documents.

Sincerely,



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