JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION PERSONAL DATA QUESTIONNAIRE

Court, Position, and Seat # for which you are applying: Circuit Court, At-Large, Seat 1

1. NAME:

The Honorable William Jeffrey Young

BUSINESS ADDRESS:

215 N. Harvin Street

Sumter, SC 29154

TELEPHONE NUMBER:

(Office): 803-436-2152

2. Date of Birth:

1955

Place of Birth:

Sumter, 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 December 5, 1992, to Sharon Steele Young. Divorced (first marriage) on May 5, 1990; W. Jeffrey Young Plaintiff, Williamsburg County, SC. Grounds: one year separation pursuant to Code Section 20-3-10(5); four children.
- 6. Have you served in the military?
 - (a) USAF Active Duty, October 1977 September 1982;
 - (b) USAF Reserve, September 1982 May 2007, Lt. Col., Retired Honorably.
- 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, 1973-77, BS Business Administration;
 - (c) USC School Of Law, 1982-84, 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, May 1985.

- 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) The Citadel Yearbook Staff, 1975-77;
 - (b) The Citadel Summerall Guards Rear Guide, 1977;
 - (c) USC Student Bar Association, 1982-84.
- 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.

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Conference/CLE Name		<u>Date</u>
(a)	SC Circuit Court Judges Conference	05-06-2009;
(b)	Judges Orientation	07-08-2009;
(c)	SC Judicial Conference	08-19-2009;
(d)	SCDTAA Convention	11-2009;
(e)	SC Bar Conference	01-2010;
(f)	SC Circuit Judges Conference	05-2010;



(g)	SC AJ Convention	08-2010;
(h)	SC Judicial Conference	08-2010;
(i)	SCDTAA Convention	11-2010;
(j)	SC Bar Conference	01-2011;
(k)	SC Circuit Judges Assc. Conference	05-2011;
(1)	SC AJ Convention	08-2011;
(m)	SC Judicial Conference	08-2011;
(n)	SCDTAA Convention	11-2011;
(o)	SC Bar Conference	01-2012;
(p)	SC Circuit Judges Conference	05-2012;
(q)	SC AJ Convention	08-2012;
(r)	SC Judicial Conference	08-2012;
(s)	SC Bar Conference	01-2013;
(t)	SC Circuit Judges Conference	05-2013;
(u)	SC AJ Convention	08-2013;
(v)	SC Judicial Conference	08-2013;
(w)	SC DTAA Convention	11-2013;
(x)	SC Bar Assoc. Convention	01-2014;
(y)	SC Circuit Court Assoc. Metting	03-2014;
(z)	Economics for Judges	05-2014.
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- 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.
- 12. List all published books and articles you have written and give citations and the dates of publication for each.
- 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) The State Courts of SC, May 1985;
 - (b) The United States District Court, April 1994;
 - (c) The United States Court of Appeals (4th Circuit), December 1999.
- 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) Kenneth R. Young, Sumter, SC: May 1985-June 1986 (General Practice);
 - (b) Young & Young, P.A., Sumter, SC: June 1986-December 1990 (General Practice);
 - (c) Young, Young & Reiter, P.A., Sumter, SC: Jan. 1991-December 1997 (General Practice);
 - (d) W. Jeffrey Young, P.A., Sumter, SC: Jan. 1998-June 2004 (General Practice);
 - (e) Young & Graham, P.A., Sumter, SC: Jan. 2004- June 2004 (General Practice);
 - (f) Family Court Judge, Third Judicial Circuit: July 2004-Apr. 2009;
 - (g) Circuit Court Judge, At Large, Seat #1: Apr. 2009-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.

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- 22. Have you ever held judicial office?
 - (a) Family Court Judge, 3rd Judicial Circuit, Seat 2: Elected May 2003, Served July 2004-April 2009;
 - (b) Circuit Court Judge, At-Large, Seat #1: Elected February 9, 2009. Served April 4, 2009-Present.
- 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) <u>State v. John Jabbar Greene</u> (2008-GS-22-0458) (2008-GS-22-0459) 05-01-2009 This was my first General Sessions trial as a Circuit Court Judge. The case was an armed robbery and the evidence involved DNA expert, ballistic experts and a tracking dog. Oddly and gratefully, the case of <u>State v. White</u>, 282 S.C. 265, 676 SE 2nd 684 (2009) was reported on the day the tracking dog expert was to testify. The defendant was convicted, and my rulings were affirmed on appeal;
 - (b) <u>State v. Demetrius A. Godwin</u> (2009-GS-40-03175) 03-18-2011
 This was a homicide by child abuse case in Richland County, in which a father, during investigation, voluntarily met with police without counsel. This particular case had numerous Miranda issues, photographic evidence issue and medical expert issues. The defendant was convicted, and my rulings were affirmed on appeal;
 - (c) <u>State v. Justin Jermaine Johnson</u> (2011-GS-14-0294) 03-20-2014 This trial involved the double homicide of an eight-month-old child and the child's 59-year-old great-grandmother. The trial lasted nine days with numerous evidentiary and juror issues. The defendant was convicted;
 - (d) No Regrets Properties Inc. v. Neighborhood Sports Pub Concepts, Inc. (2010-CP-23-2263) 01-18-2013

 This was an eight-day civil conspiracy breach of contract and trade mark infringement. There were numerous witnesses in a highly technical trial in which millions of dollars were at stake. Judgment was for the defendant;
 - (e) Peter Kessler, et al v. Mary Black Health System (2007-CP-42-865 06-05-2009 This case was a medical malpractice suit that involved the alleged failure to diagnose a stroke. Approximately six neurological experts from around the country testified personally and by video deposition. After eight days, the jury was deadlocked, and the attorneys agreed to a majority verdict with a high/low agreement. Verdict was ultimately for the defendant.
- 24. Have you ever held public office other than judicial office? If so, list the periods of your service, the office or offices involved, and whether you were elected or appointed. 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?

Yes, I was elected to the SC House of Representatives to represent District #67. I served from 1994-98 and 2000-02. I always filed reports properly and in a timely manner.

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.

USAF Reserves, Shaw AFB, SC Contracting Officer 1990-2007. Supervisor was Lt. Col. Dan Jenkins. I was utilized as a special projects officer and was dispatched to

numerous bases in the Middle East to present briefings, conduct commander directed investigations, and conduct staff assistance visits to the contracting squadrons under USCENTAF command. I traveled extensively, on short notice, throughout Iraq on four different missions since the execution of operation Iraqi Freedom.

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

In 1998, I was not re-elected to the House of Representatives; however, in 2000, I was re-elected to represent House District #67. In 2002, I resigned as a result of the federal court redrawing of the district lines, which placed my Statehouse desk mate and me in the same district.

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? If so, give details, including a description of your occupation, business, or profession, the dates of your employment, and the name of your business or employer.

United States Air force, Oct. 1977-Sept. 1982 – Contracting Officer. I later transferred to the active reserve and served from 1982-2007. I was assigned to the National Security Agency (NSA) at Ft. Meade, Maryland, and United States Central Command Air Forces (USCENTAF) at Shaw AFB, SC Throughout my career I maintained a top secret/sensitive compartmented information (TS/SCI) security clearance. I retired at the rank of Lt. Col.

28. Are you now an officer or director or involved in the management of any business enterprise? Explain the nature of the business, your duties, and the term of your service.

No.

- 29. A complete, current financial net worth statements 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?

In April 1977, I, along with my Citadel roommates went to Savannah, Ga, for an evening; Charleston just wasn't that exciting anymore. Upon leaving, one roommate obtained a souvenir street sign and was caught. We were detained by the Savannah Police for about thirty minutes and then released. No charges were filed. No reports were made, but I have had to report this event about ten different times to state and federal officials. This is a good lesson in why not to break the law.

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?

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.

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.

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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.

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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?

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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) Sumter County Bar Association; 1985-Present;
 - (b) SC Bar Association; 1985-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) Sumter Sunrise Rotary Club honorary member;
 - (b) Sumter Citadel Club, past president;
 - (c) Camellia Ball Dance Club, past president.
- 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.

As a Lt. Col. in the Air Force Reserve, I traveled on seven missions to the Middle East, South west Asia and Iraq after September 11, 2001, in support of operations enduring freedom and Iraqi Freedom. I have been awarded two Air Force commendation medals and two Air Force meritorious service medals and the Global War on Terrorism medal. This experience and the people I met reminded me of how precious our freedoms are and how much sacrifice may be required to preserve these freedoms. I was conferred the Order of the Palmetto in December 2008.

- 52. References:
 - (a) Henry A. McFaddin, CPA 2830 Brownfield Way Sumter, SC 29154 (H) 803-469-8655 (W) 803-773-1359
 - (b) William Nock, Retired Banker 10 Marion Avenue Sumter, SC 29150 (H) 803-775-8592 (O) 803-775-7701
 - (c) Raymond F. Reich, Neighbor 996 Heather Lane

Sumter, SC 29154 (H) 803-778-2687

- (d) Melissa H. White, Banker 1 Broad Street Post Office Box 1198 Sumter, SC 29151 (W) 803-778-8235
- (e) Charles L. Griffin, III, Esquire 640 Chickasaw Dr. Sumter, SC 29154 (H) 803-469-4117 (O) 803-774-4445

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

Signature: William Jeffrey Young

Date: July 18, 2014