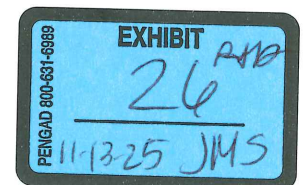


**JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION
PERSONAL DATA QUESTIONNAIRE**

Court, Position, and Seat # for which you are applying:
Circuit Court, At-Large Seat 16

1. NAME: Mr. Grady L. "Leck" Patterson, III
BUSINESS ADDRESS: P.O. Box 325
Columbia, SC 29202
TELEPHONE NUMBER: (office): 803-771-6022
2. Date and Place of Birth: 1952; Columbia, SC
3. Are you a citizen of SC? Yes.
Have you been a resident of this state for at least the immediate past five years? Yes.
5. Family Status: Married, January 26, 1980, to Sarah Jordan Patterson; never divorced; three children
6. Have you served in the military?
Yes. 1981-2012; SC Air National Guard; Brigadier General.
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) Davidson College, 1971-75, BA in Economics;
(b) USC School of Law, 1976-79, 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, 1979. Took the bar exam one time. Have not taken the bar exam in any other state.
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.
Davidson College:
Dana Scholar, 1972-73
US Senate Youth Program Scholarship, 1974
Student Union Representative, 1971-72
Social Fraternity, 1972-75 (Social Chairman 1974-75)
Intramural football, basketball, and softball, 1971-75
University of SC School of Law:
Dean's Honor Student Scholarship, First year
Member of the ABA National Moot Court Team, Second year
Student Government Representative, Second year
Member of the Moot Court Bar, Second and Third years



Winner of the J. Woodrow Lewis Appellate Advocacy Competition,
Third year

10. Describe your continuing legal or judicial education during the past five years.
- | <u>Conference/CLE Name</u> | <u>Date(s)</u> |
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| (a) Richland County Bar Ethics Seminar | 11/13/07; |
| (b) Trial Lawyers Tackle Evidence | 02/08/08; |
| (c) Tips from the Bench VI | 02/15/08; |
| (d) Ethics (Sporting Clays) | 10/30/08; |
| (e) Masters in Cross Examination | 02/06/09; |
| (f) Lawyers Tackle Evidence | 02/13/09; |
| (g) Richland County Bar Ethics Seminar | 11/06/09; |
| (h) Everything You Want to Know About Everything | 02/19/10; |
| (i) Accounting and Finance for Lawyers | 02/24/10; |
| (j) Case Study – Federal Rules of Evidence | 02/25/10; |
| (k) Opening Statements: A Civil Trial | 09/07/10; |
| (l) Direct Examination: A Civil Trial | 09/14/10; |
| (m) Cross-Examination: A Civil Trial | 09/21/10; |
| (n) Closing Argument: A Civil Trial | 09/28/10; |
| (o) Richland County Bar Ethics Seminar | 11/05/10; |
| (p) Lexington County Bar Ethics Seminar | 12/08/10; |
| (q) Ethics (Sporting Clays) | 04/14/11; |
| (r) Richland County Bar Ethics Seminar | 11/04/11; |
| (s) 21st Annual Criminal Practice in SC | 02/24/12; |
| (t) Civil Litigation: Deposition to Trial and Beyond | 02/28/12. |
11. Have you taught law-related courses or lectured at bar association conferences, educational institutions, or continuing legal or judicial education programs?
- (a) Continuing Legal Education Seminar, Office of Attorney General, Discovery in Administrative Proceedings, Columbia, SC;
 - (b) Continuing Legal Education Seminar, Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act, Columbia, SC;
 - (c) US Air Force CLE, Annual Survey of the Law, Denver, CO, Deployment;
 - (d) U.S. Air Force CLE, Annual Survey of the Law, Denver, CO, Domestic Violence and the Military;
 - (e) Lecturer at A.N.G. Commander School, Knoxville, TN;
 - (f) SC Bar CLE, Advocating the Rights of Service Members, Columbia, SC;
 - (g) Solicitors' Association, Drug Forfeiture Act, Myrtle Beach, SC.
12. List all published books and articles you have written and give citations and the dates of publication for each.
- (a) Co-author, Civil Forfeiture Manual (SC Attorney General, 1984);
 - (b) Materials for lectures set forth in No. 11 above.

13. List all courts in which you have been admitted to practice and list the dates of your admission. Give the same information for administrative bodies that require a special admission to practice.
- (a) Supreme Court of SC, 1979;
 - (b) United States Supreme Court, 1983;
 - (c) United States Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals, 1980;
 - (d) United States District Court, District of SC, 1982;
 - (e) United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces, 1982;
 - (f) United States Court of Federal Claims, 1994.
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.
- 14.(b) 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.

Upon completion of law school and admission to the SC Bar I began practicing law with the SC Attorney General's Office. I was involved in a number of areas of the law including worker's compensation, tort claims, condemnation actions, construction law claims, enforcement actions for State agencies, drug forfeiture actions, tender offer actions, licensing board hearings, and writing legal opinions.

In connection with my worker's compensation work I represented the State Worker's Compensation Fund in all compensation cases involving the Fund which arose in one of the seven SC Industrial Commission administrative districts. I also handled tort claims against the State and State employees which, at the time, were jury matters. The majority of my courtroom work was in connection with handling tort cases and condemnation cases.

Another significant aspect of my work with the Office concerned construction law. I was involved in contract drafting, contract administration, arbitration, and litigation.

A major responsibility of attorneys in the Attorney General's Office was representation of State agencies. Representation included defending

agencies against suits and prosecuting enforcement actions for licensing agencies and rendering opinions. In connection with representing the Deputy Securities Commissioner I worked with review of tender offer securities transactions. I appeared before the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals in defense of State tender offer review action.

I was also assigned to the Attorney General's Legislative Task Force which drafted and presented proposed legislation to the General Assembly. I helped draft amendments to the drug forfeiture act and was involved in drug forfeiture actions.

I entered private practice in 1985 with the Columbia firm of Quinn, Brown & Arndt, which later became Quinn, Patterson & Willard. I practiced with this firm until 1999. In January 2000 I began practice with the firm of Montgomery, Patterson, Potts & Willard in Columbia. In April 2008 I started Patterson Law Offices, LLC. The majority of my practice has been in litigation with a focus on contracts, leases, business torts, and construction law. In addition, I have done corporate work including drafting of various contracts, leases, and other corporate documents.

I have handled a number of appeals including appeals in the SC Supreme Court, the SC Court of Appeals, the United States District Court, and the United States Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals. I have been involved in two cases brought in the original jurisdiction of the United States Supreme Court. I have handled bankruptcy cases and a case in the United States Court of Federal Claims.

In addition to my regular practice I have been a member of the SC Air National Guard which I joined in 1981. I attended Air Force law school where I finished first in my class. I was designated a Judge Advocate by the Air Force and in my military legal work I prosecuted and defended airmen subject to discharge before discharge boards. I have also served as the legal advisor to boards. The legal advisor serves in the role of a judge for the hearing. My judge advocate work included issues ranging from the law of armed conflict to preparing wills for deploying troops. I received civil affairs training to prepare me for work in foreign countries. In 2003 I became a line officer and following command positions I was appointed the SC Assistant Adjutant General for Air.

In 1982 I was fortunate to have the opportunity to attend the National Institute for Trial Advocacy in Denver, Colorado. This intensive training in trial techniques and evidence law has been of great benefit to me in my practice.

I have been associated on cases in General Sessions Court. I have also handled cases in Magistrate's, municipal, and summary military courts.

My work has been balanced between plaintiff and defense matters. Most of my litigation experience is in jury matters.

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 AV rating.

16. What was the frequency of your court appearances during the last five years?
 - (a) federal: Average of one time per year.
 - (b) state: Average of six times per year.
17. What percentage of your practice involved civil, criminal, domestic, and other matters during the last five years?
 - (a) civil: 95%;
 - (b) criminal: 3%;
 - (c) domestic: 2%;
 - (d) other: 0%.
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%;
 - (b) non-jury: 10%.

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

I most often served as sole counsel; however, I served with co-counsel on larger cases.

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) H. Thomas Taylor v. Terry L. Cash, et al. (more than twenty cases). Suit by lessor of nursing homes who was former business partner of the Defendant whom, along with Defendant companies, we represented. Plaintiff lessor sought a declaratory judgment, alleged fraud, alleged breach of contract, sought claim and delivery of equipment, and sought ejectment of the lessees in connection with transfer of leases of six nursing homes and related covenants not to compete. Numerous issues resulted in more than twenty suits being brought in or removed to Bankruptcy Court and handled as adversary proceedings. Four trials were held (including a number of cases consolidated for trial). Three of the cases were appealed to the United States District Court where they were briefed and argued. One of the cases was appealed to the United States Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals where the issues were briefed prior to settlement. A significant trial involved the issue of whether Plaintiff could sell the nursing homes and, thereby, eliminate Defendants' interests. We were successful in preventing the sale. The case involved issues of first impression and is reported at In re Taylor, 198 B.R. 142 (D.S.C. 1996).
 - (b) Turner Murphy Company v. City of York (two cases). Suit by contractor against the City of York, SC, for the balance of the contract price on construction of new wastewater treatment plant. Represented the City of York in a two-week jury trial. Case was significant due to the

number of issues involved including complex administrative issues involving the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The second suit was brought several years later by the City against the contractor and engineer for defective work when a concrete filter structure leaked. Three-day jury trial in the York County Circuit Court resulted in a verdict for the City.

- (c) F.D.D. Ltd. v. GMK Construction, et al. (two cases). Represented the plaintiffs in a suit prosecuted by the homeowners' association of a residential development. Suit was brought against the contractor, subcontractor, and engineer for defects in roadways and piping system in the development. Settled with contractor and subcontractor. Week long jury trial in the United States District Court for the District of SC against the engineer resulted in verdict for the homeowners' association. Verdict and settlement amounts provided sufficient funds for the homeowners' association to effect all needed remedial work.
 - (d) Griggs v. Southern Electronic Manufacturing Company. Suit by manufacturer's representative against manufacturer alleging breach of an agreement to pay the representative an ongoing commission. Case involved a significant issue of whether sales commissions can be received as long as a business sells to the customer introduced by the representative. Represented the defendant and obtained summary judgment for client.
 - (e) Covington v. Genesis. Suit by former member of a real estate relocation referral service for breach of contract and franchise law. Significant issues of franchise law. Represented the defendant and obtained summary judgment for client.
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.
- (a) Rumpf, et al. v. Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company, et al., 357 S.C. 386, 593 S.E.2d 183 (Ct.App. 2004). This case involved a trucking company which entered a contract with Massachusetts Mutual to provide a pension plan for the company's employees. The contract gave retirement benefits to employees in the form of annuities. The issue was whether the pension plan administrator, who was deceased at the time the case was brought, had let the statute of limitations run on claims against the annuity provider. Summary judgment was granted to Defendant and the decision was upheld on appeal.
 - (b) Rowe v. Hyatt, 321 S.C. 366, 468 S.E.2d 649 (1996). This case involved the question of whether an individual owner who did not participate in the sale of an automobile could be liable under the Automobile Dealers Act, S.C. Code Ann. Section 56-15-10, et seq. (Supp. 1998). Court of Appeals decision reported: Rowe v. Hyatt, 317 S.C. 172, 452 S.E.2d 356 (Ct.App. 1995).
 - (c) D & D Leasing Co. of SC v. David Lipson, Ph.D., P.A., 305 S.C.

540, 409 S.E.2d 794 (Ct.App. 1991). This case involved the issue of whether an automobile lease termination clause which provided for acceleration of unpaid lease payments and sale of the repossessed automobile was valid.

- (c) D & D Leasing Co. of SC v. Gentry, 298 S.C. 342, 380 S.E.2d 823 (1989). This case involved the question of whether a commercial lease of personality was governed or controlled by Article 2 (Sales) of the Uniform Commercial Code.
 - (d) Gosnell v. SC Department of Highways and Public Transp., 282 S.C. 526, 320 S.E.2d 454 (1984). This case involved the question of whether a directed verdict should have been granted to the Department in a collision case arising out of work being done on a highway.
21. List up to five criminal appeals that you have personally handled.
Not applicable.
22. Have you ever held judicial office? Not applicable.
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.
Not applicable.
24. Have you ever held public office other than judicial office? Not applicable.
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. Not applicable.
26. Have you ever been an unsuccessful candidate for elective, judicial, or other public office? If so, give details, including dates.
(a) SC House of Representatives, District 79, 1988, general election;
(b) Circuit Court Judge, Fifth Judicial Circuit, Seat 3, Spring 2000;
(c) Circuit Court Judge, Fifth Judicial Circuit, Seat 3, Fall 2011.
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.
SC Air National Guard (part time) 1981 -2012.
Judge Advocate (1981–2003).
Group Commander and Flight Commander (2003-05)
Vice Commander of Fighter Wing (2006-09).
SC Assistant Adjutant General for Air (2009-12).
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.
Member of Patterson Law Offices, LLC. Law practice. Attorney with indefinite term of service.
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.

Not aware of any actual conflicts. If a conflict or potential conflict arose I would not hear the matter.

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? If so, give the details and the resolution. Has your name ever been enrolled on the Central Registry of Child Abuse and Neglect? No.

37. If you are in private practice, are you covered by malpractice insurance and, if so, how long have you carried malpractice insurance? If applicable, have you ever been covered by a tail policy?

To the best of my knowledge I have not ever been covered by a tail policy.

38. 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.

39. 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.

40. 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." Not applicable.

41. 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." Not applicable.

42. 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.

8/9/12 Postage \$0.90

43. 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. Not applicable.
44. 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? Not applicable.
45. 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?
Not applicable.
46. Have you or has anyone acting on your behalf solicited or collected funds to aid in the promotion of your candidacy? Not applicable.
47. 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.
48. 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
 - Member of House of Delegates for the Fifth Judicial Circuit (1992-98)
 - Chairman of the Military Law Section (1990-91)
 - Member of the House of Delegates for Military Law Section (1991-92)
 - Member of the Committee on Continuing Education;
 - (b) Richland County Bar Association
 - Former Member of the Clerk of Court Committee.
49. 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) United Way Campaign;
 - (b) Boy Scouts of America
 - Chairman, Richland County Major Gifts - 2008
 - Chairman, Richland County Leadership - 2007;
 - (c) Air Force Association;
 - (d) National Guard Association of the United States
 - Conference Delegate (2005-12);
 - (e) National Guard Association of SC
 - President
 - President-Elect
 - Executive Council
 - By-Laws Committee;

- (f) SC Air National Guard
 - Legion of Merit Medal
 - Meritorious Service Medal (with one oak leaf cluster)
 - Commendation Medal for service in SC during Operation Desert Storm
 - Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
 - Graduate of USAF Air War College
 - Graduate of USAF Air Command and Staff College;
 - (g) Spring Valley Homeowners Association Board of Directors
 - President (1995-98);
 - (h) Shandon Presbyterian Church, Columbia, SC, Deacon.
50. 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.
51. References:
- (a) Karl S. Bowers, Jr.
 - Womble, Carlyle, Sandridge & Rice, LLC
 - P.O. Box 12107
 - Columbia, S.C. 29211
 - (803) 454-6504
 - (b) Laura Callaway Hart
 - Duff, White & Turner, L.L.C.
 - P.O. Box 1486
 - Columbia, S.C. 29202
 - (803) 790-0603
 - (c) M. Richbourg Roberson
 - 4205 Blossom Street
 - Columbia, S.C. 29205
 - (803) 782-0399
 - (d) Charles W. Whetstone, Jr.
 - Whetstone, Myers, Perkins & Fulda, LLC
 - P.O. Box 8086
 - Columbia, SC 29202
 - (803) 799-9400
 - (e) Steve Pueblo
 - Wells Fargo Bank
 - 1441 Main Street
 - Columbia, S.C. 29201
 - (803) 765-3854

YOUR SIGNATURE WILL BE HELD TO CONSTITUTE A WAIVER OF THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF ANY PROCEEDING BEFORE A GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE OR ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING YOUR CREDIT.

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

Signature: Grady L. "Leck" Patterson, III

Date: August 9, 2012

JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION
Sworn Statement to be included in Transcript of Public Hearings

Circuit Court
(New Candidate)

Full Name: Grady L. Patterson, III
Business Address: P.O. Box 325
Columbia, SC 29202
Business Telephone: (803) 771-6022

1. Why do you want to serve as a Circuit Court judge?

I have practiced law for over thirty years and found it to be a rewarding profession. I particularly like the problem solving aspect of the practice. I believe my experience, judgment, and demeanor would be assets for the bench. I believe in our system of justice and have a strong desire to contribute to that system as a Circuit Court Judge.

2. Do you plan to serve your full term if elected? Yes.
3. Do you have any plans to return to private practice one day? No.
4. Have you met the Constitutional requirements for this position regarding age, residence, and years of practice? Yes.
5. What is your philosophy regarding *ex parte* communications? Are there circumstances under which you could envision *ex parte* communications being tolerated?

Ex parte communications should not take place generally. There are very narrow exceptions to this rule such as an emergency request for a temporary restraining order. However, even if an exception were applicable, I would make sure the party requesting the relief had made every effort to contact the other party and notify that party of the request for relief and any hearing set on the request. Following any unavoidable ex parte communication permitted by law I would give the non-participating party an opportunity to respond. Ex parte communications may include scheduling or administrative matters which do not give a party any advantage where the non-participating party has an opportunity to respond. Ex parte communications may also take place with the consent of the parties in an effort to mediate a matter.

6. What is your philosophy on recusal, especially in situations in which lawyer-legislators, former associates, or law partners are to appear before you?

A judge should recuse himself or herself when the judge's impartiality might reasonably be questioned. I would disclose to the parties anything that might give even the appearance of impartiality and give them an opportunity to request recusal.

7. If you disclosed something that had the appearance of bias, but you believed it would not actually prejudice your impartiality, what deference would you give a party that requested your recusal? Would you grant such a motion?

Unless I thought the motion was totally unreasonable, I would tend to grant it. I would not permit a frivolous motion to impede the progress of a matter or be used as an excuse to avoid having a matter heard.

8. How would you handle the appearance of impropriety because of the financial or social involvement of your spouse or a close relative?

I would disclose the financial or social involvement of my spouse or close relative, permit the parties to discuss the matter outside my presence, and recuse myself unless waived by the parties.

9. What standards would you set for yourself regarding the acceptance of gifts or social hospitality?

I would not accept gifts except those from a relative or very close friend for a special occasion upon which gifts are normally given such as a birthday. The gift would have to be commensurate with the occasion and the relationship. Acceptance of ordinary social hospitality is permitted.

10. How would you handle a situation in which you became aware of misconduct of a lawyer or of a fellow judge?

Actual knowledge of misconduct would require that I report the misconduct to the Commission on Lawyer Conduct or the Commission on Judicial Conduct, as appropriate.

11. Are you affiliated with any political parties, boards or commissions that, if you were elected, would need to be re-evaluated? No.

12. Do you have any business activities that you would envision remaining involved with if elected to the bench? No.

13. If elected, how would you handle the drafting of orders?

It would depend on the nature of the matter being ruled on. If the matter were a routine motion that could be handled by a form order, my office or the clerk of court would probably draft it. If the matter were complex, I would ask the parties to submit proposed orders in word processing formats so that I could change the appropriate proposed order to reflect my decision. In the latter case I would require counsel drafting the proposed orders to exchange the proposed orders at the time of submission.

14. If elected, what methods would you use to ensure that you and your staff meet deadlines?

I would institute a master task schedule and support it with specific task assignments. All assigned tasks would be given due dates and a tickler system utilized to insure nothing is missed. In addition, I would make sure the office coordinated closely with the clerk of court's office.

15. What is your philosophy on “judicial activism,” and what effect should judges have in setting or promoting public policy?

Judges are to apply the law as it is given to them by the Legislature or other appropriate source of law.

16. Canon 4 allows a judge to engage in activities to improve the law, legal system, and administration of justice. If elected, what activities do you plan to undertake to further this improvement of the legal system?

I would speak on our system of justice at events that would give me the opportunity to increase citizens’ knowledge of how the system works. I would also support mock trial and mock appellate court activities. I have served as a mock trial team advisor and a judge for mock appellate court presentations.

17. Do you feel that the pressure of serving as a judge would strain personal relationships (i.e. spouse, children, friends, or relatives)? How would you address this?

I do not feel that the pressure of serving as a judge would strain personal relationships other than I would not be as active socially with friends who are lawyers.

18. The following list contains five categories of offenders that would perhaps regularly appear in your court. Discuss your philosophy on sentencing for these classes of offenders.

a. Repeat offenders: I would consider more severe punishment as a repeat offender needs additional reinforcement to learn a lesson.

b. Juveniles (that have been waived to the circuit court): I would carefully consider the sentence as I would have a responsibility to attempt to direct a young person to correct his or her behavior and become a productive citizen.

c. White collar criminals: White collar criminals would not be treated differently because of their white collar status.

d. Defendants with a socially and/or economically disadvantaged background: I would consider a disadvantaged background only if it explained the commission of the crime. Normally, it would not be a consideration in sentencing.

e. Elderly defendants or those with some infirmity: I would consider the life expectancy of very elderly defendants.

19. Are you involved in any active investments from which you derive additional income that might impair your appearance of impartiality? No.

20. Would you hear a case where you or a member of your family held a *de minimis* financial interest in a party involved?

While not required, I would look very carefully at the appearance of impropriety and would recuse myself in a proper case. However, as noted above, I would not permit a frivolous motion to impede the progress of a matter or be used as an excuse to avoid having a matter heard.

21. Do you belong to any organizations that discriminate based on race, religion, or gender? No.
22. Have you met the mandatory minimum hours requirement for continuing legal education courses? Yes.
23. What do you feel is the appropriate demeanor for a judge?
A judge should be patient, dignified, and courteous. A judge should listen to each party's presentation and thoughtfully consider the positions of each party.
24. Would the rules that you expressed in your previous answer apply only while you are on the bench or in chambers, or would these rules apply seven days a week, twenty-four hours a day?
The appropriate demeanor for a judge applies seven days a week, twenty-four hours a day.
25. Do you feel that it is ever appropriate to be angry with a member of the public, especially with a criminal defendant? Is anger ever appropriate in dealing with attorneys or pro se litigants?
Anger is never appropriate. Firmness may be appropriate in certain circumstances.
26. How much money have you spent on your campaign? If it is over \$100, has that amount been reported to the House and Senate Ethics Committees?
As of the date hereof, I have spent \$0.90 on postage to mail a letter to the Commission on Judicial Conduct and Commission on Lawyer Conduct and a copy to the Supreme Court.
27. If you are a sitting judge, have you used judicial letterhead or the services of your staff while campaigning for this office? Not applicable.
28. Have you sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to this date? No.
29. Have you sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by any legislator pending the outcome of your screening? No.
30. Have you asked any third parties to contact members of the General Assembly on your behalf before the final and formal screening report has been released? Are you aware of any friends or colleagues contacting members of the General Assembly on your behalf? No.
31. Have you contacted any members of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission? No.
32. Are you familiar with the 48-hour rule, which prohibits a candidate from seeking pledges for 48 hours after the draft report has been submitted?
Yes.

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

Grady L Patterson III

Sworn to before me this 9 day of August, 2012.

Notary Public for S.C.

My Commission Expires: 07/25/21 _____