

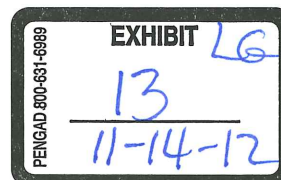
**JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION  
PERSONAL DATA QUESTIONNAIRE**

Court, Position, and Seat # for which you are applying:  
Family Court, At-Large, Seat 2

1. NAME: Mr. Anthony Philip LaMantia, III  
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TELEPHONE NUMBER: (office): 843-724-6363
2. Date and Place of Birth: 1970, Hackensack, NJ
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 on August 2, 1997, to Allison Judith LaMantia. Never divorced, four children.
6. Have you served in the military? No.
7. List each college and law school you attended, including the dates of your attendance, the degrees you received, and if you left an institution without receiving a degree, the reason for your departure.
  - (a) American University, September 1988 -92, BA in International Relations and BA in Anthropology;
  - (b) Rutgers University School of Law – Camden, August 1994-May 1997, JD.
8. List the states in which you have been admitted to practice law and the year of each admission. Also list any states in which you took the bar exam but were never admitted to the practice of law. If you took the bar exam more than once in any of the states listed, please indicate the number of times you took the exam in each state.
  - (a) New Jersey – 1997, NY – 1998
  - (b) SC – 2005.

These are the only states in which I have taken the bar exam. I have passed every exam on my first and only attempt.
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.  
Delta Tau Delta Fraternity 1991-present; Pledge Class President, 1991.
10. Describe your continuing legal or judicial education during the past five years.
 

<u>Conference/CLE Name</u>	<u>Date(s)</u>
(a) SC Family Court Bench Bar	12/02/11;
(b) Interdisciplinary Family Collaborative Law	11/4/11;
(c) 2011 Hot Tips From the Coolest Family Lawyers	9/16/11;
(d) Ethics CLE	8/12/11;
(e) 2010 SC Family Court Bench Bar	12/3/10;



- (f) 2010 Hot Tips from the Coolest Practitioners 10/01/10;
  - (g) What works for me 2/18/10;
  - (h) The Ethics of Baseball 2/15/10;
  - (i) Ethical Considerations in Marketing Your Law Firm 2/15/10;
  - (j) Advanced Family Law 2/9/10;
  - (k) Rules to Show Cause in Family Law 6/10/08.
11. Have you taught law-related courses or lectured at bar association conferences, educational institutions, or continuing legal or judicial education programs? If so, briefly describe each course or lecture.
- (a) I lectured at the Hot Tips for the Coolest Practitioners in Family Law on October 1, 2010;
  - (b) I taught a class in civil procedure for the paralegal program at Trident Technical College, Charleston SC in 2006.
12. List all published books and articles you have written and give citations and the dates of publication for each. None.
13. List all courts in which you have been admitted to practice and list the dates of your admission. Give the same information for administrative bodies that require a special admission to practice.
- (a) Admitted to practice before the State Courts of NJ and the Federal District Court of NJ in 1997;
  - (b) Admitted to practice before the State Courts of NY in 1998;
  - (c) Admitted to practice before the State Courts of SC and the Federal District Court of SC in 2005.
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) August 1997 – August 1998, Law Clerk to the Honorable Ira E. Kreizman, J.S.C., Family Court Judge, Monmouth Vicinage (County), New Jersey;
  - (b) August 1998 – August 2000, Associate Attorney, Lomurro, Davison, Eastman & Munoz, Family Law and Personal Injury Law;
  - (c) August 2000 – May 2001, Associate Attorney, Law office of Richard Braslow, Insurance Defense Law;
  - (d) May 2001-August 2005 Associate Attorney (2001-03) Fox and Gemma, Partner (2003-05) Fox and LaMantia, Family Law;
  - (e) August 2005- January 2006 Associate Attorney, Harrell Law Firm, Insurance Defense;
  - (f) February 2006- present, Partner, LaMantia Law Firm, Family Law.
- If you are a judge and are not seeking a different type of judgeship, the following questions are inapplicable:
- 14.(a) If you are a candidate for Family Court, please provide a brief written description of your experience within each of the following Family Court practice areas: divorce and equitable division of property, child custody,

adoption, abuse and neglect, and juvenile justice. Include information about cases you have handled in each of these practice areas, or if you have not practiced in an area, describe how your background has prepared you to preside over such matters as a Family Court Judge.

My fifteen years of experience has provided me with daily experience practicing family law in the areas of divorce, equitable division of property and child custody as they are the most commonly contested issues in family court. I have written numerous legal briefs as well as at least two appellate briefs specifically devoted to these topics and have represented over one thousand clients in these matters. Over the years, I have also handled adoptions and adoptions coupled with a termination of parental rights. I have also handled many cases of abuse and neglect and have a reported decision specifically dealing with the procedural safeguards provided a Defendant in a hearing for a protective order when defending a claim of abuse and neglect (*Moore v. Moore*). I have also been involved in numerous cases involving the Department of Social Services and claims of abuse and neglect. Finally, I have handled numerous cases representing juveniles for criminal offenses in the Family Court and was assigned many of these cases pro bono by the Assignment Judge in Berkeley County.

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 - Highly Rated in Legal Ability and Ethical Standards.

16. What was the frequency of your court appearances during the last five years?
- (a) federal: 0;
- (b) state: Nearly daily.
17. What percentage of your practice involved civil, criminal, domestic, and other matters during the last five years?
- (a) civil: 2%;
- (b) criminal: 3%;
- (c) domestic: 95%;
- (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: 1%;
- (b) non-jury: 99%.

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) Moore v. Moore - 657 S.E.2d 743 (S.C. 2008) 376 S.C. 467. This matter was significant in that it defined a Defendant's right to due

process when confronted with request for a protective order at an emergency hearing. The matter further defined whether the Court could make a final determination of abuse at an emergency temporary hearing for a protective order;

- (b) Reiss v. Reiss - 708 S.E.2d 799 (S.C.App. 2011) 392 S.C. 198. This matter was significant in that it further defines the scope of Appellate Review of the Judgment of the Family Court and further defines the standard relating to the Court's abuse of discretion;
- (c) State v. Marcus Gibbs - This matter was significant to me because it was one of the few criminal trials that I have tried in my career. The trial was a week long and resulted in a finding of not guilty on behalf of my client who was facing several felony charges;
- (d) Ramsdell v. Ramsdell - This matter was significant to me because it was one of the most difficult cases that I have been involved in. The issues of a contested divorce, a contested resolution of custody of special needs children and the discovering of and dividing contested marital property were all major components of this litigation;
- (e) DSS v. Bryant - This matter was significant to me because it was one of the first cases that I was assigned to represent a Defendant pro bono. My client was seeking to prevent DSS from taking her children from her care. I was successful in defeating DSS on both procedural and substantive grounds and believe that I earned the respect of DSS and the Court.

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). Do NOT attach a separate list of your briefs.

- (a) Moore v. Moore - 657 S.E.2d 743 (S.C. 2008) 376 S.C. 467. SC Supreme Court,
- (b) Reiss v. Reiss - 708 S.E.2d 799 (S.C.App. 2011) 392 S.C. 198. SC Court of Appeals, February 23, 2011;
- (c) Ashburn v. Ashburn - SC Court of Appeals, Appeal withdrawn by appellant;
- (d) SCDMV v. Morales - SC Administrative Law Court, 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. If you are a candidate for an appellate court judgeship (please attach one copy of briefs filed by you in each matter).

Eric Ancrum v. State - SC Supreme Court, Decided May 14, 2012.

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. Not Applicable.
26. Have you ever been an unsuccessful candidate for elective, judicial, or other public office?  
I ran unsuccessfully for the office of SC State Representative District 116 in 2010. I lost in the Republican primary.
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?  
I am the managing partner in my law firm, The LaMantia Law Firm, LLC. I have been serving said position from February 2006-present.
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. None.
31. Have you ever been arrested, charged, or held by federal, state, or other law enforcement authorities for violation or for suspicion of violation of any federal law or regulation, state law or regulation, or county or municipal law, regulation, or ordinance, or any other law, including another country's law? No.
32. Have you, to your knowledge, ever been under federal, state, or local investigation for possible violation of a criminal statute? No.
33. Has a tax lien or other collection procedure ever been instituted against you by federal, state, or local authorities? Have you ever defaulted on a student loan? Have you ever filed for bankruptcy? No.
34. Have you ever been sued, either personally or professionally, that is, have you ever been named as defendant or respondent in any court of law?  
Yes. I was sued in the Magistrate Court for the County of Charleston by a client regarding attorney's fees paid by my client in the Spring 2012. I successfully defended the matter at a bench trial with judgment in my favor.
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? If applicable, have you ever been covered by a tail policy? If so, please explain when you were covered by a tail policy.  
I have been covered by malpractice insurance for my entire career in private practice. I have never been covered by a tail policy. My current

coverage is "\$500,000 per wrongful act subject to \$1,000,000 aggregate". My deductible is \$5,000 per claim.

38. Are you now or have you ever been employed as a "lobbyist," as defined by SC 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. SC 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." None.
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." None.
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. None.
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. None.
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? No.
45. Have you requested a friend or colleague to contact members of the General Assembly on your behalf? If so, give details. Are you aware of any friends or colleagues contacting members of the General Assembly on your behalf? No.
46. Have you or has anyone acting on your behalf solicited or collected funds to aid in the promotion of your candidacy? No.
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) Charleston County Bar Association;
  - (b) American Bar Association.
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) Member of the Board of Directors, Trinity Montessori School, Charleston SC 2008 – Present;

(b) Old St. Andrew's Episcopal Church Men's Group, Secretary, 2010.

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.

Since high school, I have always endeavored to become a public servant. It was for this reason that I attended the School of International Service at American University with the hope of working for the State Department. After graduating from college and Rutgers Law School, I was fortunate to be selected to serve as a law clerk to the Honorable Ira E. Kreizman, J.S.C. who sat on the Family Court Bench in Monmouth County, New Jersey. During my year-long clerkship with Judge Kreizman, not only did I learn the law and procedure of the Family Court, but I also learned the lessons of humility, compassion and service to my community. I was taught the correct way to practice law and appear before a court so that I would earn the respect of the Court in the reciprocal manner that I respected the Court. Further, I learned the importance of being honorable, just and fair in my personal and professional life. Perhaps most importantly, I learned that, as an attorney and a judge, I could have a positive impact on litigants, children and my community, both as a role model and through a career in public service. When I became a member of the SC Bar, I was fortunate to have appeared before the Honorable Wayne M. Creech. It is my belief that he embodies the same honor, courtesy and respect as a judge that Judge Kreizman did during my clerkship. Judge Creech has reinforced these lessons of humility, compassion and public service to my community in the low country and provided another excellent example of a humble public servant. If elected, it would be my personal and professional goal to live by the example these two judges have set for all other judges, attorneys and the public.

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

Signature: Anthony Philip LaMantia, III

Date: August 8, 2012