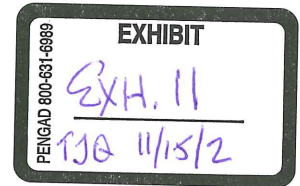


**JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION
PERSONAL DATA QUESTIONNAIRE**



Court, Position, and Seat # for which you are applying:
Family Court, At-Large, Seat 5

1. NAME: Mr. Thomas J. Quinn
BUSINESS ADDRESS: Suite 606
600 East Washington Street
Greenville, SC 29601
TELEPHONE NUMBER: (office): 864-232-9590
2. Date and Place of Birth: 1953; Yonkers, NY
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: Divorced on June 6, 1996. Connie Ledford was moving party. Beaufort County (SC) Family Court. One year separation. Married on July 10, 1999, to Joy Dean Bennett. Two 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) Southern Connecticut State College – 9/71 – 12/73. Moved to SC with my family;
 - (b) USC – 1/74 – 6/75. BA – Political Science;
 - (c) USC Law School – 9/75 – 6/78. 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, 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.
Debated in college at Southern Connecticut and USC, 1971–75.
10. Describe your continuing legal or judicial education during the past five years.

<u>Conference/CLE Name</u>	<u>Date(s)</u>
(a) Federal Criminal Practice Seminar	04/05/12;
(b) 21st Annual Criminal Practice	03/21/12;-12/13/00;
(c) Everything You Need To Know About Ethics	01/16/12;
(d) Lawyer Depression and Mental Health	01/16/12;
(e) Ethical Issues Confronting Criminal Defense Attorneys	05/06/11;
(f) Supreme Court Update	05/06/11;

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| (g) | Defending Drug Cases | 11/18/10; |
| (h) | SC Traffic and DUI Updates | 09/17/10; |
| (i) | Criminal Practice in SC | 02/26/10; |
| (j) | Family Law Ethics from the Preschool Perspective | 02/09/10; |
| (k) | Courtney, Jill and the Tips | 02/08/10; |
| (l) | The New and the Old DUI | 02/08/10; |
| (m) | Advanced DWI Seminar | 11/13/09; |
| (n) | Ethics and Alternative Dispute Resolution | 03/27/09; |
| (o) | New World DUI | 08/22/08; |
| (p) | The Criminal Trial | 05/08/08; |
| (q) | NACDL Fall Meeting and Seminar | 10/20/07; |
| (r) | Advanced DWI Seminar | 11/03/07; |
| (s) | Criminal Practice in SC | 10/05/07; |
| (t) | Federal Practice in SC | 08/24/07; |
| (u) | Defending Abuse and Neglect Cases | 08/10/07; |
| (v) | Mediation PowerPoint | 07/02/07; |
| (w) | Lawyers Communication – Family Court | 07/02/07; |
| (x) | Nuts and Bolts of Permanency Planning Hearings | 07/01/07; |
11. Have you taught law-related courses or lectured at bar association conferences, educational institutions, or continuing legal or judicial education programs?
- I lectured at an LEN (Law Enforcement Network) Meeting of upstate police agencies on issues in DUI prosecution on June 14, 2011.
 - I lectured at a National Business Institute Seminar; The Criminal Trial; Pre-Trial to Post-Verdict Motions on cross-examination and post-verdict motions.
 - I have taught cross-examination and trial technique at the National College of District Attorneys.
 - I have made presentations on family court criminal practice to judges and lawyers at an SC Bar seminar.
 - I am scheduled to teach 'How to Introduce Evidence in TPR Actions' in September to Rule 608 attorneys in the upstate.
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.
- Admitted to practice before the State Courts of SC in 1978;
 - Admitted to practice before the Federal District Court in 1979.
 - Admitted to practice before the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals in 1989.
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) 1978-80, I was an assistant public defender in Richland County working in Family Court, Magistrate Court and General Sessions.
- (b) 1980-82, I was an assistant solicitor in Richland County in Family Court and General Sessions.
- (c) 1982-84, I was an assistant public defender in Richland County working in Family Court, Magistrate Court and General Sessions.
- (d) 1984-86, I was the public defender of Beaufort County practicing in Family Court and General Sessions.
- (e) 1986-87, I was an assistant solicitor in Greenville County practicing in General Sessions.
- (f) 1987-88, I was in private practice in Greenville County practicing in Family Court, Federal Court, General Sessions and Magistrate Court (Quinn Law Office.).
- (g) 1989-92, I was the public defender in Richland County practicing in General Sessions.
- (h) 1992-94, I was an associate with John Daug, Esquire, (Daug Law Firm) in Beaufort, SC practicing primarily in Family Court, Magistrate Court and General Sessions.
- (i) 1994-96, I was in private practice in Beaufort, SC (Quinn Law Office) practicing primarily in Family Court, Magistrate Court and General Sessions.
- (j) 1996-99, I was an associate in the firm of Moss and Kuhn in Beaufort, SC practicing primarily in Family Court, General Sessions and Common Pleas.
- (k) 1999-2002, I was an assistant solicitor in Greenville County practicing in General Sessions.
- (l) 2002-present, I have practiced in Greenville as the Quinn Law Office practicing in Family Court, General Sessions, Magistrate Court and Federal Court.

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.

In private practice in Greenville and Beaufort I have represented people in divorce cases. At several points that was the main focus of my practice. Many of the cases involved the issues in most cases including division of property, custody, restraining orders, etc.

I have served as Guardian ad litem in private family court cases as well as guardian ad litem and attorney for lay guardians in DSS cases. Primarily guardians deal with the issues of custody and visitation.

As a mediator since 1994 I continue to deal each month with all the issues involved in separating and divorcing.

My practice now includes a number of DSS cases where I am counsel for the parties brought to court by DSS. Each of those cases deal with custody, visitation and support.

Some DSS cases are terminations of parental rights actions and in those cases adoptive parents are often joined as third parties so I have some familiarity with the law concerning adoptions through those actions.

During a third year internship and for the first several years of my practice I primarily was in Family Court defending, and then prosecuting, criminal cases. As the Public Defender in Beaufort I appeared to defend juveniles all day at least twice a month for three years. In my practice now I have several criminal cases pending in Family Court and have handled several others in the last year. I stay abreast of the criminal law as half of my practice is in adult criminal court.

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.

I am rated 'distinguished' by Martindale-Hubbell.

16. What was the frequency of your court appearances during the last five years?

- (a) federal: 6 times a year;
- (b) state: 6 times a week.

17. What percentage of your practice involved civil, criminal, domestic, and other matters during the last five years?

- (a) civil: 0%;
- (b) criminal: 50%;
- (c) domestic: 50%.
- (d) other:

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

- (a) jury: 60%;
- (b) non-jury:

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

Sole.

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

- (a) State v. Richard Blackburn, 93-GS-27-657. Death penalty case;

- (b) State v. Mario Hinojos, 03-GS-23-2931/2944/2977. Death penalty case;
 - (c) SCDSS v Rosemond, O'Neal, Singleton, 08-DR-23-5319. Safe haven case involving the issues of how safe haven had to be successfully accomplished by a parent and whether that parent could later seek custody of the child;
 - (d) State v. Amos Mattison, 04-GS-23-1748/1740. Death penalty case;
 - (e) State v Anderson, 312 S.C. 185, 439 S.E.2d 835 (1993). Changed grand jury procedure in SC.
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) John Roe, Respondent v. David J., Samuel T. a Minor under the age of eight (8) years, Alicia Roe, and John Doe, Defendants, of whom David J. is Appellant. Court of Appeals of SC. June 28, 2007. 2007-UP-339;
 - (b) The State, Respondent, v. Rudolph Holden, Appellant. Court of Appeals of SC. December 15, 2009. 2009-UP-597;
 - (c) Wilson A. Palacio, Respondent v. State of SC, Petitioner. Supreme Court of SC. January 18, 1999. 333 S.C. 506, 511 S.E.2d 62 (S.C. 1999).
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. .
- United States of America, Plaintiff, Appellee v. Benjamin Means, Jr., Defendant, Appellant. United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. On July 21, 2010 the case was resolved by voluntary dismissal after Mr. Means was resentenced and so the case was not reported.
22. Have you ever held judicial office? No.
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.
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. None.
26. Have you ever been an unsuccessful candidate for elective, judicial, or other public office?
- Previously ran for Family Court, Thirteenth Circuit, Seat Three, in 2011. I withdrew as a candidate prior to voting by the legislature.
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? .
- I worked as a machine operator for Ericsson Wire and Cable in Lexington, SC from 1974-78.
- I have taught business law primarily, at Limestone College, Webster College and for the Technical College of the Low Country.

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. 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?
None.
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?
Connie Ledford and I divorced in Beaufort County in 1996 on a year continuous separation. I was the Defendant in the action.
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? .
I am covered by malpractice insurance and have been continuously since 2002. I have always carried malpractice insurance while in private practice. I have never had 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."
I have no knowledge of activity of this sort or any accusations, formal or informal, of this nature.

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.”
I have no knowledge of any actions of this type or accusations of such.
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? 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) SC Bar Association;
 - (b) Greenville County Bar Association;
 - (c) Federal Bar Association;
 - (d) National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers;
 - (e) SC Association of Criminal Defense Attorneys; and
 - (f) National College for DUI Defense.
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. None.
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.

Because I have practiced in several areas of the State I have seen many judges’ demeanors and approaches to parties and issues. I have had the opportunity to learn what to do, and, unfortunately, what not to do in different situations. That experience will be a benefit to me as a Judge.

51. References:

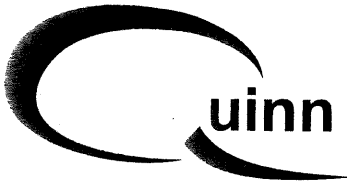
- (a) Margaret A. Chamberlain
600 Pettigru Street
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- (b) Vanessa Hartman Kormylo
1314 E. Washington Street
Greenville, SC 29601
- (c) Kaye Davis
14 Eagle Ridge Road
Greenville, SC 29615
- (d) Kathryn Walsh Gooch
116 Howard Circle
Simpsonville, SC 29681
- (e) Lena L. Cash, BB&T
416 E. North Street
Greenville, SC 29601

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: Thomas J. Quinn

Date: August 9, 2012



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September 26, 2012

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Dear Ms. Shuler:

I write you at this time as I need to amend the response to question 47 of my personal data questionnaire.

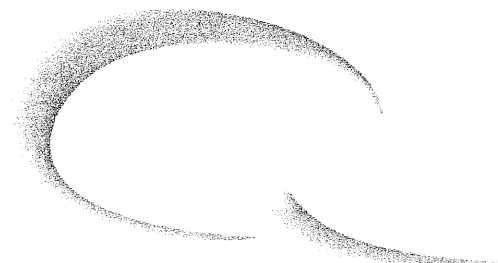
On September 12, 2012, I sent a letter of introduction to the members of the South Carolina Legislature. Inadvertently, I did not remove the names of the members of the Judicial Merits Selection Commission so a letter of introduction was sent by me to the three Representatives and three Senators who are members of the Judicial Merits Selection Commission.

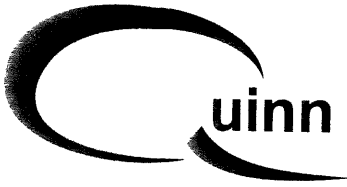
Very Truly Yours,

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October 22, 2012

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Dear Ms. Shuler:

I write to you at this time as I need to amend the response to question 5 of my personal data questionnaire.

Inadvertently, when I checked family status, I checked married which is accurate but did not check divorced which would also be accurate. I did list under question 6 the details of the divorce.

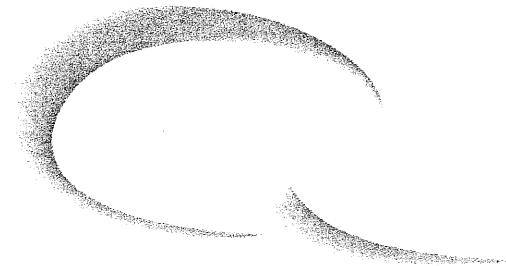
Very Truly Yours,

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cc: Jamey Goldin





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Dear Chairman Smith, Chairman Hayes, & Mr. Goldin:

I am a candidate for Family Court at large seat 5 and have passed the \$100 reporting limit for letterhead, stationary, envelopes, business cards, post cards, and badges to date. I have spent \$296.48.

I will continue reporting expenditures as required. If there are any questions please let me know.

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'THOMAS J. QUINN' in all caps, written in a cursive style.

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