

**JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION
PERSONAL DATA QUESTIONNAIRE**

Court, Position, and Seat # for which you are applying:
Administrative Law Court, Seat 5

1. NAME: The Honorable Shirley Canty Robinson
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TELEPHONE NUMBER: (office): 803-734-6402
2. Date and Place of Birth: 1951; Greeleyville, 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: Divorced on February 20, 1976, Richland County Family Court. One year's separation--Manson Robinson, Jr. was the moving party. 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) USC School of Law, August 1988–December 1990, JD;
 - (b) USC, August 1978–August 1984, BS, Business Administration (Accounting)
 - (c) Benedict College, 1972 and 1973 summer sessions
 - (d) Friendship Junior College, January 1970–August 1971
Associate Degree, Business Education
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.

Admitted to SC Bar on May 14, 1991; took bar exam in February 1991.
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.

Participated in SC Black Law Students Association (BLSA), August 1988 – December 1990; and I was coordinator of the Law School's tutorial program for the 1989 fall and winter terms and for the 1990 fall term.
10. Describe your continuing legal or judicial education during the past five years.

<u>Conference/CLE Name</u>	<u>Date(s)</u>
(a) 2012 Annual Bar Convention	01/19-20/12;
(b) SCAARLA 2011 Ethics Seminar	10/07/11;
(c) SCAARLA Internet for Lawyers	08/19/11;



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| (d) | SCAARLA Ethics Seminar | 02/25/11; |
| (d) | SCWLA Ethics Seminar | 02/03/11; |
| (e) | 2011 Annual Bar Convention | 01/20-21/11; |
| (f) | SCWLA/Judicial Selection in SC | 09/17/08; |
| (g) | 2008 SCAARLA Conference | 09/19/08; |
| (h) | SC Assoc. of Counties Workshop | 12/12/08; |
| (i) | 2007 SCAARLA Conference | 09/21/07; |
| (j) | Federation of Admin. & Reg. Boards | 10/05/07; |
| (k) | National Assoc. of Hearing Officers | 11/5-6/07; |
| (l) | SCAARLA Ethics | 10/31/07. |
11. Have you taught law-related courses or lectured at bar association conferences, educational institutions, or continuing legal or judicial education programs?
- I made a presentation on the basics of practicing Administrative Law to lawyers attending the 2011 SC Black Lawyers Convention.
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 SC in 1991;
- (b) Also admitted to practice before the Federal District Court (including Bankruptcy Court) in 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.
- (a) May 2009–Present-- Judge, SC Administrative Law Court
- (b) 2000–May 2000 --- SC Department of Labor Licensing & Regulation Hearing advisor for professional licensing boards.
- (c) 1995–2000 ---Associate, Law Offices of Newman & Sabb, PA (Firm's name changed to Law Offices of Ronnie A. Sabb, LLC, upon Judge Newman's election to the Circuit Court)
- (d) I was a senior associate in the Columbia and Lake City Offices where I practiced primarily in family court and consumer bankruptcy,
- (e) 1992-94 -- Executive Director, SC Legislative Black Caucus Legal experience limited to research.
- (f) 1991-92 --Assistant Solicitor, 8th Circuit Solicitor's Office Prosecuted juveniles, and abuse and neglect cases.
- (g) 1991 --Associate, Law Firm of Edwards & Associates
I initially worked as a law clerk, and upon passing the Bar exams, I was hired as a 1st year associate where I worked with other attorneys on personal injury, family law and workers' compensation cases.

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. Not rated.
22. Have you ever held judicial office?
Yes. On May 13, 2009, I was elected by the General Assembly to fill Seat #5 on the Administrative Law Court, and have been serving continuously since that date.
The Administrative Law Court has jurisdiction over four types of administrative cases involving governmental agencies and private parties: contested cases (conducted in the form of bench trials), appellate cases, regulation hearings, and certain requests for injunctive relief. However, Administrative Law Judges cannot rule on the constitutionality of a statute or regulation, but can rule on whether a party's constitutional rights have been violated by the application of the statute or regulation.
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) Protect Blacksburg, et al. vs. South Carolina Department of Health & Environmental Control, Docket No. 10-ALJ-07-0654-CC (case was appealed, however the appeal was withdrawn prior to being ruled on by the Court of Appeals);
 - (b) Bulls Bay Overlook Community Association, Inc. vs. South Carolina Department of Health & Environmental Control, Docket No. 09-ALJ-07-0323-CC (case was appealed, however the appeal was withdrawn prior to being ruled on by the Court of Appeals);
 - (c) Charleston County Assessor vs. LMP Properties, Inc., Docket No. 09-ALJ-17-0533-CC;
 - (d) MRI at Belfair, LLC, et al. vs. South Carolina Department of Health & Environmental Control, et al., Docket No. 07-ALJ-07-0538-CC (assigned case following partial reversal and remand by SC Supreme Court);
 - (e) Allergy and Asthma Consultants, LLP vs. South Carolina Department of Revenue, Docket No. 09-ALJ-17-0500-CC.
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?
Yes. Unsuccessful candidate for Administrative Law Court on following dates:
- (a) Administrative Law Judge, Seat #2, January 18, 2005 (found qualified and nominated);
 - (b) Administrative Law Judge, Seat #5, May 4, 2006 (found qualified and

- nominated);
- (c) Administrative Law Judge, Seat 4, January 20, 2009, (found qualified and nominated, but withdrew prior to election).
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?
- (a) 1992-88 – Employed in administrative positions with SC House of Representatives (two years as Assistant Supervisor of Word Processing and two years as Administrative Assistant with House O&M Committee)..
- (b) 1973-92 – Employed with SC Department of Insurance where I held various clerical positions.
- (c) 1971-73 – Employed with Williamsburg County School System as a Program Tester. Did periodic testing of 1st through 3rd grade students to assess academic performance.
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?
- In December 1983, I was charged with driving under the influence and in April 1984, I was charged with driving with a suspended license. A fine was assessed and paid in each instance. As previously stated in earlier applications, I deeply regret these incidents and have since strived, personally and professionally, to conduct myself in an ethical and morally positive manner. Moreover, since these incidents I completed college, law school and became a member of the SC Bar.
32. Have you, to your knowledge, ever been under federal, state, or local investigation for possible violation of a criminal statute?
- Not to my knowledge.
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 to all of the above with a caveat, on March 1, 2001, a State tax lien was filed in error. A satisfaction was filed on March 20, 2001.
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. In September 2007, I was the defendant in a foreclosure action filed by my then homeowners' association. A condominium I owned was being leased pursuant to an agreement whereby the tenant paid the monthly mortgage and HOA fees. We entered into the agreement to give the tenant time to repair his credit so that he could either assume the loan or obtain new financing to purchase the unit. However, in 2006, the tenant stopped paying the HOA fees and the homeowners' association subsequently filed a foreclosure action. I did not become aware of the delinquency and foreclosure until mid-2008. Ultimately, the matter was settled and dismissed pursuant to an Order filed November 18, 2008.

In March 2002, a client of the firm where I was formerly employed filed suit in magistrate's court naming me as the defendant. The client was not satisfied with the manner in which I handled a legal matter, and after consulting with two other attorneys, the client filed a pro se civil action. Following a brief hearing, the judge found no impropriety in the way the case was handled, and dismissed the complaint.

In August 1994 and again in September 1999, I was a defendant in foreclosure actions filed by my then homeowners' association. I've included these actions together because both cases involved the same issue. The association board and I disagreed over whether the board was increasing the regime fees in accordance with the association's by-laws. I believed the increases were improperly implemented and refused to pay the increases, but continued to pay the portion of the fees that I did not dispute. The disputes were resolved, the 1994 case was dismissed July 1996, and the 1999 case was dismissed February 2001.

In March 1989, GMAC filed an action to recover a vehicle that I obtained financing for on my ex-husband's behalf. Prior to my obtaining the financing, my ex-husband agreed that he would make all payments and that the payments would be timely. He did not abide by our agreement, and did not respond to GMAC's attempts to recover the vehicle. The vehicle was ultimately recovered and the case was dismissed on May 24, 1989.

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?
N/A, current Administrative Law Judge.
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 personal knowledge of any allegations or violations.
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 personal knowledge of any allegations or violations.
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;
 - (b) SC Women’s Lawyers Association;
 - (c) SC Black Lawyers’ Association;
 - (d) Columbia Lawyers’ 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) James L. Belin Board of Trustees – Chairman 2008-10, Vice Chairman 2005-07, Secretary 2002-04;
 - (b) Board of Trustees, Columbia Bethlehem Community Center;
 - (c) Former member, Babynet Interagency Coordinating Council;

- (d) 1988 recipient Am Jur, Contracts.
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.

Just prior to being elected to serve as an Administrative Law Judge, my elderly father came to live with me, and I was fortunate to have him in my household until his death last June. My father didn't have a lot of formal education, he left school when he was nine years old to care for his sick mother while his father worked their small farm; he was however one of the wisest individuals I've ever had the privilege of knowing. While he instilled in each of his children a sense of pride, he also taught us to temper that pride with humbleness and to give thanks each day for our blessings. Each day that I serve as a Judge with the ALC, I strive to honor him by displaying in my courtroom, and in my daily life, the characteristics of fairness, wisdom and compassion that were a part of his daily life up to the time of his death.

51. References:

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

Signature: Shirley C. Robinson
Date: August 7, 2012