JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION PERSONAL DATA QUESTIONNAIRE



<u>Court, Position, and Seat # for which you are applying</u>: Family Court, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 6

1. Name:

The Honorable Alex Kinlaw, Jr.

Are you currently serving in some capacity as a judge? Yes. I am serving as a Family Court Judge.

Business Address:

P.O. Box 757

Greenville, SC 29601

Telephone Number:

(office): (864) 467-5851

2. Date of Birth:

1952

Place of Birth:

Georgetown, South Carolina

3. Are you a citizen of South Carolina? Yes

Have you been a resident of this state for at least the immediate past five years? Yes

- 5. Family Status: Married on October 27, 1984 to Yvette Wiggins. Never divorced, two children.
- 6. Have you served in the military?
- 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) University of South Carolina (Columbia) 1971-1975, BA;
 - (b) University of South Carolina Law School 1975-1978, 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. South Carolina–Admitted October 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.

I participated in several Voter Registration Drives while in College between 1972-1975. I was a member of the Black American Law Student Association while in Law School.

10. Describe your continuing legal or judicial education during the past five years.

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Conference/ CLE Name			Date(s)
(a)	Family Court Judges' Conference		04/02/2009;
(b)	Orientation School for New Family		06/03/2009;
(c)	Annual Convention		08/06/2009;
(d)	2009 Annual Judicial Conference		08/19/2009;
(e)	SCBLA Annual Retreat		10/01/2009;
(f)	Family Law Update		01/22/2010;
(g)	Family Court Judges Conference		04/22/2010;

(h)	2010 Judicial Conference	08/18/2010;
(i)	Mini Summit on Justice for Children	12/02/2010;
(j)	2010 South Carolina Family Court	12/03/2010;
(k)	Family Law Section	01/21/2011;
(1)	Family Court Judges Conference	06/01/2011;
(m)	2011 SCAJ Annual Convention	08/04/2011;
(n)	2011 Annual Judicial Conference	08/17/2011;
(o)	Annual Retreat	10/14/2011;
(p)	2011 South Carolina Family	12/02/2011;
(q)	Family Law Section	01/20/2012;
(r)	2012 Family Court Judges Conference	04/18/2012;
(s)	18 th Annual Training Conference	05/30/2012;
(t)	2012 Annual Convention	08/22/2012;
(u)	Annual Retreat	09/26/2012;
(v)	Mandatory Family Court Judges	12/06/2012;
(w)	Family Court Bench Bar	12/07/2012;
(x)	Family Law Section	01/25/2013;
(y)	2013 Family Court Judges Conference	04/17/2013;
(z)	2013 Annual Convention	08/01/2013;
(aa)	2013 Annual Judicial Conference	08/21/2013;
(bb)	SCBLA Annual Retreat	09/26/2013;
(cc)	2013 Family Court Bench Bar	12/06/2013;
(dd)	Family Law Section	01/24/2014.
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- Have you taught law-related courses or lectured at bar association conferences, educational institutions, or continuing legal or judicial education programs?
 - (a) 2006- I did a seminar on Custody at SC Black Lawyers Retreat;
 - (b) 2009- I lectured at a CLE on Alimony Issues;
 - (c) 2015- I did a CLE on Domestic Abuse Petitions at a Bar Conference.
- 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) South Carolina Supreme Court–November 1978;
 - b) United States District Court–December 1978.
- 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) 1978-1980 Staff Attorney with Legal Services Agency;
 - (b) 1980-1981 Assistant Public Defender for Greenville County, SC;
 - (c) 1982-2009 I was engaged in general practice;
 - (d) 2009-Present time Family Court Judge.

- 16. What is your rating, if any, by any legal rating organization, such as, <u>Best Lawyers</u>, <u>Chambers, Legal 500</u>, <u>Martindale-Hubbell</u>, <u>Who's Who Legal</u>, <u>Super Lawyers</u>, etc.? If you are currently a member of the judiciary, list your last available rating, if any.

 None
- 23. Have you ever held judicial office? If so, list the periods of your service, the courts involved, and whether you were elected or appointed. Describe the jurisdiction of each of the courts and note any limitations on the jurisdiction of each court.

 I was elected a Family Court Judge in February 2009 for the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit.
- 24. If the answer to question 23 is yes, describe or list five of your most significant orders or opinions and give the citations if they were reported. Also list citations to any appellate review of these orders or opinions.
 - (a) <u>George Francis Brown vs. Julie Krick Brown</u>, Ct. of Appeals, Appellate Case 2013-001259 4-8-15
 - (b) <u>Linda T. Terry vs. William E. Terry, Jr., 450S.C.453</u> 11/21/12
 - (c) <u>Peter Kucera vs. Ashley Moss</u>
 - (d) <u>Jerry Robert Cantrell</u>, Jr. vs. Catherine Elizabeth Cantrell
 - (e) <u>South Carolina Department of Social Services vs. Keowsha Shicole Golden and Jerrick Clement</u>
- 25. Have you ever held public office other than judicial office? Also, state whether or not you have timely filed your report with the State Ethics Commission during the period you held public office. If not, were you ever subject to a penalty?

 No
- 26. List all employment you had while serving as a judge (whether full-time or part-time, contractual or at will, consulting or otherwise) other than elected judicial office. Specify your dates of employment, employer, major job responsibilities, and supervisor.

 None
- 27. Have you ever been an unsuccessful candidate for elective, judicial, or other public office? I ran for a seat on the Family Court in 2008 and lost. I was successful in 2009.
- 28. 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 taught Business Law at Rutledge College while working at the Public Defender's Office.
- 29. 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.
- 30. A complete, current financial net worth statement was provided to the Commission.
- 31. Describe any financial arrangements or business relationships you have, or have had in the past, that could constitute or result in a possible conflict of interest in the position you seek. Explain how you would resolve any potential conflict of interest.

 None
- 32. 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
- 33. Have you, to your knowledge, ever been under federal, state, or local investigation for possible violation of a criminal statute?

No

- 34. 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?
 - I had a mistakenly filed Tax lien of \$1,001.00 2/14/01. It was satisfied or resolved 10/10/01.
 - I never filed Bankruptcy. I never defaulted on a Student Loan.
- 35. 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?

 Approximately 15 years ago a client filed suit alleging that my office allowed a Statute of Limitations to run. Judge Kittredge dismissed the case as having no merit.
- 37. 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?
- 38. 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. Also, if applicable, indicate your coverage and deductible for your current malpractice policy. N/A
- 39. Are you active on or a member of a social media or Internet site or have you, to your knowledge, been featured or depicted on a social media or Internet site, such as, Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, etc.?
- 40. 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)?
- 41. 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
- 42. S.C. Code § 8-13-700 provides, in part, that "[n]o public official, public member, or public employee may knowingly use his official office, membership, or employment to obtain an economic interest for himself, a member of his immediate family, an individual with whom he is associated, or a business with which he is associated." Please detail any knowledge you have of any formal charges or informal allegations against you or any other candidate for violations of these provisions. Include the disposition, if any, of such charges or allegations.

 None
- 43. S.C. Code § 8-13-765 provides, in part, that "[n]o person may use government personnel, equipment, materials, or an office building in an election campaign." Please detail any knowledge you have of any formal charges or informal allegations against you or any other candidate for violations of these provisions. Include the disposition, if any, of such charges or allegations.

 None

44. 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

45. 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

- 46. 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
- 47. 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?
- 48. Have you or has anyone acting on your behalf solicited or collected funds to aid in the promotion of your candidacy?

 No
- 49. 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
- 50. 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) National Bar Association:
 - (c) SC Black Lawyer's Association.
- 51. 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) Urban League of the Upstate;
 - (b) Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity;
 - (c) Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity.
- 52. 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.

No other information attached

- 53. List the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of five persons, including your banker, from whom references could be obtained.
 - (a) Julie Ashbrook P.O. Box 757 Greenville, SC 29602 (864) 467-5800

- (b) Ronnie McCarrell 301 University Ridge Greenville, SC 29601 (864) 467-4704
- (c) Jeanne Vernon 15 Regency Hill Drive Greenville, SC 29607 (864)244-3862
- (d) Jamila Lockhart 301 University Ridge Greenville, SC 29601 (864)467-4704
- (e) Michael Benthall T.D. Bank 2303 Augusta Road Greenville, SC 29605 (864) 232-4585
- 54. Describe any interest you or a member of your immediate family has in real property: None
 - in which there is a potential conflict of interest with your involvement in a South Carolina state or local public agency;
 - (b) in which there have been public improvements of \$200 or that adjoins property in which there have been public improvements of \$200; or
 - (c) which was sold, leased, or rented to a state or local public agency in South Carolina. List the interest you hold and the value and location of the property. Identify as applicable the:
 - (a) nature of any potential conflict of interest;
 - (b) nature and value of any public improvements; and
 - (c) South Carolina state or local public agency which purchased or is leasing or renting such property.

None

55. Identify any personal property interest you or a member of your immediate family sold, leased, or rented to a South Carolina state or local public agency. Identify the property, its amount or value, and the name of the agency.

None

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: The Honorable Alex Kinlaw, Jr.

Date: July 23, 2015