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**RE: Supplement to Application Materials for Position of
Judge of the Circuit Court, Seventh Judicial Circuit, Seat 2**

Dear Mrs. Crawford:

I, previously, on July 5, 2017, submitted to your office, via hand delivery, my Application Packet for the aforementioned position. In conjunction with said application, the following information Supplements said application, please find enclosed the supplemental application materials in hard copy as follows:

1. Supplement to Personal Data Questionnaire, Question # 32.

Should you require additional information, have questions, or require clarification, please advise. My cellular telephone number is (864) 621-3991.

Sincerely yours,

Grace Gilchrist Knie, Judge
SC Judicial Code:2760
SC Bar Number: 12873

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✓ Enclosures: As stated above

JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION
PERSONAL DATA QUESTIONNAIRE
Grace Gilchrist Knie
Circuit Court, Seventh Judicial Circuit, Seat 2

I am amending and supplement my Personal Data Questionnaire previously submitted on July 5, 2017, as follows:

Question 32:

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.

- I own an office building located at 276 Magnolia Street in Spartanburg, SC. On September 29th, 2017 leased office space to the Smith Legal Group, P.C., two attorneys, Danny Smith and Patrick Smith, specializing in Social Security disability law.

- I own an office building located in Spartanburg that I lease to Smith Legal Group, PC Danny Smith and Patrick Smith, whom specialize in Social Security disability matters. In proceedings in which Attorney Danny Smith and/or Attorney Patrick Smith are legal counsel of record my procedure as to the resolution of any potential conflict of interest is that I would disclose on the record the nature of the relationship and give counsel and parties the opportunity discuss my disqualification outside my presence as outlined in Rule 501, SCACR, Canon 3E.(1) and 3F. the Remittal of Disqualification procedure, "the judge may disclose on the record the basis of the judge's disqualification and may ask the parties and their lawyers to consider, out of the presence of the judge, whether to waive disqualification." This should be balanced against the requirement of Rule 501, SCACR Canon 3B.(1) "A judge shall hear and decide matters assigned to the judge except those in which disqualification is required."

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

Signature: 
Grace Gilchrist Knie , Attorney

Sworn to before me this 4th day of Oct., 2017.

Melody B. Gabriel
(Notary Signature)

Melody B. Gabriel
(Notary Printed Name)
Notary Public for South Carolina
My Commission Expires: 09/01/27