

JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION
PERSONAL DATA QUESTIONNAIRE



Court, Position, and Seat # for which you are applying: Circuit Court, Judge,
Eighth Judicial Circuit Seat 2

1. Name: The Honorable Eugene Cannon Griffith, Jr.

Name that you are known by if different from above
(Example: A Nickname): Bubba Griffith

Are you currently serving in some capacity as a judge?
(Includes Municipal, Magistrate, Etc.) Yes, Circuit Court Judge
Eighth Judicial Circuit Seat 2

Home Address: [REDACTED]

Business Address: 1226 College Street
Post Office Box 375
Newberry SC 29108

E-Mail Address: [REDACTED]

Telephone Number: (home): [REDACTED]
(office): (803)321-1430
(cell): [REDACTED]

2. Date of Birth: [REDACTED], 1964
Place of Birth: Newberry County
Social Security Number: [REDACTED]

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

4. SCDL# or SCHD#: [REDACTED]
Voter Registration Number: [REDACTED]

5. Family Status: In the space below, (a) state whether you are single, married, widowed, divorced, or separated; (b) if married, state the date of your marriage and your spouse's full name; (c) if you have ever been divorced or are in the process of obtaining a divorce, state the date, name of the moving party, court, and grounds; and (d) state the names of your children and their ages. If your children are old enough to work, include the occupation of each child.

Married August 17, 1991 to Elizabeth Rushing Griffith
Separated since August 20, 2016

No pleadings have been filed in family court
Three Children:



6. Have you served in the military? If so, give the dates, branch of service, highest rank attained, serial number (if applicable), present status, and the character of your discharge or release. Please provide a copy of your DD214 concerning your discharge.
No military service
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) College of Charleston Fall 1983 transferred to USC
 - (b) USC: Spring 1984 through Spring 1987
College of Business Administration
Bachelors of Science Business Administration, Finance
 - (c) USC: School of Law: Fall 1988 through December 1990 Juris Doctor
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: Bar Admission May 1991
9. List the significant activities in which you took part during your attendance at law school. Give the years you were involved in these activities and list any leadership positions you held.
I worked at various jobs in law school. I was focused on graduating in two and one-half years and thus did not have time to participate in many extracurricular activities outside of class and study-time.
10. Provide, as a separate attachment, your continuing legal or judicial education report from the past five years.
See attached Judicial Compliance Reports
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 taught the legal section in Newberry County to students who enrolled in the Reserve Police Officer Certification Classes. I have taught four or five groups of candidates before being elected to the circuit court.
 - (b) In 1999, I taught the Legal unit to the Volunteers for the Newberry County Guardian *ad litem* program.

- (c) Panel Member for Case Law Updates at South Carolina Public Defenders Annual Conferences. September 2009 and 2013
 - (d) Panel Member for Case Law Updates at South Carolina Solicitor's Association Annual Conference. September 2010, 2012, and 2014
 - (e) I presented at the 2016 Court Reporters convention
 - (f) I taught along with Judge Newman the Criminal Law Section to the newly elected circuit court judges' school in 2015 and 2017
12. List all published books and articles you have written and give citations and the dates of publication for each. Please furnish as a separate attachment, two examples of legal articles, briefs, orders, or other legal writings for which you can claim sole or primary authorship. If you cannot claim sole authorship, please explain the extent to which you are the primary author, to include a description of the other authors and their contributions.
- No published materials
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- May 15, 1991
 - (b) Federal District Court, District of South Carolina, September 14, 1994.
14. Describe chronologically, since graduation from law school, your legal experience. Please include a list of all positions held in which you worked in a legal capacity. Describe the general character of your practice and divide it into periods with dates if its character has changed over the years. Please also describe the extent to which you were involved with the administrative and financial management of each of these entities, including management of trust accounts.
- (a) March 1991-July 1991: Clerk to the Honorable James E. Moore, Circuit Court
 - (b) July 1991-June 1992: Clerk to the Honorable John P. Gardner, S.C. Court of Appeals
 - (c) July 1992-February 1997: solo practice as Griffith Law Firm – general practice of law. The office handled real estate transactions, mortgage closings, magistrate’s trial work, criminal trial defense, civil trial work, both plaintiff and defense counsel, domestic relations trial work, and estate and probate matters. As a sole practitioner I was entirely responsible for administrative and financial management functions.
 - (d) February 1997-February 2009: In February of 1997, Rushing and Griffith, P.C. was formed by Eugene C. Griffith, Jr. and Elizabeth R. Griffith. The scope and type of law practice did not change significantly from the initial five years as a solo practitioner and was operated as a general practice. Don S. Rushing bought into the corporation and, opened an office in Lancaster, South Carolina. Don S. Rushing has operated a limited practice in the Lancaster office. During the last several years of the practice the type of work performed in the Newberry office changed slightly. In January of 2005, I agreed to work as a special prosecutor for the Eighth Judicial Circuit for the court terms of General Sessions

Court held in Newberry County. After agreeing to act as special prosecutor, I was unable to accept cases as a criminal defense attorney. I also handled numerous condemnation actions on behalf of the SCDOT, Duke Energy, and City of Newberry. I was also appointed under the Circuit Court rules to numerous civil cases to act as special referee for non-jury matters such as partitions and foreclosures. I was part-time city attorney for the City of Newberry for 15 years. I was entirely responsible for administrative and financial management functions of the law firm.

- (e) February 27th, 2009 – present: Resident Circuit Court Judge for the Eighth Judicial Circuit, Seat 2
- (f) May 2010 – December 2011 Chief Administrative Judge Eighth Judicial Circuit for Common Pleas and General Sessions
- (g) January 2013 – December 2013 Chief Administrative Judge Eighth Judicial Circuit Common Pleas and General Sessions
- (h) January 2014 – December 2014 Chief Administrative Judge Eighth Judicial Circuit General Sessions
- (i) January 2016 – July 2016 Chief Administrative Judge Eighth Judicial Circuit Common Pleas
- (j) July 2016 - June 2017 Chief Administrative Judge Eleventh Judicial Circuit General Sessions
- (k) July 2017 – present Chief Administrative Judge Eighth Judicial Circuit Common Pleas

15. Please answer the following (if you are a judge and are not seeking a different type of judgeship, this question is inapplicable):

- (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 and procedural knowledge has prepared you to preside over such matters as a Family Court Judge. Please also indicate the frequency of your appearances before a Family Court Judge within the past five years.
- (b) If you are a candidate for Circuit Court, please provide a brief written description of your experience in criminal matters, including any cases handled over the past five years and include a brief description of the issues involved. Further, please provide a brief written description of your experience in civil matters, including any cases handled over the past five years and include a brief description of the types of matters handled, issues involved, and procedural history. Please include information such as the primary areas in civil court in which you practice, whether you represent plaintiffs or defendants, or both. You may go back further than five years if you feel it would assist the Commission with its assessment of your experience. If you lack experience in an area, describe how your background and procedural knowledge has prepared you to preside over such matters as a Circuit Court Judge, or how you

would compensate for your lack of experience in this area. Please also indicate the frequency of your appearances before a Circuit Court Judge within the past five years.

- (c) If you are a candidate for Master-In-Equity, please provide a brief written description of your experience in the Master's court, including any cases handled over the past five years and include a brief description of the issues involved. Please include the frequency of your appearances before a Master-In-Equity or a Circuit Court Judge within the past five years.
- (d) If you are a candidate for Administrative Law Court, please provide a brief written description of your experience before an Administrative Law Judge, including any issues discussed and the frequency of your appearances before the Administrative Law or Circuit Court within the past five years.

16. What is your rating or membership status, if any, by any legal rating organization, such as, Best Lawyers, Chambers, Legal 500, Martindale-Hubbell, Who's Who Legal, Super Lawyers, Million Dollar Advocates Forum, etc.? If you are currently a member of the judiciary, list your last available rating, if any.

During the years 1995 thru 2009, I was rated BV by Martindale-Hubbell.

*** Justices/judges applying for re-election to their current position may omit Questions 17–22. If you are a judge seeking a judgeship different than your current position, Questions 17-22 should be answered based on your experience prior to serving on the bench.**

17. What was the frequency of your court appearances during the past five years or in the five years prior to your election to the bench?
- (a) federal:
 - (b) state:
18. What percentage of your practice involved civil, criminal, domestic, and other matters during the past five years or in the five years prior to your election to the bench?
- (a) civil:
 - (b) criminal:
 - (c) domestic:
 - (d) other:
19. What percentage of your practice in trial court during the past five years or in the five years prior to your election to the bench involved matters that went to a jury, including those that settled prior to trial?
- (a) jury:
 - (b) non-jury:

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

20. 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.
21. 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.
22. List up to five criminal appeals you have personally handled. Give the case name, the court, the date of decision and the citation if the case was reported.
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 and qualified as circuit court judge Eighth Judicial Circuit on February 27th, 2009 and have served continuously since that date. As a circuit judge, I am qualified to hear any type of civil case (except domestic relations and juvenile cases) and any types of criminal court. I do not know of any monetary limits nor sentencing limits in either civil or criminal court.

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) State v. Trapp

This case involved a jury trial of Toaby Trapp who was indicted for Trafficking in Crack Cocaine. The case presented issues involving: a. chain of custody, b. violation of confrontation clause, and c. suppression of evidence. Trapp was convicted and appealed his conviction.

Conviction was affirmed in Trapp v. State Op. No. 5487, 2017 WL 2266970 (Ct. App. 2017).

(b) State v. Lynch

This capital case involved the bench trial of Kenneth Lynch on the double murder of his girlfriend and her granddaughter. Guilt phase and sentencing phase took nearly three weeks to hear. Case was the first double murder capital case where neither of victim's bodies were ever found.

Case was affirmed at State v. Lynch, 412 S.C. 156, 771 S.E.2d 346 (Ct. App. 2015).

(c) Yancey Environmental Solutions, LLC v. Richardson Plowden & Robinson, P.A.,

This case involved a legal malpractice claim by a plaintiff corporation which specialized in providing consulting services to large landowners who were interested in environmental easements. Environmental easements are created to protect land from development and also to generate tax benefits for the landowner thru certain tax regulations. The consulting law firm terminated its representation of parties which allegedly cause the landowner to not execute the environmental easement.

The plaintiff's presentation over several days to a jury by the plaintiff, a directed verdict was granted by the court.

The case was appealed by plaintiff on the order for directed verdict and affirmed. Yancey Environmental Solutions, LLC v. Richardson Plowden & Robinson, P.A., No. 2015-UP-042, 2015 WL 4096191 (Ct. App. 2015).

- (d) Team IA v. Lucas, 406 S.C. 212, 750 S.E.2d 91 (2013) (Supreme Court dismissed appeal as Improvidently Granted). Team IA v. Lucas, C.A. No.: 2009-CP-32-1078 Case was remanded to trial court to resolve factual issues not heard during initial trial.

Held a week long jury trial on the underlying case after the appeal was dismissed by the South Carolina Supreme Court. The primary issue dealt with an employer attempting to enforce a non-compete agreement against a former employee. At trial, both parties introduced evidence of complex corporate contracts, tax records, and other business records. After a five day trial, the jury returned a seven figure verdict on Friday evening. After the verdict, the parties settled out of court.

- (e) First Citizens Bank v. Park at Durbin Creek and Kenneth E. Clifton

This case involved conveyance to a tract of land in violation of the Statute of Elizabeth. The question of fact for the court was whether the transfer of the interest in the land was for a valid purpose or was it for an invalid purpose such as to avoid attachment by a creditor. After a lengthy non-jury trial, the court ruled that the transfers were invalid and in an attempt to avoid mortgage foreclosure.

This ruling was appealed and affirmed in First Citizens Bank and Trust Company, Inc. v. Park at Durbin Creek, LLC, et al., 419 S.C. 333, 797 S.E.2d 409 (Ct. App. 2017).

25. Have you ever held public office other than judicial office? If so, list the periods of your service, the office or offices involved, and whether you were elected or appointed. 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? If so, give details, including dates.

None

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? If so, give details, including dates.

I was a candidate for South Carolina House District 40 in Fall of 2002. I ran unsuccessfully against the incumbent, Walton J. McLeod. I timely filed all economic disclosure reports regarding contributions and expenses during the election cycle required of a candidate.

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? If so, give details, including a description of your occupation, business, or profession, the dates of your employment, and the name of your business or employer.

None

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.

I am a shareholder and officer in a closely held limited liability corporation (Weir Club, LLC) which owns as its primary asset a track of land of approximately 413 acres. I have held positions of Vice President, secretary and treasurer. The LLC's primary business goal is to produce passive income from pine and hardwood tree farming while providing a hunting and fishing area for its members. Currently, Weir Club, LLC has 10 shareholders. My duties currently included paying the annual and monthly expenses for the LLC. The LLC has expenditures (20 checks per year) on fertilizer, fuel, property taxes, forest management which generally totals less than several thousand dollars per year.

30. Please explain why you think you meet the professional and academic ability criteria for the seat you seek.

I practiced law in a small town general practice for nearly 18 years. I was allowed to be challenged to face any and every type of case from clients needing representation. My clients included people charged with violent crimes, to people needing representation in transactional events, to people needing representation with injuries from accidents and work place incidents, to municipalities needing representation for regulatory issues, employment issues, to condemnations issues. I was fortunate to have large corporate clients and individuals. My ability to listen to issues, research the law, and receive counsel from others more experienced in certain areas prepared me to hear and consider cases which come from every area of the law and receive evidence testimony to try to render justice and fairness.

31. Provide, **as a separate attachment**, a complete, current financial net worth statement that itemizes in detail:

Financial Statement attached

- (a) the identity and value of all financial assets held, directly or indirectly, including, but not limited to, bank accounts, real estate, securities, trusts, investments, and other financial holdings; and
- (b) the identity and amount of each liability owed, directly or indirectly, which is in excess of \$1,000, including, but not limited to, debts, mortgages, loans, and other financial obligations.

(A net worth statement is provided with this questionnaire and you must use this format for submission of your financial statement.)

NOTE: The Commission may require written confirmation that financial obligations have been satisfied or that the parties have agreed upon a payment schedule.

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 or currently hold. Explain how you would resolve any potential conflict of interest.

I am currently the trustee for the Ernest Brooks Trust for Gamecock Excellence. I manage a trust of equity investments which pays its income to the USC Gamecock Club annually. I am not certain I would be able to hear a cause of action involving the University of South Carolina or the Gamecock Club. Additionally, I received both my undergraduate and law degrees from USC. I am not aware that this conflict could be resolved or waived.

33. 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? If so, give details but do not include traffic violations which are subject to a penalty of \$125 or less. You must include any and all arrests, including, but not limited to, offenses for driving under the influence or similar traffic offenses. Include all arrests that resulted in expungement, which will be redacted. If you have questions regarding whether to include an offense, please contact the Commission.
[All answers have been received and considered by the Commission, and as noted above, any expunged matters are redacted from the record.]

34. Have you, to your knowledge, ever been under federal, state, or local investigation for possible violation of a criminal statute? If yes, explain.
[All answers have been received and considered by the Commission, and as noted above, any expunged matters are redacted from the record.]

35. 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? If so, give details.
No liens, no defaults, and no bankruptcies.

36. Have you ever been sued by a client? Have you ever been a named party (personally or professionally) in or had a pecuniary interest in any civil or criminal proceedings? If so, give details, including, but not limited to, dates, and resolutions.

None. Out of an abundance of caution, I must disclose that I was named in a civil lawsuit filed in Lexington County by a gentleman who claimed sovereign citizenry. I had heard a foreclosure suit of which he was a defendant. I was never served with the suit thus do not consider it to be an actual claim against me. I had heard a case which was a foreclosure of judgment against him by homeowners association and mortgage-holder in residential area where he lived. I heard and ruled against him in the foreclosure suit. Sometime after the order granting relief against him, I heard that he had named me as a defendant because I lacked authority and jurisdiction to hear his case.

37. Have you ever, in South Carolina or any other jurisdiction, as a lawyer, judge, or other professional, been sanctioned or disciplined for lawyer, judicial, or other professional

misconduct or has any jurisdiction found that you committed any misconduct? If so, give the details and describe any final disposition. Include any and all confidential and public sanction, discipline, or finding of misconduct of any kind.

[Yes and no responses are redacted for all candidates unless there is a public discipline.]

38. 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? If so, give the details.

No actions filed against me regarding child neglect or abuse.

39. 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.

Not Applicable

40. 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.? If so, how would your use of social media or other similar types of Internet sites be affected if you were serving in a judicial capacity?

I have not been featured or depicted on a social media site in any manner, to my knowledge.

I have a Twitter account which I use during baseball season to follow USC baseball games. I am not an account holder of any other social media sites.

41. 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)? If so, give the dates of your employment or activity in such capacity and specify by whom you were directed or employed.

Not applicable

42. 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? If so, please specify the item or items you received, the date of receipt, and the lobbyist or lobbyist's principal involved.

None.

43. 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. If you have spent over \$100, have you reported your expenditures to the House and Senate Ethics Committees?

None

44. List the recipient and amount of all contributions made by you, a member of your immediate family, or by a business with whom you are associated, to members of the General Assembly within the past four years.
None

45. 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 or have you been offered a conditional pledge of support by any legislator pending the outcome of your screening? 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? If so, give details.
None

Note: The flash drive with your application materials contains (1) Section 2-19-70(c); (2) JMSC Rule 24, and (3) informal opinions and letters concerning pledging prohibitions, with which third parties acting on your behalf, as well as you, must comply.

46. Have you requested any third parties to contact members of the General Assembly on your behalf before the final and formal screening report has been released? Describe the campaigning you have done for this election and include a list of those individuals you have asked to campaign on your behalf and, to the best of your knowledge, those who have campaigned for you on their own initiative.
None

47. Are you familiar with the 48-hour rule, which prohibits a candidate from seeking pledges until after the draft report becomes final, which occurs on the day and time specified on the Commission's published screening schedule?
I have reviewed and understand the 48 hour rule against seeking pledges.

48. Have you or has anyone acting on your behalf solicited or collected funds to aid in the promotion of your candidacy? If so, please specify the amount, solicitor, donor, and date of the solicitation.
None.

49. Since submitting your letter of intent to become a candidate, have you or has anyone acting on your behalf contacted any member of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission about your candidacy or intention to become a candidate? If so, give details.
No persons contacted.

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) Newberry County Bar Association - Member 1992 to present
(b) South Carolina Bar – Member 1991 to present
(c) South Carolina Association for Justice – Member 1991 thru 2009

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.

Member of Central United Methodist Church. I have been chairman of the Finance Committee since 2016 to present.

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. This information may include how your life experiences have affected or influenced the kind or type of judge you have been or plan to be.

I love and thoroughly enjoy being a circuit court judge. I think that my enjoyment makes me a better listening, mediating, administrating, and presiding judge.

53. List the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of five (5) persons from whom you are providing references. Also, provide the Commission with **original letters** of recommendation from each person listed herein, including their signature (preferably in blue ink). **The Commission will not accept a photocopy or electronic submission of a letter of recommendation and failure to include all five (5) original letters of recommendation in your packet when you submit it will render your packet incomplete.** Please **do not** have references mail your reference letters to the Commission directly. *You must return the five (5) original letters of recommendation to the Commission with your application packet.*

- (a) Don S. Rushing
1932 Terra Lane
Lancaster, SC 29720
(803)804-8042
- (b) Caitlin Nobles Horne
Suite 4700
100 North Tryon Street
Charlotte, NC 28202-4003
(704)331-1181
- (c) Joe Trainor
2004 Wilson Road
Newberry, SC 29108
(803)924-0479
- (d) Wayne K. Pratt
Post Office Box 424
Newberry, SC 29108
(803)924-1635

- (e) William R. Engen
Post Office Box 69
Newberry, SC 29108
(803)276-8945

54. Describe any interest you or a member of your immediate family has in real property:
- (a) 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;

My sister and I own a tract of land with improvements containing 34 acres on Lake Murray in Newberry County. This tract is composed of two adjoining tracts. Both tracts are adjacent to Dreher Island State Park. The State park has numerous improvements exceeding \$200.00. I do not think any potential conflict of interest would arise unless additional infrastructure or utilities were planned to add more improvements to the island.

- (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.

Attach a copy of any contract or agreement.

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. Attach a copy of any contract or agreement.
None

56. For sitting judges, if you currently hold an interest in stock or other securities or have held such an interest, list each stock you currently own or owned during the prior calendar year. If you prefer, you may attach broker or account records containing the requested information instead of listing it here.

See Investment Account attachments to Finance Statement

57. For sitting judges, have you ever accepted anything of value from an attorney or litigant in a matter currently or previously before you or your court? If so, please give the details, including the name of the attorney or litigant and the thing of value you received.
I do not accept gifts from attorneys except for the annual conventions which the respective groups invite all judges.

58. For sitting judges, have you used the services of your staff, for which you did not pay, while campaigning for this office?

I have not utilized my staff in any way. I have not campaigned in any fashion for my re-election.

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: _____

Sworn to before me this ____ day of _____, 2017.

(Notary Signature)

(Notary Printed Name)
Notary Public for South Carolina
My Commission Expires: _____