

JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION
PERSONAL DATA QUESTIONNAIRE



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

1. Name: The Honorable Perry M. Buckner, III
Mrs.
Ms.

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

Are you currently serving in some capacity as a judge?
(Includes Municipal, Magistrate, Etc.)

Yes, Resident Circuit Court Judge, Seat 1 Fourteenth Judicial Circuit.

Home Address: [REDACTED]

Business Address: P.O. Drawer 470, Walterboro, S.C. 29488

Physical Address: 101 Hampton Street, Walterboro, S.C. 29488

E-Mail Address: [REDACTED]

Telephone Number: (home): [REDACTED]
(office): 843-549-7878
(cell): [REDACTED]

2. Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 1949
Place of Birth: Walterboro, Colleton County, South Carolina
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.

Family Status: Married on January 2, 1982 to Janet Hobbs Buckner.
Never divorced, two children.

[REDACTED]

- [REDACTED]
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.

Yes. I was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant at graduation through the Wofford College ROTC program in May of 1971. I was on active duty from October 13, 1971 to January 13, 1972. The branch of service at this time was the Quarter Master Corps. My serial number is [REDACTED]. After discharge from active duty, I continued in the U.S. Army Reserves from 1972 until approximately 1979 and was transferred to the Judge Advocate General Corps, and I received my discharge from the Reserves in about 1979, at which time I had obtained the rank of Captain. My current status is inactive. I have an honorable discharge. I am enclosing a copy of my DD214.

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) Wofford College, 1967-1971, Bachelor of Arts Degree, Cum Laude.
- (b) University of South Carolina School of Law, 1972-1975, Juris Doctorate Degree, Cum Laude.

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.

- (a) South Carolina, 1975.

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.

- (a) USC School of Law 1972-1975: Member of the Order of Wig and Robe.

10. Provide, as a separate attachment, your continuing legal or judicial education report from the past five years.

Please see separate attachment.

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) In 1981 or 1982 I spoke at a South Carolina Bar CLE Seminar on "Extraordinary Writs" at the University of South Carolina School of Law.
- (b) On May 18, 1984, I was moderator at a seminar on "Condemnation Law and Practice" at the University of South Carolina School of Law.
- (c) On October 21, 1994, I taught a CLE seminar entitled "Calling as A Witness an Expert Who Was Engaged but Not Called by Opposing Party" at the University of

South Carolina School of Law.

- (d) On or about October 1, 2001, I served on a panel at the Annual Solicitor's Conference and gave a speech entitled "Recent Court Decisions."
 - (e) In September 2004, I spoke at a conference held at Wofford College, entitled "Wofford and the Law." Along with other Circuit Court Judges, I spoke about new developments in the law, both in General Sessions and Common Pleas Court, in a speech entitled "Observations from the Bench."
 - (f) In September 2007, I spoke at a conference held at Wofford College, entitled "The Constitution: The Third Branch of Government, an Insider's View." My speech was entitled "Judicial Independence."
 - (g) In July of 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2015 and 2017, I spoke at the New Circuit Judges Orientation School regarding "Common Problems in Applying Rules of Court and Rules of Evidence."
 - (h) I have served on a Judicial Ethics panel for Sporting Clays CLE in 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017.
 - (i) In June of 2012, I gave a speech at the South Carolina Defense Trial Attorneys Association Trial Academy on "Judicial Perspectives on Trial Advocacy."
 - (j) In May of 2012, I spoke at the South Carolina Circuit Court Judges Conference on "The Assign-A-Highway Program."
 - (k) In July of 2013 and 2014 I gave a speech to Law Enforcement for the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit and members of the Bar on "Traffic Stop Searches" and "The Fourth Amendment."
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.
- 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 11, 1975.
 - (b) United States District Court, District of South Carolina, December 31, 1975.
 - (c) United States Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit, February 11, 1976.
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) South Carolina Attorney General's Office as a Staff Attorney and Assistant Attorney General, Columbia, South Carolina, 1975-1979.

- (b) Partner in the Law Firm of Wise and Cole, P.A. in Charleston, South Carolina, 1979-1981.
- (c) Partner in the Law Firm of Smoak, Moody, Buckner, and Siegel in Walterboro, South Carolina, 1981-1986.
- (d) Private Practice, Law Office of Perry M. Buckner, in Walterboro, South Carolina, 1986-2000.
- (e) I was a staff attorney in the Attorney General's Office during my first two years of employment, my duties included prosecuting criminal cases in the Magistrate and Circuit Court of South Carolina. I also handled criminal appeals to the South Carolina Supreme Court on behalf of the State of South Carolina during my initial two years with the South Carolina Attorney General's Office, 1975-1977.
- (f) I moved to the Civil Division of the South Carolina Attorney General's Office and I handled civil litigation for the State of South Carolina, including representation of the South Carolina Wildlife Department, the South Carolina Highway Department, the Medical University of South Carolina, The Citadel, and the South Carolina Forestry Commission, 1977-1979.
- (g) I did insurance defense work as a partner with the firm of Wise and Cole in Charleston, South Carolina. During this time, my practice consisted of almost entirely civil defense work. I was not a managing partner with this firm, 1979-1981.
- (h) When I was with the Smoak, Moody, Buckner and Siegel in Walterboro, South Carolina I was a partner in the firm and handled my own administrative hiring and firing as well as management of partnership funds and clients' funds in a trust account. I also handled primarily plaintiffs' personal injury cases and Workers' Compensation cases. This was a general law practice so I handled both plaintiff and defense cases both in Magistrate's and Circuit Court, 1981-1986.
- (i) I started my own private law practice. I was completely responsible for management of my trust account and all financial and administrative management of my law firm. I handled plaintiffs' personal injury cases, Social Security cases, and Probate Court/ Estate work. I also handled both plaintiff and defendant litigation in civil court, and I handled criminal defense work in the Court of General Sessions of South Carolina. In 1986 I was selected to serve on the Board of the Colleton County Public Defender Corporation, where I continued until being hired as an Assistant Solicitor for the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit in 1997. In 1987 I was court appointed to represent a Capital Defendant in a murder case in Colleton County, which was tried to completion in both guilt and sentencing phases. From 1986-2000 I was in private practice and from 1997 until 2000 I was a part-time Assistant Solicitor for Colleton County.
- (j) I became a part-time Assistant Solicitor for the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit, prosecuting cases for the Solicitor's Office in the Court of General Sessions for Colleton County in 1997 until my election to the bench in 2000.
- (k) I have served as a resident Circuit Court Judge for the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit, 2000 to the present.

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.
N/A.
 - (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.
N/A.
 - (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.
N/A.
 - (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.
N/A.
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.

My last rating as an attorney was AV.

* **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.
- Yes. On February 9, 2000, I was elected as a resident Circuit Court Judge of the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat Number 1, and I was sworn in on June 30, 2000. I began work on July 1, 2000 as a Circuit Court Judge.

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) *Guffey v. Columbia/Colleton Regional Hosp., Inc.* 364 S.C. 158, 612 S.E.2d 695 (2005)

This was a medical malpractice case involving death in which I directed a verdict regarding conflicting instructions and excluded evidence regarding conflicting discharge instructions after withdrawal of the defense of comparative negligence. The South Carolina Supreme Court upheld this decision. My order denying new trial in this case attached.

The decision of the South Carolina Supreme Court is reported as *Guffey v. Columbia/Colleton Regional Hosp., Inc.* 364 S.C. 158, 612 S.E.2d 695 (2005)

(b) *State v. Victor Pichardo and Lorenzo Victoria Reyes*, 367 S.C. 84, 623 S.E. 2d 840 (Ct. App. 2005)

This is a criminal case in which I suppressed evidence seized by law enforcement which was affirmed by the South Carolina Court of Appeals.

(c) *State v. M.S. Hernandez*, 386 S.C. 655, 290 S.E. 2d 582(Ct. App, 2010)

This is an appeal from a criminal case in which I was affirmed by the Court of Appeals in refusing to charge the lesser included offense of voluntary manslaughter.

(d) *Partain v. Upstate Automotive*, 386 S.C. 488, 689 S.E. 2d 602 (2010)

This is a South Carolina Supreme Court decision in which I was affirmed For refusing to compel arbitration.

(e) *The Retreat at Edisto Co-Owners v. The Retreat at Edisto, LLC: Retreat at Edisto Co-Owners Ass'n Inc. v Retreat at Edisto, LLC* No. 2015-UP-211, 2015 WL 1880266 (SC Ct. App Apr. 22, 2015).

The Court of Appeals affirmed my ruling of allowing an (1) expert witness to testify about real estate law, and (2) finding it lost the right to develop Phase II of the Retreat when it failed to satisfy conditions precedent to its option contract and failed to file a writing stating its intent to comply with the option.

(f) *Mark and Elizabeth Heil v. Stewart and Christina Hines and Sam Imler d/b/a/ Sam's Tree Service*

The Court of Appeals affirmed my order granting Summary Judgement in favor of Stewart and Christina Hines.

The opinion of the Court of Appeals is cited as *Mark and Elizabeth Heil v. Stewart and Christina Hines* No 2016-UP-470, 2016 WL 6609695 (SC Ct. App Nov 9, 2016).

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.

(a) I served as Staff Attorney for the State of South Carolina in the South Carolina Attorney General's Office from 1975 until 1977. I was appointed.

- (b) I served as an Assistant Attorney General for the State of South Carolina from 1977 to 1979. I was appointed.
- (c) In 1997, I became a part-time Assistant Solicitor for the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit and served until 2000. I was appointed.

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.

No.

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.

No.

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 general partner in a partnership with my two sons, known as PP&G, which owns and operates a pine tree farm in Colleton County consisting of approximately seventy (70) acres. We also grow sunflowers.

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

I feel that my professional experience in both the Court of Common Pleas and the Court of General Sessions as an attorney coupled with my seventeen years on the Circuit Court bench provides me with the experience to seek re-election to the Circuit Court. I have practiced both civil and criminal law on both the insurance defense side as well as the plaintiff's side and I have been a criminal defense attorney as well as a prosecutor in criminal court. I feel this experience aids me in providing a perspective of both sides in fulfilling my duties as a Circuit Court Judge. I also believe my academic background from Wofford College and the U.S.C. School of Law coupled with my experience as a lawyer and Judge provides me with sufficient academic ability to serve the State of South Carolina.

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

- (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 complete, current financial net worth statement was provided to the Commission.

(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 own stock in BB&T and do not hear any cases involving BB&T. I would not hear any case in which I have any financial interest in a party before the court.
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.
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.
On September 19, 2016 Mr. El Dey filed a lawsuit, 2016-CP-15-01330 against me and Mr. Jay S. Masty after I issued an Order in 2016-CP-15-210, another case in which Mr. El Dey was a plaintiff. This Order prohibited Mr. El Dey from using profanity in his communications with opposing counsel, Mr. Jay S. Masty, or with the court. The Order also

required the parties in the original case to participate in mediation. I have never actually seen or met Mr. El Dey (also known as Mitchell Murray), nor has he appeared in my Court. The complaint demands unique legal status for Mr. El Dey that would place him outside of the bounds of the South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure. Please see the attached Order that I issued regarding this matter.

At a hearing on the record, this case was dismissed with the plaintiff's consent on December 22, 2016 in front of the Honorable Diane Goodstein.

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.
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.
N/A.
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 am not active or a member of a social media or Internet site.
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.
No.
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?
Postage and Stationary – Less than \$100.00.
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) JMISC 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.
No.
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 am familiar with the 48-hour rule.
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.
I have not solicited or collected funds to promote my candidacy.
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.

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) Current Member of the South Carolina Bar Association.
 - (b) Current member of the Colleton County Bar Association.
 - (c) Current member of the American Bar Association.
 - (d) Former Member of the South Carolina Defense Trial Attorneys Association.
 - (e) Former Member of the South Carolina Association for Justice.
 - (f) Former Member of the South Carolina Bar Judicial Qualification Committee.
 - (g) Former Member of the South Carolina Bar Nomination Committee.
 - (h) Former Member of the South Carolina Bar House of Delegates.
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) Liturgist, Usher, Greeter at Bethel United Methodist Church, Walterboro, South Carolina.
 - (b) Member of the Colleton County Historical and Preservation Society.
 - (c) Member of the Colleton County Arts Council.
 - (d) Member of the Walterboro Elks Lodge.
 - (e) Member of the Colleton County Clemson Club.
 - (f) Past member of the Dogwood Hills Country Club.
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 believe my experience as a Judge has taught me that Judges need to be patient, dignified, not take themselves too seriously, and remember there are no unimportant cases. In addition, Judges need to be prompt, use common sense and try to be kind in carrying out the duties of their office. I do not believe there is any substitute for the experience one receives in serving the people of South Carolina as a Circuit Court 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) Gwen Bunton, President of Bank of Walterboro, P.O. Box 1707, Walterboro, S.C. 29488
 - (b) Dr. Donald Johnson, 1106 Chuck Dawley Blvd., Mt. Pleasant, S.C. 29464, Chairman

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- (c) The Honorable Pat Grant, Colleton County Clerk of Court of Colleton County,
P.O. Box 620, Walterboro, S.C. 29488
- (d) Dr. Joseph Flowers, Personal Physician, 529 Longleaf Drive, Walterboro, S.C. 29488
- (e) The Honorable Julie J. Armstrong, Charleston County Clerk of Court, 100 Broad Street,
Suite 106, Charleston, S.C. 29401-2210

54. Describe any interest you or a member of your immediate family has in real property:
No.

- (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; 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.

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.
Please see attachment.

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.
No.

58. For sitting judges, have you used the services of your staff, for which you did not pay, while campaigning for this office?
No.

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: Perry M. Buckner, III

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

(Notary Signature)

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