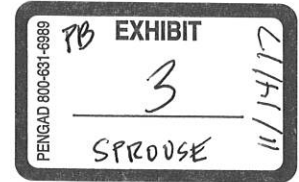


JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION  
PERSONAL DATA QUESTIONNAIRE



Court, Position, and Seat # for which you are applying: Circuit Court, Seat 2, Tenth Judicial Circuit.

1. Name: The Honorable R. Scott Sprouse

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

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

Home Address: [REDACTED]

Business Address: P.O. Box 1277  
Walhalla, SC 29691

E-Mail Address: [REDACTED]

Telephone Number: (home): [REDACTED]  
(office): (864)638-4266  
(cell): [REDACTED]

2. Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 1964  
Place of Birth: Scottsboro, AL  
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.  
(a) Married.  
(b) Mary Stoudemire Sprouse (wife), married on June 4, 1994.  
(c) N/A



- 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.
  
- 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.  
Clemson University  
1982-1986  
BA Degree in History and Political Science, December of 1985  
Took graduate courses in Spring 1986 Semester. Left graduate school to begin law school in August of 1986.  
  
University of South Carolina School of Law  
1986-1989  
Juris Doctor Degree in May of 1989.
  
- 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 in South Carolina on January 8, 1990.
  
- 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.  
Student Bar Association, USC School of Law 1986-1989.
  
- 10. Provide, as a separate attachment, your continuing legal or judicial education report from the past five years.  
See Attached.
  
- 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.  
11/13/2015 SC Bar Tips from the Bench—10<sup>th</sup> Circuit (I was part of a multi-judge panel).  
4/28/2016 Tri-County Judicial Association---Ethics (I spoke to a JCLE involving Summary Court judges held at Clemson University).  
3/23/2017 SC Bar Upstate Sporting Clays (I was part of a multi-judge panel).

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.  
See Attached.
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.  
Admitted to practice before the State Courts of South Carolina, January 8, 1990.  
(a) Admitted to practice before the Federal District Court of South Carolina on March 26, 1991.
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.

Barnes & Smith, P.A., Beaufort, SC  
August 1989-March 1990

Associate for an insurance defense firm. I primarily did research and file management. This involved a large amount of discovery documents and briefs prepared for the partners. I had no involvement in administrative and financial management of the firm.

Morgan Law Firm  
April 1990-August 1991

Partner in general practice. I began handling various general practice cases including domestic, criminal, real estate, bankruptcy and general litigation. I was a partner engaged in the administrative and financial management of the firm (including the trust account) although all the physical assets, such as the building, were owned personally by my partner.

R. Scott Sprouse  
Attorney at Law  
August 1991-July 1992

I was a sole proprietor. I continued to handle the same types of cases but added social security and personal injury to my caseload. I also began sharing the City Attorney position

for the City of Westminster in February of 1992. I had full responsibility for management of the business, including administrative and financial management (including the trust account).

Ross, Stoudemire, Ballenger & Sprouse, P.A.  
July 1992-December 1994

I was a member of a general practice firm. My practice primarily involved domestic litigation, criminal cases, personal injury cases and City Attorney work for the City of Westminster. I served as a Hearing Officer for the ABC Commission from the Fall of 1993 until early 1994. I had involvement in the administrative side of the firm and its financial management. I could sign checks and could review financial documents. We had a full time office manager and a part time bookkeeper. The office manager dealt with the day-to-day management of the firm, including paying the monthly bills. She was under the direct supervision of the senior partners/shareholders of the P.A.

Ross, Stoudemire & Sprouse, P.A.  
January 1995-January 1997

My practice stayed virtually the same. The only change was that (the now Honorable) Karen Ballenger, left the firm. I became the sole City Attorney for the City of Westminster in January, 1995.

Stoudemire & Sprouse, P.A.  
January 1997 to December 2014

My practice stayed the same, but the name of the firm changed again when Lowell Ross left the firm in January 1997. This job ended when I left the practice of law to become a Circuit Judge.

City of Westminster, City Attorney  
February 1992-December 2014

I was involved in various legal matters for the City of Westminster. My duties included attendance at council meetings, prosecuting criminal cases in municipal court, drafting of documents and participation in civil litigation involving the City. This job ended when I left the practice of law to become a Circuit Judge.

City of Walhalla, Municipal Judge  
February 1996-December 2014

I served as Municipal Judge for nearly nineteen years. I usually held court twice a week. I conducted bond hearings and signed warrants for the Walhalla Police Department. This was a court having general summary court criminal jurisdiction inside in the City of Walhalla. This job ended when I became a Circuit Judge.

Town of Salem, Municipal Judge  
July 2011-December 2014

I served in the same capacity for the Town of Salem. I held court once a month. This job ended when I became a Circuit Judge.

City of Seneca, Interim Municipal  
Judge, Fall 1998

I served as Interim Municipal Judge for the City of Seneca for several months in the Fall of 1998. Seneca was in the process of selecting a full time Municipal Judge. The City Council asked me to serve as Interim Judge while they were going through the hiring process. I performed all of the duties of a Municipal Court Judge during this period. This job ended when the Honorable Danny Singleton was appointed full time Municipal Judge in December of 1998.

City of West Union, Municipal Judge  
July 2007-March 2008

The City of Walhalla and the City of West Union entered into a contract wherein Walhalla would provide police protection for West Union. Accordingly, I was sworn in and began holding court in West Union. This job ended when Walhalla terminated its contract with West Union, who resumed having the Oconee County Magistrate's Office handle its cases.

Circuit Judge, Tenth Judicial Circuit  
Seat 2.  
January 2015 to present.

I was elected on May 28, 2014 by the S.C. General Assembly to replace the retiring Alexander S. Macaulay. I was sworn in and took the bench in January of 2015, and have

been serving as Resident Judge, Seat 2, Tenth Judicial Circuit since then.

15. Please answer the following (if you are a judge and are not seeking a different type of judgeship, this question is inapplicable): N/A
- (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.  
My rating from Martindale-Hubbell when I practiced law was a BV.

\* **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:

N/A

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:

N/A

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:

N/A

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.

N/A

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.

N/A

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.

N/A

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 on May 28, 2014 by the S.C. General Assembly to replace the retiring Alexander S. Macaulay. I was sworn in and took the bench in January of 2015, and have been serving as Resident Judge, Seat 2, Tenth Judicial Circuit since then.

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.

I have not had any appellate opinions issued except State v. Jeremiah Johnson and State v. Billy Ray Smith in unpublished opinions of the South Carolina Court of Appeals in which the appeals were dismissed. There are other criminal cases over which I presided that are on appeal, although I am uncertain as to their status.

The most significant civil matters that have resulted in me issuing an order (appellate status unknown) are as follows:

- (a) Cathy Kennedy, individually and as assignee of Rhonda Phillips v. All State Property and Casualty Co. and Angone Insurance Co., 2014CP0400505. This was a somewhat complex case involving insurance coverage for a boat, requiring policy/statutory interpretation in which I granted summary judgment.
- (b) State Farm Mutual v. Toni Becker, as PR of Adam C Becker and Earl Dean Jordan 2014CP3700425. This was a case involving a hunting accident involving policy/statutory interpretation in which I granted summary judgment.
- (c) R. Dean Price, et al v. Eugene L. Griffin, et al, 2016CP0402028. This was a case involving interpretation of restrictive covenants in a subdivision. I presided over a two day bench trial and issued an order.
- (d) Grange Mutual Casualty and Trustgard Insurance Company v. 20/20 Auto Glass, LLC, 2014CP0401787. This was a case involving insurance coverage for automobile property damage in which the parties asked the Court to define the rights of the parties. The issue was whether a binding unilateral contract was formed by the documentation issued by the insurer.
- (e) Terry Lamar Whitfield v. North Pointe Assisted Living, 2015CP0400100/101. This case involved a dispute over an arbitration clause in a contract. I heard the motion to enforce arbitration and issued an order.

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.

N/A

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.



I practiced law in a private general practice, as outlined above, while being employed as a part-time Municipal Judge from February 1996 until the end of 2014. Since taking the bench in Circuit Court in January 2015, I have had no employment outside of my full time employment as a Circuit Judge.

27. Have you ever been an unsuccessful candidate for elective, judicial, or other public office? If so, give details, including dates.

2000 I ran for the Tenth Circuit Family Court, Seat 2. I withdrew from the race prior to the election. I was deemed qualified by the Judicial Merit Selection Commission.

2009 I announced an intention to run for the Tenth Circuit Family Court, Seat 2, but never submitted the application and withdrew my name prior to screening.

2012 I ran for the Tenth Circuit Family Court, Seat 2. I withdrew from the race prior to the election. I was deemed qualified by the Judicial Merit Selection Commission.

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.

I worked as a laborer for Chipman Union, Inc. in Greene County, Georgia during the summers when I was a student at Clemson University. I went through the summer intern program in June of 1985 for Senator Strom Thurmond in Washington D.C. I also was a tutor for the Clemson University Athletic Department during the 1985-1986 school year. I worked for the S.C. Tax Commission as a law clerk from 1987-1989 while I was a student at the University of South Carolina School of Law.

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.

No.

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

I had a broad-based legal practice for nearly twenty-five years prior to becoming a full time judge. My extensive experience as a municipal judge in multiple municipalities also prepared me well for the position I now hold. I have now served as a Circuit Judge for 2 ½ years and have experienced a wide variety of cases. I have presided over 35 jury trials in General Sessions and 21 jury trials in Common Pleas. Several of these trials have been multi-day trials involving numerous witnesses.

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

See Financial Statement with the Net Asset Addendum as attached.

**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.  
None.
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.  
No.
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.

I was covered by malpractice insurance under the policy covering the Stoudemire & Sprouse, P.A. firm. My former partner changed the name of the firm after I became a judge, removing my name from the corporate documents. He maintains the policy that continues to cover any malpractice actions that may arise on cases the firm handled. My former files are covered under that policy. He is in the process of retiring, having ceased taking any new files at the end of 2016. I was covered by CAN, Lawyers Professional Liability Policy, Policy [REDACTED] with limits of \$1,000,000.00/\$2,000,000.00 and a deductible of \$5,000.00. I do not know if a new policy number will be issued once my former partner finishes up the last of his cases and shuts the doors completely.

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 was not a member of social media sites prior to being elected to the circuit bench and have maintained that policy. I have read of many judges nationwide experiencing problems or even being sanctioned on account of social media issues. I will not be a member of social media sites such as the ones listed in this question.

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.

No.

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?

I have not spent any money in furtherance of this campaign other than the postage that it took to mail my notice to seek re-election to the JMSC. I am hand-delivering the application materials for filing.

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.

No to all of these questions.

**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.

No, I have not requested that any third party contact a member of the General Assembly on my behalf. I have done no campaigning in furtherance of my re-election bid.

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?

Yes.

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.

No.

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) South Carolina Bar 1990 to present.
- (b) Oconee County Bar 1990 to present. President 1997. Treasurer 1991.
- (c) South Carolina Association for Justice f/k/a SC Trial Lawyers Association 1993-2014.
- (d) American Association for Justice f/k/a American Trial Lawyers Association 1993-2014.
- (e) South Carolina Summary Court Judges Association 1998-2014.
- (f) American Bar Association Judicial Division 2016-present.
- (g) American Judges Association 2016-present.
- (h) South Carolina Circuit Court Association 2015-present.

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) St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church 1997-present  
Church Council 1998-2004, 2008-2011  
Adult Sunday School Teacher.
- (b) IPTAY 1986-present. Representative 1994-2005.
- (c) The Oconee Assembly 1994-present Board Member 2012-present.
- (d) City of Walhalla Recreation Department, Coach
  - Boys Basketball 1996-2014.
  - Baseball 2007-2014
- (e) AAU Basketball 2014, 2015.
- (f) Travel Baseball 2012.

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 was a certified Family Court Mediator, having completed the training at the SC Bar and received my certification on August 22, 2006. I conducted a number of mediations prior to becoming a Circuit Court Judge.

I am an Eagle Scout. I was a member of Troop 312 Boy Scouts of American in Piedmont, South Carolina.

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) The Honorable Mike Crenshaw  
Sheriff, Oconee County  
415 S. Pine Street  
Walhalla, SC 29691
- (b) The Honorable Beverly Whitfield  
Clerk of Court, Oconee County  
P.O. Box 678  
Walhalla, SC 29691
- (c) The Honorable Richard Shirley  
Clerk of Court, Anderson County  
P.O. Box 8002  
Anderson, SC 29622
- (d) The Honorable Danny Edwards  
Mayor, City of Walhalla  
P.O. Box 1099  
Walhalla, SC 29691
- (e) Mr. Curtis T. Evatt,  
Executive Vice President and CFO  
Oconee Federal Savings and Loan  
115 E. North Second Street  
Seneca, SC 29678

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; None.
  - (b) in which there have been public improvements of \$200 or that adjoins property in which there have been public improvements of \$200; or None.
  - (c) which was sold, leased, or rented to a state or local public agency in South Carolina. None.

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.

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. 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.

I have four stock accounts (see financial statement for values with account documentation):

Ameritrade

Charles Schwab Optionsexpress

BB&T

Merrill Lynch (owned jointly with wife)

All of these accounts involve stock transactions that are managed elsewhere. Numerous stock transactions take place inside each account. The Ameritrade, B,B&T and Merrill Lynch are managed by staff of those respective companies. The Schwab account is managed by my paternal uncle under the supervision of the Schwab staff.

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 have only accepted common social hospitality from attorneys, such as Christmas parties, dinners/barbeques etc. As outlined in my Rule 501 disclosures, I have accepted the invitations from the SC Bar (this is mandatory), the SC Association for Justice and the SC Defense Trial Attorneys Association to attend their respective conventions at their cost. Each of these organizations have members that appear before me in court.

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

No. My law clerk and secretary brought me documents that were in my box at either the Anderson or Oconee Courthouse or my mailbox, but I have prepared all of my application documents myself. Checking our boxes at the courthouses and the post office are regular duties.

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.

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(Notary Signature)

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