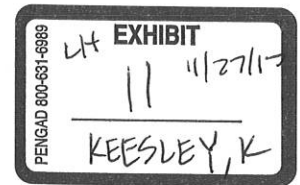


**JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION
PERSONAL DATA QUESTIONNAIRE**



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

1. Name: Ms. Kyliene Lee Keesley

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

Are you currently serving in some capacity as a judge? No.
(Includes Municipal, Magistrate, Etc.)

Home Address: [REDACTED]

Business Address: 1508 Washington Street, Columbia, SC 29201

E-Mail Address: [REDACTED]

Telephone Number: [REDACTED]
(office): 803.758.6000
[REDACTED]

2. Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 1979
Place of Birth: Augusta, GA
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.
Single; Never divorced; No 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.
I have never served in the military.

7. List each college and law school you attended, including the dates of your attendance, the degrees you received, and if you left an institution without receiving a degree, the reason for your departure.
 - (a) Wofford College, September 1997-May 2001, B.S. in Government and Sociology received May 2001;
 - (b) University of South Carolina School of Law, August 2001-May 2004, J.D. received May 2004.

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, admitted in 2004.

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) Legislative clerkship with S.C. House of Representatives Judiciary Committee, 2002-2004;
 - (b) Legislative clerkship with S.C. House of Representatives Labor, Commerce and Industry Committee, Summer 2002;
 - (c) Clerkship at James C. Anders, PA & Associates, Summer 2002.

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

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.

I am a member of the Dispute Resolution CLE Committee of the Alternative Dispute Resolution Section of the South Carolina Bar. Although I am participating in development of upcoming CLE programs, I have not taught such a course to date.

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.

I have not published any legal books or articles. I have attached the following writing samples:

 - (a) Memorandum in Support of Defendant Prince, Inc.'s Motion for Summary Judgment;
 - (b) Coverage Opinion

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, November 2004;

(b) U.S. District Court for the District of S.C., December 2007.

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) Judicial Law Clerk for the Honorable James R. Barber, III

During my clerkship, Judge Barber was the Chief Administrative Judge for the Court of Common Pleas in Richland County. I performed administrative tasks in that position including scheduling and tracking outstanding matters that required ruling. I drafted Orders and responded to voluminous correspondence from attorneys and inmates. I reviewed proposed Orders, motions, memoranda, and case file materials and reported to the Judge on my findings and opinions, which included confirmation of the default status of cases required for execution of default judgments. I conducted legal research on both criminal and civil topics. While serving as a judicial clerk, I observed and assisted in all aspects of both criminal and civil Court, including but not limited to the following: civil trials, criminal trials, non-jury motion hearings, pre-trial conferences and hearings in both civil and criminal matters, guilty pleas, bond hearings, post-conviction relief hearings, probation revocation hearings and status conferences. I was not involved in any financial management in this position.

(b) Associate Attorney/Member, Howser, Newman & Besley, LLC

My primary practice has been civil defense litigation. I have represented defendants in cases involving a wide range of topics including, but not limited to, automobile liability, professional negligence, premises liability, and breach of contract. The professional negligence cases include, but are not limited to, construction defect and legal malpractice claims. In addition to my civil defense practice, I have also represented plaintiffs in breach of contract actions and on personal injury claims. I have performed all aspects of litigation tasks from the initial client interview to the conclusion of trial and supplemental proceedings for collection of a judgment. I have represented clients as sole counsel and chief counsel in Magistrate's Court, Circuit Court, Family Court, and the U.S. District Court for the District of SC. I have also appeared before the Master-in-Equity and Probate Court in many counties seeking approval of settlements and to assert liens on behalf of my clients. Over the course of my legal career I have had to research and apply complex legal theories and law to advocate for my clients, including application of the Tort Claims Act, application of joint and several liability in construction defect litigation, and application of the statutes governing business dissolutions. I have written briefs, motions, Orders, pleadings, petitions, memoranda of law, and complex coverage opinions utilizing my evaluation and application of the law of the State of South Carolina.

In 2011, I became a Certified Circuit Court Mediator. In this role, I have mediated actions involving claims of personal injury, breach of contract, false imprisonment, construction defects, and medical malpractice. Mediations make up a large part of my current practice. I have also served as an Arbitrator for several property damage actions in Richland County. After becoming a Certified Circuit Court Arbitrator in 2014, I have also been appointed in both Aiken and Orangeburg to arbitrate disputes pending in Circuit Court. In 2017, I have completed the five-day Family Court Mediation Training and intend to become certified as a Family Court Mediator soon.

My involvement in financial administration of the firm is limited to my preparation and production of invoices to clients and collection of payments. Although I delegate certain responsibilities to my legal assistant and other office staff, I currently handle a majority of administrative tasks myself.

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.

(a) My experience in criminal matters derives primarily from my services as a judicial law clerk. I have also served as a Guardian ad Litem and an attorney on several abuse and neglect and runaway cases involving pending criminal charges. In my legal practice, I have defended against legal malpractice allegations of improper and inadequate representation of a client in a criminal

matter which required my research and evaluation of criminal penalties, charges, and investigation in order to assert a defense of adequate representation. I have not handled any criminal matters in the past five years. However, in those years, I have handled dozens of minor settlements and wrongful death settlements resulting from injuries sustained due to criminal acts of my client or my client's employees. These acts most often include battery, statutory rape, or driving under the influence. I have had to evaluate the effect of the criminal charges on negotiation of claims and the effect of document language in civil proceedings on underlying, pending criminal charges. Although my practice is primarily civil in nature, it is not void of consideration and research of criminal penalties and procedure.

During my judicial clerkship, I assisted the Judge in the performance of his duties in all proceedings of criminal Court and was able to observe numerous trials, pre-trial hearings, *in camera* hearings to determine admissibility of evidence, bond hearings, guilty pleas, probation revocation hearings, Jackson-Denno hearings (Jackson v. Denno, 378 U.S. 368 (1964)) on admissibility of statements/confessions, Batson motion hearings during jury selection (Batson v. Kentucky, 476 U.S. 79(1986)), and the provision of Allen charges when juries reported that they were deadlocked (Allen v. U.S., 164 U.S. 492 (1896)). Although civil in nature, I was also able to observe many post-conviction relief hearings that involved evaluation of criminal procedures, consideration of evidentiary issues, and evaluation of effectiveness of counsel at trial. These included the Donnie S. Council PCR proceedings which resulted in creation of South Carolina precedent regarding the effect of competency issues on PCR proceedings and involved the early application and use of mtDNA testing and the effectiveness of counsel in criminal proceedings. My clerkship responsibilities required that I research criminal procedure and case law which familiarized me with the standards and law for application in criminal matters. My experience described above and my application of the SC Rules of Evidence in civil matters have prepared me to preside over criminal matters as a Circuit Court Judge. I understand the requirements of a Judge and have had the opportunity to study a Judge's considerations and rulings in a multitude of criminal proceedings. Additionally, the subject of criminal law is very interesting, and I am confident that I can perform the requisite research and study in any area of law in which I am deficient quickly to reacquaint myself with the Rules of Criminal Procedure and recent case law so that I may perform the duties of a Circuit Court Judge well.

- (b) Over the past five years, I have handled hundreds of civil matters. I have represented both plaintiffs and defendants in all aspects of litigation from asserting a pre-suit claim to obtaining a judgment at trial. I have conducted all aspects of investigation and discovery. During the large majority of the past five years, I have appeared before a Circuit Court Judge several times a month and appeared in a majority of the counties in the State. Over the course of my legal career, I have represented clients on cases pending in every county in the State. The types of claims that I handle include the following: automobile liability, premises liability, construction defects, legal malpractice, breach of contract,

mechanic's liens, and a business dissolution. During my time in private practice, I have presented hundreds of minor settlements and wrongful death and survival action settlements to the Court for approval, and these matters involved the issues listed above and the application of the Tort Claims Act. Outside of Court matters, I have provided advice to clients regarding the validity and formation of contract language and have responded to pre-suit claims on their behalf. Recently, my mediation practice has grown and has reduced the amount of time spent on litigation activities and Court appearances. However, mediation has expanded my knowledge of certain types of legal claims and has provided insight on the considerations and evaluations of both sides of a civil case. My experience in civil matters through my practice as a litigator, mediator, and arbitrator has given me the skills and knowledge to successfully serve as a Circuit Court Judge.

- (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.

* **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.**

I have not received such a rating and am not a member of any legal rating organization.

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: once
- (b) state: several times a month
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: 96%

- (b) criminal: 0%
- (c) domestic: 0%
- (d) other: 4%

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: 85%
 - (b) non-jury: 15%

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

I most often serve as sole counsel.

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.

(a) Russell S. Houston v. Ray Products Company and PolyOne Designed Structures and Solutions, LLC; PolyOne Designed Structures and Solutions, LLC v. PODS Enterprises, Inc.; PODS Enterprises, Inc. v. Russell S. Houston. I acted as chief counsel on this case representing a third-party defendant/cross-claimant. It is significant, because it involved sophisticated professional parties located in various states and involved issues that were novel to my legal practice. Although the primary claim was Houston's product liability claim, litigation of the case involved disputes regarding breach of contract, application of OSHA standards, and business best practices. The case required that I educate myself on the development of certain plastic products and the formula for creation of the plastic utilized in product production and that I question experts in the field regarding those matters during depositions. It required that I prepare business executives to give deposition testimony on behalf of a national corporation. Unlike other product liability actions that I have handled, this case involved complex contract issues and proper application of OSHA standards upon which liability hinged. After extensive litigation and multiple motions, the claims against my client were dismissed pursuant to an Order Granting Summary Judgment.

(b) Umphreyville v. Gittins. This is one of the first legal malpractice cases that I handled in private practice. It is significant due to the fact that it uniquely combined the civil claim with considerations of criminal penalties imposed by the Uniform Code of Military Justice. The plaintiff was accused of committing crimes while a member of the United States Marine Corps. He hired an attorney to represent him in the criminal matter and later sued the lawyer for inadequate representation and negligence. This matter involved research of both the Uniform Code of Military Justice and penalties thereunder, and the application of sections of the U.S. Code of Laws to the plaintiff's criminal case. I was required to research the applicable military and federal laws, as the severity of the potential penalties of the underlying criminal charges were at issue in the case. Although the case commenced before I began working at Howser, Newman & Besley, LLC, I was able to assume the role as co-counsel shortly thereafter. This case exposed me to the requirement that I educate myself on the laws, procedures, and standards that apply to my

clients during their performance of professional duties so that I can properly defend against professional negligence actions. I prepared several motions and memoranda in this matter and was ultimately able to participate in the successful argument of a Motion to Dismiss, and the case was dismissed.

(c) James Mosley, Jr. v. Carolina Title Loans, Inc., et al.. I was chief counsel on this case involving causes of action for malicious prosecution, abuse of process, defamation, and negligence. The manager of Carolina Title Loans discovered that two employees and other individuals engaged in a fraudulent scheme to obtain loans using stolen or invalid Certificates of Title to automobiles. He notified the police, and after investigation, the Plaintiff was arrested. The charges against him were ultimately dropped, and he died during litigation of the civil action. I prepared all pleadings, written discovery, a Motion for Summary Judgment, and a Memorandum in support of the motion. The case is unique in that it required that I conduct research regarding which causes of action abate upon the death of a claimant. It is significant due to the interesting facts and allegations and the successful outcome. I asserted that there were no facts to establish the elements of the causes of action surviving and passing to the claimant's Estate. All defendants were dismissed upon the granting of Defendants' Motion for Summary Judgment.

(d) Brenda Frazier v. Family Circle Cup, LLC, and Prince, Inc.. This case involved allegations of general negligence, negligent supervision, and negligent hiring as the result of an injury sustained by the plaintiff while she participated in a product demonstration that involved hitting tennis balls propelled from a machine. I acted as associate counsel and drafted two memoranda in support of a Motion for Summary Judgment. Although my initial argument of the motion resulted in a denial due to incomplete written discovery, the motion was reargued following completion of discovery, and Summary Judgment was granted. I drafted the proposed Order Granting Summary Judgment as to all Defendants, which was executed by the Judge without alteration. The ruling was appealed to the S.C. Court of Appeals, but the appeal was later dismissed by the appellant. This case is significant, because it involved the doctrine of primary implied assumption of risk, and required that I conduct research that strengthened my understanding and knowledge of the principle of assumption of the risk for application to many premises liability cases throughout my legal career. Other attorneys in my firm have utilized my research results from this case to support their position in other premises liability cases.

(e) True Blue Golf & Racquet Resort Homeowners' Association, Inc. and True Blue Golf & Racquet Resort Horizontal Property Regime v. Beazer Homes Corp., Inc., et al.; Beazer Home Corp., Inc. v. A&I Corporation, et al.. This construction defect case involved seventy-seven buildings and an estimated damages claim of \$23,000,000.00. I represented a company who applied a waterproofing product to the exterior of the buildings, installed flashing, and installed interior trim. This case is significant in that it involved the most extensive discovery of any construction case in which I have been involved. I acted as primary counsel throughout discovery and as co-counsel during the week-long mediation, following which the claims as to my client were resolved by settlement. I personally took testimony from ten deposition witnesses and deposed the plaintiffs' expert witnesses, one of which gave over a dozen days of deposition testimony. This case is also significant in that the attorneys developed a professional and personal camaraderie that is often rare in litigation. Despite being involved in lengthy litigation, the attorneys and experts

developed congenial relationships that have extended to subsequent construction defect cases.

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.
(a) Although I have assisted on drafting of appellate briefs and have had cases that involved appeals, I have not personally handled an appeal.
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.
None
23. Have you ever held judicial office? If so, list the periods of your service, the courts involved, and whether you were elected or appointed. Describe the jurisdiction of each of the courts and note any limitations on the jurisdiction of each court.
No.
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.
N/A
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.
I have never held public office.
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.
N/A
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.
I have not had any such occupation, business, or profession since graduating from law school, other than my judicial clerkship in 2004-2005.

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 am very familiar with the requirements of the position and the responsibilities of a Circuit Court Judge. I had a year of personal study of these responsibilities during my time as a judicial law clerk and am confident that through my litigation experience, I have attained the skills necessary for the position. Exercise of my academic skills has been a continuous part of my legal practice. I have had to perform the research duties of a judicial law clerk at the direction of a Judge and have had to continue applying these skills to provide successful representation to my clients in a variety of legal matters as my practice has evolved. My academic ability has been strengthened by the continuous requirement that I utilize research results to draft hundreds of legal documents including pleadings, petitions, discovery documents, motions, memoranda, Orders, Releases, Covenants, and contracts. On numerous occasions, I have been required to apply case law and statutes to advise clients as to whether contract language complies with current law. I have crafted many templates for use by others in my firm based on novel situations that have arisen during my practice and have been consulted by attorneys outside of my firm for advice on settlement approval procedure and document language. Over the years, the attorneys at my firm have relied upon my research and writing skills to aid them in presenting motions before the Court. Their reliance on my academic abilities and their requests for and consideration of my opinions regarding their handling of cases assures me that I have the abilities necessary to perform the duties of a Circuit Court Judge.

I am also certain that I satisfy the criteria for the role as a Circuit Court Judge based on the growth of my mediation practice. My peers in the legal community retain me to mediate their cases and trust that I can assist in efficient dispute resolution. Their confidence in my understanding of the law and procedure and my ability to communicate effectively with their clients assures me that I meet the professional and academic criteria for the position of a Circuit Court Judge. Service as a mediator has fortified my ability to be fair and patient with parties and their attorneys, and I can utilize these qualities to serve the public well if I am elected to the seat.

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.)

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

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

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 am covered by malpractice insurance and have been since beginning employment in private practice in August of 2005. I have never been covered by a tail policy. My current policy provides coverage of \$5,000,000.00 per claim with a \$25,000 deductible per claim. The current policy period is April 10, 2017, to April 10, 2018.
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 a Facebook profile and an inactive Instagram account. I have not posted anything or logged onto Instagram in at least a year and have no current plans to utilize the site. I rarely post anything on Facebook. My primary personal uses for the site are to obtain updates on local events and to receive event invitations. Professionally, I use Facebook as a tool in the investigation of litigants and to obtain valid contact information of clients. I do not believe that my service in a judicial capacity will affect my personal use of social media, because my use is minimal. I do not comment on political or significant social issues and would refrain from doing so upon election. If elected, my need to utilize Facebook for professional purposes would be eliminated.
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?
a) \$20.00 to obtain fingerprints required to apply for the judicial position

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.
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.
No.
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?
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;
(b) American Bar Association;
(c) Richland County Bar Association;
(d) SC Women Lawyers Association;
(e) SC Defense Trial Attorneys Association;

(f) Alternative Dispute Resolution Section of the South Carolina Bar, member of the section and the CLE Committee

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) The Phi Beta Kappa Society;
 - (b) Delta Delta Delta Sorority

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 have had the unique opportunity to be personally acquainted with many South Carolina Judges during my life. I believe that my interactions with them have given me insight into which personality components work well in service of the position. I have known some Judges since I was in elementary school. Others I have met through very frequent appearances before them as a practicing attorney. Since 2005, I have appeared on behalf of a client in Court in every county in the State, which offered exposure to the demeanor and reasoning of many Judges. I feel that I can combine the positive traits that I have observed to be a conscientious and respectful public servant. Additionally, my mediation practice has strengthened my ability to remain patient and reasonable in emotional and intense situations. I believe that my experience as a litigator, and a secondary perspective from my role as a mediator, provide me with the tools to handle any matter that would come before me in a composed and informed manner.

I feel invested in protecting the perception of a conscientious and intelligent judiciary. I want to do all that I can to promote civility and respect between and among our bench and bar. I am compelled to nurture the integrity, diligence, and fairness of the judiciary, and believe that service as a Judge is the best means for me to do so.

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) R. Davis Howser, 1508 Washington Street, Columbia, SC 29201, 803.758.6000
 - (b) Kevin Varnadore, 1416 Bluff Road, Columbia, SC 29201, 803.209.1854
 - (c) Barry B. George, 1419 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201, 803.254.7156
 - (d) C. David Sawyer, Jr., 110 S. Main Street, Saluda, SC 29138, 864.445.2184

(e) Kassi B. Sandifer, 7453 Irmo Dr., Ste.B, Columbia, SC 29212, 803.661.6285

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; 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.

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.

N/A

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.

N/A

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

N/A

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: s/Kyliene L. Keesley
Sworn to before me this ____ day of _____, 2017.

(Notary Signature)

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