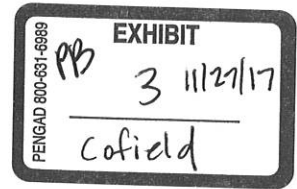


JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION
PERSONAL DATA QUESTIONNAIRE



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

Circuit Court Judge, Eleventh Circuit, Seat 2

1. Name: Mrs. Amy V. Cofield

Name that you are known by if different from above
(Example: A Nickname): None

Are you currently serving in some capacity as a judge?
(Includes Municipal, Magistrate, Etc.): None

Home Address: [REDACTED]

Business Address: 809 South Lake Drive
Lexington, South Carolina 29072

E-Mail Address: [REDACTED]

Telephone Number: [REDACTED]
(Office): 803-951-0389
[REDACTED]

2. Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 1963
Place of Birth: Greenville, 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 December 29, 2007 to Homer James Terrapin, Jr.;

Divorced July, 1991, Anderson County, South Carolina, Anderson County Family Court, Amy V. Cofield was the moving party on the grounds of Adultery;

Divorced November, 2005, Lexington County, South Carolina, Lexington County Family Court, Amy V. Cofield was the moving party, One Year's Continuous Separation; and

Two children, [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.
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.
 - (a) University of South Carolina, 1981-1984, Bachelor of Arts
 - (b) University of South Carolina, 1985-1987, Master of Education
 - (c) University of South Carolina, School of Law, 1987-1990, Juris Doctor
8. List the states in which you have been admitted to practice law and the year of each admission. Also list any states in which you took the bar exam but were never admitted to the practice of law. If you took the bar exam more than once in any of the states listed, please indicate the number of times you took the exam in each state.
 - (a) South Carolina, 1991
9. List the significant activities in which you took part during your attendance at law school. Give the years you were involved in these activities and list any leadership positions you held.
 - (a) I Clerked for Carl Thomas Cofield, III, in Anderson, South Carolina, 1987-1990.
10. Provide, as a separate attachment, your continuing legal or judicial education report from the past five years.
Please 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.
 - (a) I have been a CLE Instructor – “Return To Work Issues in Workers’ Compensation in South Carolina”; and
 - (b) I have held numerous Seminars to local churches, for the South Carolina Bar, and individual groups on Estate Planning Issues.
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.

- (a) Article in Lexington Woman Magazine, "Last Will and Testament", edited by Thomas C. Cofield;
 - (b) Respondent's Brief to the South Carolina Supreme Court – Hopper v. Terry Hunt Construction, 383 SC 310, 680 SE2d 1 (2009); and
 - (c) Petitioner's Brief to the South Carolina Supreme Court - Barton v. Higgs, 381 SC 367, 674 SE2d 145 (2009).
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, 1991; and
 - (b) US District Court for the District of South Carolina, 1997.
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) 1991 – 1994 – I joined my father's practice in Anderson, South Carolina (Cofield Law Firm) until his passing in 1994. I practiced in the area of Personal Injury Defense and Subrogation work for insurance carriers. I also began my practice in the areas of Workers' Compensation Defense and Real Estate.
 - (b) 1994 – 2000 – After the death of my father/law partner I continued my solo practice in Anderson, South Carolina as "Cofield Law Firm". My insurance defense work morphed into Plaintiff's Personal Injury and Subrogation Claims. My Workers' Compensation Defense work continued. My real estate practice grew and I also began to do Foreclosures for several area banks and the City of Anderson as well as some basic Probate Law. During this time I also handled some Social Security cases (that usually resulted from my Workers' Compensation clients) as well as some Domestic Relations (some divorces and guardianships).
 - (c) 2000 – 2001 – Cofield Law Firm merged with the Columbia, South Carolina Law Firm of Huff & Cauthen to become Huff, Cauthen, and Cofield-Derrick. We had an office in Columbia, South Carolina and I continued to manage my office in Anderson as well. My practice was limited to Workers' Compensation Defense and Real Estate.
 - (d) 2001 – Present – My brother, Thomas C. Cofield, and I reformed "Cofield Law Firm" in Lexington, South Carolina. My practice has consisted of a variety of work. I have continued the Workers' Compensation Defense (primarily for the South Carolina State Accident Fund, the South Carolina Uninsured Employers Fund and Uninsured Employers) as well as the representation of Claimant's, Real Estate and Real Estate Litigation (Closings, Mechanic Liens, Foreclosures and Foreclosure Defense, Homeowner's Association Formations and Collections, Land Disputes and

Evictions), Probate Law and Probate Litigation (Will Disputes, Accounting Actions, Conservatorships and Guardianships), as well as some Business Work (Partnerships, LLC's, Mechanic's Liens, Collections and Litigation). In addition, I also work with individuals in creating their Estate Plan consisting of Wills, Trusts, Durable Financial Powers of Attorney and Health Care Powers of Attorney. I have also become a Certified Mediator and have mediated cases for Circuit Court, Probate and Workers' Compensation.

15. Please answer the following (if you are a judge and are not seeking a different type of judgeship, this question is inapplicable):
- (a) If you are a candidate for Family Court, please provide a brief written description of your experience within each of the following Family Court practice areas: divorce and equitable division of property, child custody, adoption, abuse and neglect, and juvenile justice. Include information about cases you have handled in each of these practice areas, or if you have not practiced in an area, describe how your background and procedural knowledge has prepared you to preside over such matters as a Family Court Judge. Please also indicate the frequency of your appearances before a Family Court Judge within the past five years.
 - (b) If you are a candidate for Circuit Court, please provide a brief written description of your experience in criminal matters, including any cases handled over the past five years and include a brief description of the issues involved. Further, please provide a brief written description of your experience in civil matters, including any cases handled over the past five years and include a brief description of the types of matters handled, issues involved, and procedural history. Please include information such as the primary areas in civil court in which you practice, whether you represent plaintiffs or defendants, or both. You may go back further than five years if you feel it would assist the Commission with its assessment of your experience. If you lack experience in an area, describe how your background and procedural knowledge has prepared you to preside over such matters as a Circuit Court Judge, or how you would compensate for your lack of experience in this area. Please also indicate the frequency of your appearances before a Circuit Court Judge within the past five years.
 - (c) If you are a candidate for Master-In-Equity, please provide a brief written description of your experience in the Master's court, including any cases handled over the past five years and include a brief description of the issues involved. Please include the frequency of your appearances before a Master-In-Equity or a Circuit Court Judge within the past five years.
 - (d) If you are a candidate for Administrative Law Court, please provide a brief written description of your experience before an Administrative Law Judge, including any issues discussed and the frequency of your appearances before the Administrative Law or Circuit Court within the past five years.

In the past five years I have appeared in hearings before a South Carolina Workers' Compensation Commissioner or appeals to the Full Commission of the South Carolina Workers' Compensation Commission often. I have had several cases appealed to the South Carolina Circuit Court (prior to the rule change) and then the

South Carolina Court of Appeals. I have argued four cases before the South Carolina Supreme Court. In this area of practice I have represented Claimants, Defendants, Uninsured Employers and the South Carolina Uninsured Employers' Fund.

In Civil matters I have handled Personal Injury Defense cases for carriers (early in my career), Plaintiff Personal Injury cases, as well as some matters against Homeowner's Associations, Real Estate title and Easement Disputes, Foreclosures on behalf of Lenders and individuals, and also the Defense of Foreclosure proceedings. Some of these were eventually referred to the County Master-In Equity. I have also represented some client's in Magistrate's Court over Contract Disputes.

I have appeared in Family Court on several Department of Social Services cases where I represented Defendants and also appeared as a Guardian. In the first few years of my legal practice I handled some divorce matters.

I have only appeared in Criminal Court when I was appointed to handle a Post-Conviction Relief matter.

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.**

None

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: 0
(b) state: See below:

In the past five years I have appeared in hearings before a Workers' Compensation Commissioner several times a month. I have had several cases appealed to the Court of Appeals and 4 that I have argued at the Supreme Court. In this area of practice I represent Claimants, Defendants and Uninsured Employers.

I have also appeared in Probate Court approximately 7-8 times all as Plaintiff. One of these cases is currently on appeal to the Circuit Court. I have handled Accounting Actions, Will Contest cases, Guardian/Conservatorship actions, and Estate Disputes.

I have appeared in Family Court on several DSS cases where I represented Defendants and also appeared as a Guardian. Years prior I have handled some divorce matters.

I have handled several cases before the Master-In-Equity regarding Quiet Title Actions as a result of Foreclosures or Covenants and Restrictions on property as well as two cases I handled as defense of Foreclosure actions.

In my early career I handled some jury trials as I represented a couple of insurance carriers. These were primarily auto accidents. I also handled several personal injury cases for the Plaintiff. Several of these were tried in the Magistrate's Court. Although I have participated in many actions brought in the Circuit Court, most of these settled prior to trial.

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: 30%
 - (b) criminal: 0%
 - (c) domestic: 1%
 - (d) other: 69%
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: 10%
 - (b) non-jury: 90%

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

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) Moore v. City of Easley, 372 S.E.2d 626 (1996)
I represented the South Carolina State Accident Fund in this Workers' Compensation matter. This case established that angina following a heart attack is not a compensable injury in South Carolina Workers' Compensation claims unless there is a causal relationship between the angina and the Claimant's inability to work.
 - (b) Barton v. Higgs, 381 S.C. 367, 674 S.E.2d 145 (2009)
In this matter I represented the South Carolina Uninsured Employers' Fund. In interpreting South Carolina Code Section 42-1-451 as to whether or not an employer or statutory employer could pass liability to the South Carolina Uninsured Employer's Fund, the South Carolina Supreme Court held that a Certificate of Insurance presented by an employer to an upstream statutory employer must be

signed. This was one of the first South Carolina Supreme Court decisions to challenge the sufficiency of a Certificate of Insurance.

- (c) Hopper v. Terry Hunt Construction, 383 S.C. 310, 680 S.E.2d 1 (2009)

Again, in this matter, I represented the South Carolina Uninsured Employers' Fund where the South Carolina Supreme Court decided to set forth additional requirements for an acceptable Certificate of Insurance necessary for an employer or statutory employer to pass liability to the South Carolina Uninsured Employers' Fund.

- (d) Pilgrim v. Eaton, 391 S.C. 38, 703 S.E.2d 241 (2010)

In this precedential case, I represented the South Carolina Uninsured Employers' Fund where the South Carolina Supreme Court ruled on the issue as to whether or not two employers were jointly and severally liable for the Claimant's injuries and damages after one owner purportedly sold his interest to the other but continued to maintain the building permit. The South Carolina Supreme Court ruled that the seller of the business remained as a statutory employer, and thus, was jointly and severally liable for the case. A second issue on the determination of the Claimant's average weekly wage was remanded to the South Carolina Workers' Compensation Commission.

- (e) The Estate of DeRoin

As with a majority of cases, the significance of the matter may not lie with a third party, but certainly remains significant to my client and me. In this Probate Estate Matter, I represented a young adopted woman (the Plaintiff) who had a sister (the Defendant) insert new pages in their father's Last Will and Testament in order to prevent my client, the Plaintiff, from inheriting under her father's Will. Further, the Defendant also secured a Deed from her father of a piece of property at the beach just days prior to his death. The case became quite complex in the handling of discovery, use of emails, depositions, and other evidence that was necessary to prove the malfeasance. The matter was also initiated in the Lexington County Probate Court, then was removed to the Lexington County Circuit Court and then remanded back to the Lexington County Probate Court. To make matters more difficult a third sibling was also an heir, but was incarcerated after the commission of a couple of murders.

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.

None

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.

No

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.

Yes, in 2014 I was a candidate for South Carolina State Superintendent of Education.

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.

Yes, from 1985 – 1987 I was employed by Anderson School District #3 as a fifth grade school teacher.

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.

Yes, I am the Managing Partner of my law firm, Cofield Law Firm.

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

Academically, I have obtained three college degrees. I have maintained CLE classes in various areas of practice to expand my knowledge and ability to represent clients effectively. I keep apprised of the law and the consistent changes therein through classes and constantly reading publications including books, newspapers, and the Advanced Sheets.

I have been a practicing attorney in South Carolina since 1991 (26 years). In that time I have proven to be adaptable to various areas of practice contrary to many attorneys who limit their knowledge and practice to one or two areas of law. I pride myself in my ability to learn and keep apprised of the law and the changes thereto.

I believe I possess an excellent reputation in the legal community for my knowledge, work ethic, objectivity, passion, fairness, and other ethical standards that are expected of the judiciary.

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.

Please see Attached.

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.
- (a) The only potential conflict would be those involved in my business as an Attorney and the representation of former clients and businesses. Any such conflict would give rise to the necessity of a recusal.
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.
- (a) Yes, Branch Banking and Trust Company vs. Edgewater Lodge and R.V. Campground, Inc. et al. filed in 2010. I was an investor in Edgewater Lodge and this was a foreclosure action. There was a counterclaim and an eventual Dismissal with Prejudice.
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.
- (a) Yes, I currently have Malpractice Insurance with Markel Insurance Company with coverage of \$1,000,000/\$1,000,000 and a \$5,000 deductible.
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?
- (a) I currently have a personal Facebook account and one for my law firm, Cofield Law Firm. I previously had an account when I was running for South Carolina State Superintendent of Education. I also have a Twitter account. Through Facebook I have been able to connect and stay in touch with former students, friends and relatives. However, because Facebook has also become a place for political, religious and other views to be viewed and commented upon by the public, for that reason, if I were serving in a judicial capacity it would be best not to have a public Facebook account so as to avoid any unintended misinterpretation that could in any way give rise to an appearance of impropriety or conflict.

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?
None
44. List the recipient and amount of all contributions made by you, a member of your immediate family, or by a business with whom you are associated, to members of the General Assembly within the past four years.
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|-----|---|-------------------------|
| (a) | Katrina Shealy: | |
| | <u>Amy V. Cofield</u> | <u>Cofield Law Firm</u> |
| | 2016 - \$100.00 | 2016 - \$1,000.00 |
| (b) | Nikki Haley: | |
| | | <u>Cofield Law Firm</u> |
| | | \$2,500.00, \$2,500.00 |
| (c) | Mark Willis: | |
| | <u>Amy V. Cofield</u> | |
| | 2016 - \$250.00 | |
| (d) | Luke Rankin: | |
| | <u>Amy V. Cofield</u> | |
| | 2016 - \$100.00 | |
| (e) | Ralph Kennedy: | |
| | | <u>Cofield Law Firm</u> |
| | | 2014 - \$250.00 |
| (f) | Amy V. Cofield (State Superintendent of Education): | |
| | | <u>Cofield Law Firm</u> |
| | | 2014 - \$3,250.00 |
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

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

46. Have you requested any third parties to contact members of the General Assembly on your behalf before the final and formal screening report has been released? Describe the campaigning you have done for this election and include a list of those individuals you have asked to campaign on your behalf and, to the best of your knowledge, those who have campaigned for you on their own initiative.

None

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

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 Association - Member
- (b) Lexington County Bar - Member
- (c) SCWCEA – SC Workers' Compensation Education Association - Member

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) Lexington County Chamber of Commerce - Member
- (b) Mount Horeb United Methodist Church - Member
- (c) Katrina's Kids – Board of Directors, 2015-2016
- (d) Lexington County Dixie Youth Baseball – Board Secretary, 2012-2014

- (e) University of South Carolina School of Law Student Mentor – 2015 – 2016
- (f) South Carolina State Moot Court Judge

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.

In 1987, after teaching school for three years my Dad encouraged me to attend law school. Although I was a young, skeptical woman entering a field just beginning to be accepting of women, and I was worried that I did not take on the usual legal persona, my father's advice has remained etched in me. He said, "You don't have to be anything but yourself. Be Amy." Because of my Christian faith, I strive to be fair and honest and treat others with respect. Because of my heritage, I personally strive to be strong, knowledgeable, accepting of others, and committed to excel in all that I do.

In 1994, after less than three full years of practice, my father/law partner passed away leaving me as a solo practitioner. I was forced to quickly take on not only the legal work but the work of running a business as well. In the next few years I nearly tripled the amount of work and business income. I was in a position of "sink or swim" so I swam...hard. I pride myself now on the dedication and hard work I gave to learning new areas of law. I took extra classes and had very close mentors assist me. To this day I thrive on challenges of the law. I do not want to ever stop learning or be complacent in what I do. This explains why, over the years, I have purposefully engaged in many different areas of practice. There are some that I have yet to tackle, but I am committed to doing that with the same vigor I have tackled my career for 26 years.

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) Holly Saleeby Atkins, Esq.
720 Calhoun Street
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Columbia, South Carolina 29202
Telephone: 803-251-6406

(b) Andrea C. Roche, Esq.
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Post Office Box 5639

Columbia, South Carolina 29250
Telephone: 803-929-0029

- (c) Mrs. Beth Carrigg
349 Old Wood Drive
Columbia, South Carolina 29212
Telephone: 803-518-8077
- (d) Mrs. Ashley Phillips Case, Esq.
1192 Garrett-Patton Road
Fountain Inn, South Carolina 29644
Telephone: 803-862-4898
- (e) Mrs. Juanita Vitali-Cox
Ameris Bank
1333 Main Street, #100
Columbia, South Carolina 29201
Telephone: 803-733-3679

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.

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.

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: _____

Sworn to before me this 27th day of July, 2017.

(Notary Signature)

Ami M. Meetze
(Notary Printed Name)
Notary Public for South Carolina
My Commission Expires: June 21, 2022