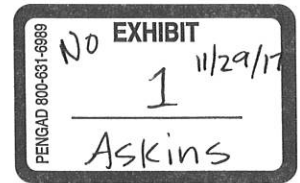


JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION
PERSONAL DATA QUESTIONNAIRE



Court, Position, and Seat # for which you are applying: Circuit Court Seat #9 At Large

1. Name: Mr. Jerome P. Askins, III

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

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

Home Address: [REDACTED]

Business Address: PO Box 10
Hemingway, SC 29554

E-Mail Address: [REDACTED]
Telephone Number: (home): [REDACTED]
(office): 843-558-2588
(cell): [REDACTED]

2. Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 1952
Place of Birth: Kingstree, SC
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. 05/25/1974 Donna Wofford Askins
- c. N/A
- d. [REDACTED]

6. Have you served in the military? No.
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.
N/A.
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.
University of South Carolina – Fall 1970 to Summer 1973, BS – Business Economics, cum laude
University of South Carolina Law School – Fall 1973 to Spring 1976, JD
8. List the states in which you have been admitted to practice law and the year of each admission.
South Carolina – November 1976
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.
N/A
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.
Worked as a page in the SC Senate for 6 years during college and law school – Spring 1971 – Spring 1976. During the sixth year, I worked as a research assistant with the Senate Judiciary Committee.
10. Provide, as a separate attachment, your continuing legal or judicial education report from the past five years.
(a) 21st Annual Criminal Trial Practice in SC 02/24/2012
* I am exempt from CLE because I am over 60 years of age and have practiced law for over 30 years.
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 have served as moderator for these two CLE seminars sponsored by the Williamsburg Bar Association.
(a) Ethical Issues in Appointed Cases 03/06/2003
(b) Recent Significant Ethical Issues 05/05/2004
Note – I have also spoken on several occasions to students at Johnsonville High School and Hemingway High School, including Career Day, etc.
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.

N/A

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) Admitted to practice before the State Courts of South Carolina on November 5, 1976.

(b) Also admitted to practice before the Federal District Court on December 6, 1976 and Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals on July 10, 1987.

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.

After graduation from USC Law School in May 1976, I took a study course to prepare for the SC Bar Exam, which I took in July 1976. After the bar exam, I was employed as an associate of my father, Jerome P. Askins, Jr., who practiced in Hemingway, SC. I was employed by him until the end of 1980. We were joined by my brother, Gregory B. Askins, in the summer of 1980. My father retired in 1980 (died 1981), and my brother and I began a partnership in 1981, practicing as Askins and Askins. In April 1984, our firm merged with another two person firm to form Askins, Chandler, Ruffin and Askins. C. B. Ruffin withdrew in 1985, and I practiced with my brother and William H. (Bill) Chandler (Askins, Chandler and Askins, LLP) from 1985 until December, 2006 when Bill Chandler died. My brother and I have continued the partnership through the present. My nephew, Carson J. Askins, was employed as an associate in 2011.

My practice has been a general practice. I have handled civil litigation representing mostly plaintiffs with some defense work, probate and estate matters, domestic relations cases, real property matters, contracts and some criminal cases. Most of my criminal defense work was court appointed. I served as Assistant Williamsburg County Public Defender for about 3 years in the 1990's. I am a certified circuit court mediator.

I have always practiced in a small firm and I have always been directly involved with the administrative and financial management of the firm, including management of bank accounts.

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 has prepared you to preside over such matters as a Family Court Judge.

- (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 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.

Criminal Matters I have handled mostly criminal defense, although I have prosecuted some cases in municipal court. Most of my criminal cases have been court appointed. I also served as Assistant Williamsburg County Public Defender for about 3 years in the 1990's. During this time, I handled numerous jury trials as well as guilty pleas. I am not certified to handle death penalty cases at present, but I have been appointed to defend two death penalty cases in the past. My last jury trial in a criminal case in General Sessions was as court appointed defense counsel in an armed robbery case where the defendant had a prior conviction for armed robbery and was facing life in prison upon conviction. In recent years, I was taken off the list for court appointments for indigents and minors, handling mostly DSS cases in Family Court and post conviction relief cases.

Civil Matters When I began practicing law in 1976, I handled civil matters in the U.S. District Court, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Family Court, Court of Common Pleas, Probate Court and Magistrate's Court. More recently, I have not handled matters in the U.S. District Court or Bankruptcy Court, and I have handled only a few cases in Family Court, other than numerous Court appointed cases representing indigents and minors, and serving as a guardian ad litem. In the Court of Common Pleas, I have tried personal injury cases representing plaintiffs, contracts cases representing plaintiffs and defendants, and collection cases primarily representing lenders although I have occasionally represented defendants. I have also tried contested matters in Probate Court. I have not had a jury trial in Common Pleas Court recently, but I have had numerous non-jury matters.

In addition to my experience in the court room, I believe experience in dealing with people of all walks of life in a small town general law practice for over 40 years would be invaluable to me as a circuit judge. My clients have been a widely diverse group, including indigents and multi-millionaires; young and old; male and female; African-Americans, Caucasians, and Hispanics; individuals and large corporations. Also, I have chaired or presided over numerous organizations, serving in positions such as Chairman of the Florence County Planning Commission; Chairman of Hemingway First United Methodist Church Administrative Council and Pastor/Staff Parish Relations Committee; President of Williamsburg County Bar Association;

President of Johnsonville/Hemingway Lions Club; past Master of Indiantown Masonic Lodge #165. I am a certified circuit court mediator, and I have served as a special referee in non-jury cases.

- (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.
 - (d) If you are a candidate for Administrative Law Judge, 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 Judge Court.
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.
Martindale-Hubbell 4.5 out of 5, BV Distinguished (Peer Review Rating)
- * 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: 0
 - (b) state: Approximately 25
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: 50%
 - (b) criminal: less than 5%
 - (c) domestic: less than 1%
 - (d) other: less than 45%
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: less than 5%
 - (b) non-jury: over 95%

Did you most often serve as sole counsel, chief counsel, or associate counsel in these matters? I almost always served 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) State v. E. Douglas and K. Douglas. This was a night hunting case. It was my first jury trial in General Sessions Court.
 - (b) Smith, et. al. v. McClam, et. al. This was an action to set aside a deed from an elderly woman to her son. We had a jury trial in Common Pleas, appeal to SC Court of Appeals, remand and appeal to SC Supreme Court.
 - (c) State v. Bobby Gene Ellison. The defendant was charged with attempt to buy cocaine. We had a jury trial in General Sessions. The defendant was deaf and mute so it was necessary to have an interpreter from the SC Association of the Deaf.
 - (d) State v. Steven Hanna. Jury trial in General Sessions Court for armed robbery. The defendant had a prior conviction for armed robbery, and was facing mandatory life in prison upon conviction.
 - (e) State v. E. D. Wilson. This was a capital murder case. The defendant was charged with murdering two elderly people with an axe. Jury trial in General Sessions. After dealing with some constitutional issues, the defendant was allowed to plead guilty, and was sentenced to life in prison without parole.
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) Smith, et. al. v. McClam, et. al. SC Court of Appeals, 280 S. C. 398, 312 S.E.2d 260 (1984); SC Supreme Court, 289 S. C. 452, 346 S.E.2d 720 (1986)
 - (b) Ray Realty, Inc. v. Badger R. Bazen, Inc. SC Court of Appeals, 96-UP-161 (May 23, 1996). Sole counsel at trial, co-counsel on appeal
 - (c) Anderson Brothers Bank v. EBT Property Holding Company, Inc., et. al. SC Court of Appeals, unpublished opinion – sole counsel at trial, co-counsel on 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.
- (a) None
23. Have you ever held judicial office? No.
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.
N/A.
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.
25. Have you ever held public office other than judicial office?
No.
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.

N/A

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

Yes If so, give details, including dates.

Unsuccessful candidate for mayor of Johnsonville, SC in November, 1998 (lost by 4 votes).

Unsuccessful candidate for Circuit Court Seat #15 At Large in 2012-2013 (withdrew before election).

Unsuccessful candidate for Circuit Court Seat #9 At Large in 2014-2015 (lost by 3 votes).

Unsuccessful candidate for Circuit Court Seat #10 At Large in 2015 – (found qualified but not nominated by JMISC)

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.

Prior to finishing law school and practicing law, I worked part time for Hemingway Warehouse, Inc. driving a fork lift 1966-1968, part time for Hemingway Broadcasting Company, Inc. as a radio announcer 1968-1974, part time for Export Tobacco Company as a laborer summer of 1971, and for the SC Senate as a page and research assistant 1971-1976.

29. Are you now an officer or director or involved in the management of any business enterprise? Explain the nature of the business, your duties, and the term of your service.

I am one of two partners in Askins, Chandler and Askins, LLP, engaged in general law practice. I am actively engaged in practicing law and I share in the administrative duties with my brother/partner.

I am the sole member of LA LA Land Ventures, LLC, a limited liability company which owned rental property. The last rental unit was recently sold and the company has only a note and mortgage receivable.

I am a 25% partner of Hemingway Warehouse, a general partnership owning a rental beach house and an undeveloped tract of land in Florence County. The beach house is managed by a realty company.

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

I graduated *cum laude* from the University of South Carolina in August, 1973, with a degree in Business Economics. I was a member of the Phi Beta Kappa honor society as well as a social fraternity. I finished my undergraduate degree in three years and entered law school

at the University of South Carolina in the fall semester of 1973 at age 20. During undergraduate school and law school, I worked as a page in the South Carolina Senate. While I was a senior law student, I worked as a research assistant for the Senate Judiciary Committee. After law school, I returned home to the small town of Hemingway to join my father in his general practice. Since then, I have appeared in all state courts – Municipal Court, Magistrate’s Court, Probate Court, County Court (prior to creation of the Family Court system), Circuit Court – Common Pleas and General Sessions, South Carolina Court of Appeals and the South Carolina Supreme Court, and in U.S. District Court for the District of South Carolina and U.S. Bankruptcy Court. I have tried civil and criminal cases. I served as Assistant Public Defender in Williamsburg County for most of three years. I have also handled claims for workers compensation and unemployment claims. I have represented a wide range of clients – from publicly traded corporations to individuals of all walks of life, from multi-millionaires to people who live from week to week struggling to get by. I have seen the world through the eyes of all of these people and entities. I believe my knowledge and experience would be invaluable as a circuit judge.

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.

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.]

I was charged with a hunting violation in the 1970's. I believe I paid a fine of \$60.

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? No.
Have you ever defaulted on a student loan? No.
Have you ever filed for bankruptcy? No. If so, give details.
36. Have you ever been sued by a client? No
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.
Yes
(a) I was sued personally as a result of an automobile accident about 1995. There were no serious injuries and the case was settled after arbitration.
(b) In 1999 I was named as a third party defendant in a lawsuit that I filed as attorney for the plaintiffs against their former associate in a business venture, attorney Thomas E. Ruffin, Jr. Mr. Ruffin was represented by Craig Young, now deceased. Ultimately, I was dismissed as a party and Mr. Ruffin was required to pay me \$10,000 as part of the settlement. As a result of facts related to this case, Mr. Ruffin was suspended from the practice of law in South Carolina and Mr. Young was also sanctioned. (The case number was 99-CP-22-401.)
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? No. If so, give the details and the resolution. Has your name ever been enrolled on the Central Registry of Child Abuse and Neglect? No. If so, give the details.
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 currently covered by malpractice (professional liability) insurance, and have been the entire time I have been practicing law. I have not been covered by a tail policy. My firm's coverage is \$2,000,000 with \$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?
No
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)? No If so, give the dates of your employment or activity in such capacity and specify by whom you were directed or employed.
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?
No.
If so, please specify the item or items you received, the date of receipt, and the lobbyist or lobbyist’s principal involved.
43. Itemize (by amount, type, and date) all expenditures, other than those for travel and room and board, made by you, or on your behalf in furtherance of your candidacy for the position you seek. If you have spent over \$100, have you reported your expenditures to the House and Senate Ethics Committees?
None
44. List the recipient and amount of all contributions made by you, a member of your immediate family, or by a business with whom you are associated, to members of the General Assembly within the past four years.
None
45. Have you directly or indirectly requested the pledge of any member of the General Assembly as to your election for the position for which you are being screened or have you been offered a conditional pledge of support by any legislator pending the outcome of your screening? No.
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? No 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.

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? No. 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.

I have visited the state house and the legislative office buildings during the past legislative session but I have done no campaigning, as such, for this election.

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? No If so, please specify the amount, solicitor, donor, and date of the solicitation.
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? No If so, give details.
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
 - (b) Williamsburg County Bar Association, President 2003 and 2004
 - (c) Florence County Bar Association
 - (d) Previously, South Carolina Trial Lawyers Association
 - (e) Appointed to South Carolina Bench-Bar Committee by then SC Chief Justice David W. Harwell 1993-1994
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) Johnsonville-Hemingway Lions Club – past president, board member, tail twister
 - (b) Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society
 - (c) Indiantown Masonic Lodge #165 – past Master and Shriner (not active in recent years)
 - (d) Hemingway First United Methodist Church – past Chairman of Administrative Council, Chairman of Pastor/Staff Parish Relations Committee, past Trustee, Head Usher, President of United Methodist Men
 - (e) Florence County School District #5 Election Commission
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 aspired to be a circuit judge for some time. My father was an attorney and I was exposed to the legal profession at an early age. He was a country lawyer, as I am. I witnessed how he was as kind, respectful and patient with a poor uneducated sharecropper as he was with a wealthy businessman. I had good parents, good upbringing. Good grades and good behavior at school were demanded, not merely encouraged. Sunday school was mandatory. I decided as a boy that I wanted to be an attorney. During my years of practicing law, I decided that I wanted to be a judge someday. For me, the timing seems right – my wife has retired from teaching school and my children are adults. As far as I know, I am in good health and I intend to work indefinitely. In my forty plus years of practicing law, I have handled a wide array of cases for a vastly diverse group of clients. I believe the experience gained thus far during my career would be of great benefit – not just time in the courthouse, but time dealing with all kinds of people and all kinds of legal problems. Over the years, I have encountered outstanding judges – skilled and capable with the temperament to maintain order and decorum in the courtroom and control the proceeding while being patient, dignified, courteous and respectful to attorneys, parties, jurors and courtroom personnel. Unfortunately, I have also encountered judges who were rude, arrogant, impatient and inconsiderate of those around them. I very much want to serve and I am committed to being one of the good guys. I was an unsuccessful candidate for Circuit Court At Large Seat 15 in 2012-2013 when I was nominated by the Judicial Merit Selection Commission but withdrew prior to the election. I was an unsuccessful candidate for Circuit Court At Large Seat 9 in 2014-15, losing by three votes. I was an unsuccessful candidate for Circuit Court At Large Seat 10 later in 2015, when I was found qualified but not nominated by the Judicial Merit Selection Commission.

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) M. Duane Shuler, Esquire (Retired judge of the Circuit Court and Court of Appeals) –
Whetstone Myers Perkins and Fulda, LLC, PO Box 980, Kingstree, SC 29556
Phone 843-355-2800
 - (b) E. Leroy Nettles, Esquire – Nettles, Turbeville and Reddeck, PO Box 699, Lake City,
SC 29560
Phone 843-374-8511
 - (c) Reverend Timothy J. Rogers, PO Box 543, Marion, SC 29571
Phone 803-873-0131
 - (d) J. Neal Anderson – Anderson Brothers Bank, PO Box 400, Hemingway, SC 29554
Phone 843-558-2511
 - (e) Daniel E. DeCamps, M.D. – Pee Dee Family Practice, 276 Ron McNair Blvd.
Lake City, SC 29560
Phone 843-394-5471
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.

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

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 21st day of July, 2017.

(Notary Signature)

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