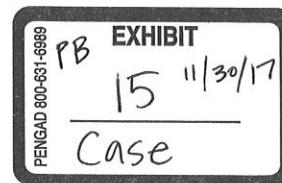


JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION
PERSONAL DATA QUESTIONNAIRE



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

Family Court, Eighth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1

1. Name: Mrs. Ashley Phillips Case

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

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

No I am not currently serving in any capacity as a judge.

Home Address: [REDACTED]

Business Address: 301 University Ridge, Suite 425 Family Court Building, Greenville,
South Carolina 29601

E-Mail Address: [REDACTED]
Telephone Number: (home): [REDACTED]
(office): 864-467-5901
(cell): [REDACTED]

2. Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 1963
Place of Birth: Simpsonville, 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 October 20, 1990 to Roger Franklin Case.
Never Divorced, two children.

[REDACTED]

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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) Attended Wofford College from June 1981 through January 1985 receiving a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Government.
(b) Attended the University of South Carolina School of Law from August 1985 through December 1987 receiving a Juris Doctorate degree.
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) Admitted to practice law in the State of South Carolina in 1988
(b) I never took the bar exam for any other state and took the exam one time in the State of South Carolina.
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.
Not Applicable.
10. Provide, as a separate attachment, your continuing legal or judicial education report from the past five years.
See attached.
11. Have you taught law-related courses or lectured at bar association conferences, educational institutions, or continuing legal or judicial education programs? If so, briefly describe each course or lecture.
(a) I have presented on Family Court Procedure and Rules: Transfer, Waiver, Detention, and Other Hearings to lawyers attending “Prosecuting Cases in Family Court” program by the South Carolina Commission on Prosecution Coordination in August 2008.
(b) I have presented on Family Court Procedure and Rules: Transfer, Waiver, Detention, and Other Hearings to lawyers attending “Prosecuting Cases in Family Court” program by the South Carolina Commission on Prosecution Coordination in August 2009.
(c) I facilitated a Discussion of Prevalent Issues and Best Practices—a Circuit-by-Circuit Review with lawyers attending “Prosecuting in Family Court: Issues and Best Practices” by the South Carolina Commission on Prosecution Coordination in August 2013.

- (d) I facilitated the Discussion on Best Practices & Emerging Issues and Trends at the 2015 South Carolina Solicitors' Association Annual Conference in September 2015.
- (e) I presented on Juvenile & Family Court matters at the Greenville County Bar Year End CLE in February 2016.
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) Pre-Trial Evaluations in Juvenile Proceedings, Volume 2, Issue 3, "The Higher Standard", 2009.
- (b) The Sixteen-Year-Old Adult, Volume 1, Issue 1, "The Higher Standard", 2008.
- (c) Juvenile Detention Laws, Volume 1, Issue 3, "The Higher Standard", 2008.
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, 1987
- (b) US District Court for the District of SC, 1990
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) I worked at the law firm of Butler, Means, Evins & Browne as an associate attorney from May 1988 until September 1990. I handled cases in the following areas: insurance defense, bankruptcy, worker's compensation, real estate, and general corporate law.
- (b) From September 1990 to June 2000, I was an Assistant Solicitor for the Seventh Judicial Circuit encompassing Spartanburg and Cherokee counties. I handled all of the Juvenile Family Court cases and additionally handled several Murder and Felony DUI cases in General Sessions. I also traveled to Gaffney for two years to assist with their General Sessions docket.
- (c) I have been with the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit Solicitor's Office from June 2000 to the present as the Family Court Unit Head. I handle all of the Family Court matters for the Solicitor's Office. The caseload ranges from truancy matters to murder charges. My caseload focused mainly on domestic violence cases for a two-year period. While serving at the Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor's Office, I have managed between four and nine employees.
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.

I have been involved in the juvenile justice aspect of Family Court for twenty-seven years. My cases range from Truancy and Runaway to Murder and Criminal Sexual Conduct, and all criminal and status offenses in between. I oversee the case from the receipt of the incident report through to the conclusion whether a diversion program, a plea, a trial or a request to waive the case to General Sessions. As a byproduct of handling all of the juvenile justice matters, I have also been heavily involved in many Department of Social Services abuse and neglect cases. There is oftentimes dual involvement with a juvenile between the Department of Social Services and the Department of Juvenile Justice. I am very familiar with the law and procedure governing abuse and neglect cases. I spent two years while with the Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor's Office with the Domestic Violence unit and am experienced with the law governing Orders of Protection in Family Court. I have handled one private adoption in 2013. I handled a few family court divorce matters while in private practice in the beginning of my legal career. Although I have not dealt with equitable distribution and child custody, as the attorney of record, these matters often come in to play in juvenile cases, and I have witnessed many of these matters as an observer in the courtroom. For the past twenty-seven years, I have appeared as the lead attorney, before a Family Court Judge, three days of each week for an average of thirty or more cases each week. I have been studying and reviewing all Family Court law and procedure to ensure that I will be an effective and educated Judge if I am fortunate to be elected. Juvenile matters in Family Court have so many familial issues that contribute to why the juvenile is in the system. Helping juveniles and their families navigate the Family Court and Juvenile Justice system has prepared me to preside over 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 and procedural knowledge has prepared you to preside over such matters as a Circuit Court Judge, or how you would compensate for your lack of experience in this area. Please also indicate the frequency of your appearances before a Circuit Court Judge within the past five years.

- (c) If you are a candidate for Master-In-Equity, please provide a brief written description of your experience in the Master's court, including any cases handled over the past five years and include a brief description of the issues involved. Please include the frequency of your appearances before a Master-In-Equity or a Circuit Court Judge within the past five years.
- (d) If you are a candidate for Administrative Law Court, please provide a brief written description of your experience before an Administrative Law Judge, including any issues discussed and the frequency of your appearances before the Administrative Law or Circuit Court within the past five years.
16. What is your rating or membership status, if any, by any legal rating organization, such as, Best Lawyers, Chambers, Legal 500, Martindale-Hubbell, Who's Who Legal, Super Lawyers, Million Dollar Advocates Forum, etc.? If you are currently a member of the judiciary, list your last available rating, if any.
Not Applicable.

*** 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: I have not appeared in Federal Court during the past five years.
- (b) state: I appear in Family Court three days each week handling approximately thirty cases each week.
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: Not applicable.
- (b) criminal: Ninety percent of my practice involves criminal matters. The other ten percent deals with status offenses.
- (c) domestic: All of my practice has been in the Family Court System.
- (d) other: Not applicable.
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: Not applicable in past five years.
- (b) non-jury: In the past five years, all of my trials have been non-jury and before a Family Court Judge.

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

I most often 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. Miguel Cano (2016). This case involved a thirteen-year old male who brutally murdered his mother. I filed a motion to waive the case to General Sessions. The waiver hearing involved multiple issues including likelihood of rehabilitation in the Family Court system, the possible diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder and Jackson v. Deno issues with regard to admissibility of a statement. The Judge ruled in my favor to waive the case to General Sessions.
- (b) State v. Darius Beeks (2014). I was the prosecutor in a two-day trial involving an Involuntary manslaughter charge against a twelve-year-old male who shot and killed his fourteen-year-old friend. Issues included the fifth amendment right against self incrimination with regard to providing the password for a cell phone. The juvenile defendant was adjudicated delinquent in Family Court.
- (c) State v. Sam Young (2009). I was the prosecutor in this case involving a fourteen year old male who kidnapped, sexually assaulted, and murdered an eight-year-old neighbor. Upon my motion and a two-day hearing, he was waived to General Sessions.
- (d) State v. Reginald Henderson (2014). This case involved a fourteen-year-old male who pled in Family Court to armed robbery, possession of pistol, and attempted murder, among other charges related to shooting a pizza delivery person. I worked with The Juvenile Parole Board to structure a sentence which allowed him to remain in the Family Court system but also receive an appropriately severe sentence due to the serious and violent nature of the crime.
- (e) In 2013, I prosecuted a case in Family Court where eleven juveniles were charged with Assault and Battery by a Mob 1st Degree where a young man from Columbia was chased down and beaten to death in the West End of Greenville. I successfully negotiated pleas in Family Court, and indeterminate sentences for all eleven juvenile defendants. I coordinated the juveniles' allocution on the record in Family Court to aid in the trial of the remaining adult co-defendants in General Sessions.
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.
I have not personally handled any civil appeals.
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.
I have not personally handled any criminal appeals but have assisted the Attorney General's office in the preparation of several.
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, I have never held a judicial office.

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? If so, list the periods of your service, the office or offices involved, and whether you were elected or appointed. Also, state whether or not you have timely filed your report with the State Ethics Commission during the period you held public office. If not, were you ever subject to a penalty? If so, give details, including dates.
(a) I have served on the South Carolina State Human Affairs Commission as a commissioner since 2014 and have filed my yearly report with the State Ethics Commission timely each year.
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.
Not applicable.
27. Have you ever been an unsuccessful candidate for elective, judicial, or other public office? If so, give details, including dates.
No, I have never been an unsuccessful candidate for elective, judicial, or other public office.
28. Have you ever been engaged in any occupation, business, or profession other than the practice of law, teaching of law, or holding judicial or other public office? If so, give details, including a description of your occupation, business, or profession, the dates of your employment, and the name of your business or employer.
I worked after school and summers at Hardee's during high school. I interned with the Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor's Office during college, and I was a substitute teacher for Greenville County School District during the spring of 1985 between Wofford College and Law School. Other than those positions, I have not been engaged in any occupation, business, or profession other than the practice of law.
29. Are you now an officer or director or involved in the management of any business enterprise? Explain the nature of the business, your duties, and the term of your service.
No, I am not an officer or director or involved in the management of any business enterprise.
30. Please explain why you think you meet the professional and academic ability criteria for the seat you seek.
I have been practicing law for twenty-nine years. After two years in the private sector, I began my work in the Family Court system with juveniles, where the majority of my work has remained for over twenty-seven years. As evidenced by my career, I have the ability to work well and communicate efficiently with many different agencies and departments. On a daily basis, I work with representatives from the Department of Juvenile Justice, the Department of Social Services, the Department of Mental Health, juveniles and their parents, diversion programs, law enforcement, and many others. I believe that everyone, despite different opinions or goals, should be treated with respect and be given the

opportunity to have their opinion heard. My goal is to navigate this process to reach the best possible result. Many of the individuals and agencies with whom I interact, do not have a legal background; therefore, I have developed a way to communicate so that all parties involved are able to understand and appreciate the issues involved, and the resolution. I have appeared in the courtroom before a Family Court (or Circuit Court) Judge on an average of three times per week for approximately thirty cases per week for the past twenty-seven years. As a result of my frequent appearance in the courtroom, I am well versed in fundamental legal principles and with procedural and evidentiary rules. I have presented at numerous Continuing Legal Education programs over the years, as well as law enforcement trainings. I have also written articles for publications with regard to specific Family Court juvenile law and procedures.

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.)

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

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

32. Describe any financial arrangements or business relationships you have, or have had in the past, that could constitute or result in a possible conflict of interest in the position you seek or currently hold. Explain how you would resolve any potential conflict of interest. I have no financial arrangements or business relationships now or in the past, that could constitute or result in a possible conflict of interest in the position I seek.
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, a tax lien or collection procedure has never been instituted against me by a federal, state or local authority. I have never defaulted on a student loan. I have never filed for bankruptcy.
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, I have never been sued by a client or named party or had a pecuniary interest in any civil or criminal proceeding.
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, I have never been investigated by the Department of Social Services.
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 not in private practice.
40. Are you active on or a member of a social media or Internet site or have you, to your knowledge, been featured or depicted on a social media or Internet site, such as, Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, etc.? If so, how would your use of social media or other similar types of Internet sites be affected if you were serving in a judicial capacity?
I am a member of the social media sites Facebook and Instagram. I post very few things on social media sites, and the few things I do post are family pictures and well wishes. If I were serving in a judicial capacity, I do not believe it would be necessary to change my use of the social media sites much at all, but I would ensure that I did not approve of or comment on any political posts or any posts that would be perceived as derogatory to any

group of people. I would also ensure that I would never post any picture which depicted me in a way that reflected negatively on the Judiciary and my position.

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, I have never been employed as a “lobbyist” or acted in the capacity of a “lobbyist’s principal.”

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, I have not accepted anything of value from a lobbyist or a lobbyist’s principal.

43. Itemize (by amount, type, and date) all expenditures, other than those for travel and room and board, made by you, or on your behalf in furtherance of your candidacy for the position you seek. If you have spent over \$100, have you reported your expenditures to the House and Senate Ethics Committees?

I have spent the following amounts in the furtherance of my candidacy for Family Court Eighth Circuit, Seat One:

- (a) In June 2017, I paid Kristy Marshall two hundred and fifty (\$250.00) dollars for creation and design of informational postcard;
- (b) In May 2017, I paid Fish Eye Studios one hundred and thirty-two (\$132.00) dollars for photograph for postcard;
- (c) Between April and July of 2017, I spent approximately two hundred (\$200.00) dollars for postage and stationery;

I have not reported these expenditures to the House and Senate Ethics Committees but will do so at the same time I file this application.

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.

My mother, Mary Ann Phillips, has contributed one hundred and fifty (\$150.00) dollars to the campaign of her Representative, Mark Willis.

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, I have not directly or indirectly requested the pledge of any member of the General Assembly as to my election for the position for which I am being screened, and I have not

been offered a conditional pledge of support by any legislator pending the outcome of my screening.

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.
Since filing my letter of intent, I have not asked any third parties to contact members of the General Assembly on my behalf. Prior to filing my letter of intent, I attended delegation meetings in Greenville and Spartanburg where I introduced myself as a potential judicial candidate. I also visited the Statehouse several times during the spring of 2017 where I introduced myself to numerous legislators, either in the Statehouse lobby or in the House and Senate office buildings. I met with one legislator in the upstate in early spring to discuss the judicial election process so I could make an educated decision on whether to file as a candidate.
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, I am familiar with the 48-hour rule, which prohibits a candidate from seeking pledges until after the draft report becomes final.
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, I nor anyone on my behalf has solicited or collected funds to aid in the promotion of my candidacy.
49. Since submitting your letter of intent to become a candidate, have you or has anyone acting on your behalf contacted any member of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission about your candidacy or intention to become a candidate? If so, give details.
No, I nor anyone on my behalf, has contacted any member of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission about my candidacy or intention to become a candidate.
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) Greenville County Bar

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) Trinity United Methodist Church—Chairperson of the Administrative Council and member of the Youth Council and Chancel Choir
 - (b) Member of the Laurens County Community Relations Council
 - (c) James Monroe Mission House
 - (d) Laurens Salkehatchie Summer Service Program
 - (e) 2015 Solicitor of the Year Award by the Greenville County Sheriff's Office
 - (d) 2015 Thirteenth Judicial Circuit Solicitor's Award for Exceptional Service
 - (f) 2005 Recipient of the Ernest F. Hollings Award for Excellence
 - (g) Member of the Founding Board of Directors of the Children's Advocacy Center in Spartanburg, South Carolina
 - (h) Establishing member of the Juvenile Drug Court Program in Greenville, South Carolina
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.
- My twenty-seven years of experience in the field of juvenile prosecution has exposed me to all aspects of the Family Court system. Many juvenile cases have dual involvement with the Department of Social Services, and the majority of the juveniles with whom I work are being raised in single parent homes. Children are dealing with the effects of non-custodial parents who are not supportive financially or emotionally. I have also witnessed on many occasions the inability of divorced or separated parents to effectively co-parent. I am keenly aware of the impact the Family Court, and Family Court Judges, have on the lives of our children, and families of the State of South Carolina. Decisions with regard to child custody, equitable distribution, child support, abuse and neglect, and juvenile criminal and status offenses, change the lives of parents, grandparents, and children on a daily basis. I also realize that the Family Court dockets of this State have grown exponentially and that a large portion of those dockets involve public or institutional matters. I have managed one of the largest juvenile dockets in the State very effectively, handling thirty-plus cases each week. I have been told many times by resident and visiting Judges that we are one of the best run offices in the State. I recognize the importance of time management and hard work, and I would continue with my work ethic as a Family Court Judge. I know that my knowledge of the issues that arise in Family court cases, of all types, has given me an understanding that has prepared me to be a competent and efficient Family Court Judge.
53. List the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of five (5) persons from whom you are providing references. Also, provide the Commission with **original letters** of recommendation from each person listed herein, including their signature (preferably in blue ink). **The Commission will not accept a photocopy or electronic submission of a letter of recommendation and failure to include all five (5) original letters of recommendation in your packet when you submit it will render your packet**

incomplete. Please **do not** have references mail your reference letters to the Commission directly. *You must return the five (5) original letters of recommendation to the Commission with your application packet.*

(a) Sam Peden—Grand South Bank, 325 South Main Street, Fountain Inn, SC 29644
864-862-8833

(b) Blake P. Garrett, Jr.—P. O. Drawer 36, Fountain Inn, SC 29644 864-862-3501

(c) Dr. Laura Canine—8208 Yellow Jasmine Drive, Simpsonville, SC 29681
843-333-1147

(d) Solicitor Walt W. Wilkins—Greenville County Courthouse 305 E. North Street,
Greenville, SC 29601 864-467-8647

(e) Lawrence W. Crane, Esquire—101 Whitsett Street, Greenville, SC 29601
864-235-2900

(f) Elizabeth Wiygul, Esquire— 101 Whitsett Street, Greenville, SC 29601
864-608-1059

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.
- I, nor any of my immediate family have any interest in real property where there would be a potential conflict with my involvement in a South Carolina state or local public agency; nor have there been any public improvements or that adjoin property in which there have been any public improvements; nor that was sold, leased, or rented to a state or local public agency in South Carolina.

List the interest you hold and the value and location of the property. Identify as applicable the:

- (a) nature of any potential conflict of interest;
- (b) nature and value of any public improvements; and
- (c) South Carolina state or local public agency which purchased or is leasing or renting such property.

Attach a copy of any contract or agreement.

55. Identify any personal property interest you or a member of your immediate family sold, leased, or rented to a South Carolina state or local public agency. Identify the property, its amount or value, and the name of the agency. Attach a copy of any contract or agreement. I, nor any member of my immediate family, have any interest in property sold, leased or rented to a South Carolina state or local public agency.
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 ____ day of _____, 2017.

(Notary Signature)

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