



**JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION
PERSONAL DATA QUESTIONNAIRE
2020**

Court, Position, and Seat # for which you are applying: Family Court, Seventh Judicial Circuit,
Seat 1

1. Name: Mrs. Erika Lanette McJimpsey

Also known as: Erika Lanette Matthews

Currently serving as: Chief Municipal Judge for the City of Spartanburg

Home Address: [REDACTED]

Business Address: 145 Broad Street Spartanburg, SC 29306

E-Mail Address: [REDACTED]

Telephone Number: (office) (864)562-4456
(cell) [REDACTED]

2. Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 1970

Place of Birth: Tennessee

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. Have you served in the military?

(a) United States Army Reserves, Judge Advocate General, Captain, August 1999-2010

6. Family Status:

(a) Married

(b) August 2, 2003, Ryan Valdez McJimpsey, Pastor and Certified Christian Counselor .

(c) [REDACTED]

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) Middle Tennessee State University, August 1988- May 1992, Bachelor of Science, Mass Communications

(b) University of Tennessee School of Law, May 1995-August 1995, Summer Session only

(c) North Carolina Central School of Law, August, 1993-May 1996, Juris Doctor

8. 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) Mentor, Future Attorneys Challenging Elementary Students(FACES), January 1994-April 1996

(b) Member, Black Law Students Associations, August 1993-May 1996

(c) Member, Civil Litigation Clinic, August 1995-May 1996

(d) Member, Christian Legal Society, August 1993-May 1996

(e) President, United Greek Council, August 1991-May 1992

(f) President of Minerva Circle, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Iota Tau Chapter, August 1990-May 1991

(g) Copy Editor, Middle Tennessee State University, Sidelines,(School Newspaper), May 1991-August 1991

9. 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. Please indicate the number of times you took the exam in each state.

(a) South Carolina Bar, (one time)

10. 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 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) Pyatt Law Firm, Law Clerk, August 1996-November 1996, I worked as a law clerk prior to my admission to the South Carolina Bar. I conducted client interviews and drafted pleadings under the supervision of an attorney

(b) Seventh Judicial Circuit Solicitor's Office, Assistant Solicitor(December 1996-June 2005) I was the first(1st) full-time Criminal Domestic Violence prosecutor in Spartanburg County. I served under a Violence Against Women grant. I served in this capacity for almost 18 months. Thereafter, for the next three years, I prosecuted various kinds of cases ranging from violence crimes, drug offenses, property crimes, and sexual assaults. I also

served as the Chief Family Court prosecutor from 2000-2005. I handled juvenile matters ranging from misdemeanor and status offenses, to homicide and sexual assault cases. I worked very closely with several state agencies and non-profit agencies. These agencies are: the Department of Social Services, the Department of Disabilities and Special Needs, the Department of Mental Health, and the Spartanburg Children's Advocacy Center to name a few.

(c)United States Army Reserves, Judge Advocate General Corp)February 1999-September 2010) I served as a Judge Advocate for eleven years. In my part-time capacity, I have held a number of positions and served in many capacities. I conducted numerous administrative separation boards for Reserve soldiers who were charged with having committed various acts of misconduct, illegal drug use, and conviction of crimes in civilian courts. I have provided legal assistance to over one thousand soldiers and their dependents in the areas of estate planning, debtor/creditor law, family law, and administrative law.

(d)Spartanburg Methodist College, Adjunct Instructor,(August 2001-May2003) I served as an instructor in the Criminal Justice Department for the following courses: criminal law and criminal procedure

(e)Converse College, Paralegal Certificate Program, Adjunct Instructor(October 2002-January 2003) I served as an instructor teaching legal writing and research to paralegal students.

(f)Spartanburg Methodist College Paralegal Program, Adjunct Instructor,(January 2005-July 2005; May 2012-August 2016) I have taught the following courses to students seeking a certificate in this program: juvenile law, family law, criminal law, and an independent study course which analyzed recent court cases).

(g)South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice, Assistant Legal Counsel(July 2005-July 2009). I served as an attorney representing the Department of Juvenile Justice. I provided legal advice to the county offices. The Department of Juvenile Justice has 46 offices throughout the State. In addition, I served as the liaison with the State Law Enforcement Division in regard to the issue of dealing with DNA samples. I also served as the Agency's liaison with the Attorney General's Office of Human Resources, South Carolina Human Affairs Commission, and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. Many of these issues were resolved through mediation. In addition, I worked closely with lawyers hired by the South Carolina Insurance Reserve Fund who represented the Agency in lawsuits filed based on alleged violations of state and federal laws. I assisted in compiling records, depositions, mediation hearings, and other pre-trial and trial matters.

(h)Greenville Technical College, Adjunct Instructor, (January 2008-July 2009). I served as an instructor teaching legal ethics based on South Carolina Appellate Court Rule 407.

(i)City of Spartanburg Municipal Court, Associate Municipal Judge,(July 2009-June 2011). I presided over criminal, traffic, and quality of life cases. In addition, I presided over jury trials held four times a month. I worked a minimum of fifteen hours per week.

(j)Greenville Technical College, Instructor, (July 2009-August 2011). I served as an instructor in the Paralegal and Criminal Justice Departments. In the paralegal department, I taught Legal Ethics and Legal Writing. I was the lead instructor for the Legal Ethics class. The primary focus of the class was the study and analysis of South Carolina Appellate Court Rule 407. I served as lead instructor for the following courses in the criminal justice department: criminal law, criminal evidence/procedure, and juvenile law.

(k)City of Spartanburg, Municipal Court, Chief Municipal Judge(July 2012-present) I preside over the management of the court's docket. In addition, I handle misdemeanor criminal and traffic offenses, quality of life court, and jury trials. I also determine probable cause for the issuance of arrest and search warrants. In 2019, I worked to help institute a Homeless Court in the City of Spartanburg.

Justices/judges applying for re-election to their current position may omit Questions 11-17. If you are a full-time judge seeking a judgeship different than your current position, Questions 11-17 should be answered based on your experience prior to serving on the bench.

11. Please answer the following:

- (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 had the privilege of gaining experience in a variety of legal arenas. I believe the depth and the breadth of my professional and personal experiences make me uniquely qualified to serve as a Family Court Judge. As a prosecutor, I excelled in the courtroom as a prosecutor in the Family Court. I was known as a principled, compassionate, fair and skilled attorney. I was able to balance a large caseload and worked well with fellow lawyers, judges, and others who played a role in the matters heard within the jurisdiction of the Family Court. I worked extensively with lay persons to include non-lawyer guardian ad litem, school officials, Department of Social Services, Department of Mental Health, education representatives just to name a few. As a judge, former prosecutor, attorney for the Department Juvenile Justice, military lawyer, mother, wife, therapeutic foster parent, and a member of the clergy, I have gained and developed a sensitivity, and a well-balanced perspective to the needs of children and families. I have the ability to relate and understand people from all walks of life. While I have limited experience in matrimonial cases, with the exception of my military service drafting separation agreements and determining financial responsibility of soldiers' to spouses and or children during a divorce, I believe that the length and the diversity of my legal career as an attorney and judge

will assist me in gaining added competency in these areas. I am well-versed in fundamental legal principles and in procedural and evidentiary rules. I am honest, and always endeavor to operate with integrity in my personal and professional life. I am a committed public servant, and I would be honored to serve on the Family Court bench.

- (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, and 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.
12. 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: 2%
 - (b) state: 98%
13. 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: 20%
 - (b) criminal: 60%
 - (c) domestic:
 - (d) other: 20%

14. What percentage of your practice in trial court during the past five years or in the five years prior to your election to the bench involved matters that went to a jury, including those that settled prior to trial?

- (a) jury:
(b) non-jury:100%

During the past five years, did you most often serve as sole counsel, chief counsel, or co-counsel? Sole Counsel

15. 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) In the Matter of Shaquille O'Neal, 385 SC 243(2009) I represented the Department of Juvenile Justice in the Family Court where the defendant, who was the underage of seventeen at the time of the hearing, was seeking to remove his name from the sex offender registry. The Family Court ruled that he should be placed on the registry, but the Supreme Court reversed this decision. The defendant was registered as a sex offender in the State of North Carolina. The issue was whether the offense was comparable to an offense in South Carolina which would require registry. Although, the Supreme Court reversed the lower court's ruling it was the first ruling to provide the State Law Enforcement Division and other state agencies with guidance regarding how to determine when an out-of-state resident juvenile should be subject to registration.

(b)In re C.J.- I represented the State of South Carolina in a waiver hearing where the juvenile was charged with Murder and Armed Robbery. The juvenile shot the victim while he was in his car. Several days after the murder was committed, the juvenile robbed a pawn shop and stole four guns. This is significant because it was my first waiver hearing, I had to establish through witnesses' testimony whether the offender's charges should be waived to the Court of General Sessions based on the landmark Supreme Court case of Kent v. US,383 U.S. 541(1966).

(c)In re DH.- I represented the State of South Carolina in the Family Court in a case where a fifteen-year-old boy was charged with committing a sexual battery on his seven year old cousin. The victim went to the hospital after the assault because of vaginal bleeding. She had to have emergency to repair a vaginal tare that was causing significant bleeding. This case made a lasting impact on my life. I spent several months preparing this child victim for trial. This offender was placed on the sex offender registry. During this time period, there was influx in child sexual assault cases in Spartanburg. In (2002-2003), there were 173 children reported as victims of sexual assault, and 43 were assaults by other children. Dean, Sullen, Sexual Abuse: Juvenile Offenders show increase, Spartanburg Herald Journal, 27, April 2003. I was the sole prosecutor assigned to the Family Court during this time.

(d) In re: Juvenile, minor under the age of 17- I represented the State of South Carolina in a Family Court case where a fourteen-year-old boy, who was a client at a group home

facilitated by the Charles Lee Center(serves children and adults with mental and physical disabilities), was allowed in the community for a home visit. During this time, he went to a neighbor's house and asked for a drink of water, and later stabbed the neighbor in the back with a pair of scissors. The offender was dually evaluated by the Department of Mental Health and the Department of Disabilities and Special Needs(DDSN). He was ruled incompetent to stand trial. I filed the paperwork to have him judicially committed through the Family Court. The court committed him into the custody of DDSN. This case is noteworthy because less than a year later he was charged with sexually assaulting his caregiver while at the group home. A subsequent evaluation was conducted and he was deemed incompetent and a judicial admission hearing was conducted. He was, again, involuntarily committed to the custody of DDSN. A guardian ad litem was appointed in this case, and upon the State's recommendation the family court judge ordered that he be committed to a secured facility and that he not be allowed home visits. He was committed until his twenty-first birthday. This case displays the intricacies in dealing with issues in Family Court. It is unusual to have a juvenile civilly committed twice. Unfortunately, it was only after the court ordered a high-management facility that the public was kept safe from this juvenile.

(e)State of South Carolina v. Jeff Greer- I represented the State of South Carolina in a Magistrate Court case where an off duty police officer was charged with an assault and battery against his former girlfriend. The defendant was found guilty and his employment was terminated. The victim in this case was very hostile and did not want to go forward because of outside pressures. It showed how important it is to respect the feelings of domestic violence victims, but how it is equally important that the State hold offenders accountable. It reaffirmed the principle that no one is above or beyond the law regardless of his/her position. The defendant appealed his case to the Circuit Court, but the appeal was later dismissed.

16. 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 handled any civil appeals.

- (a)
- (b)
- (c)
- (d)
- (e)

17. 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 handled any criminal appeals.

- (a)
- (b)
- (c)
- (d)
- (e)

18. 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.
- (a) City of Spartanburg, Municipal Court, Associate Judge, (July 2009-June 2011) appointed
 - (b) City of Spartanburg, Municipal Court, Chief Judge, (July 2011-until present) appointed
19. If the answer to question 18 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.
- (a) City of Spartanburg v. Sunjay Patel
 - (b) City of Spartanburg v. Michael Gentry
 - (c) City of Spartanburg v. Devon Cohen
20. 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 Bar
21. 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) Classical Conversations, Home School Association, Mock Trial Judge (May 2020)
 - (b) Spartanburg High School, Women's History Speaker (March 2020)
 - (c) Church of the Advent, Introduction to Homeless Court, Speaker (March 2020)
 - (d) Together-A Women's Day Celebration, Panelist (March 2020)
 - (e) Dorman High School, Black History Program, Speaker (February 2020)
 - (f) South Carolina Bar, Mock Trial, Presiding Judge (February 2020)
 - (g) Adidas Lunch and Learn, Speaker (February 2020)
 - (h) Youth Institute, Role of Summary Court, Speaker (January 2020)
 - (i) Business and Professional Women Breakfast, Homeless Court, Speaker (January 2020)
 - (j) Dorman High School, Government Class, Due Process, Speaker (November 2019)
 - (k) City of Spartanburg's Podcast, Introduction to Homeless Court (October 2019)
 - (l) Spartanburg Citizens Academy, Municipal Court, Speaker (September 2019)
 - (m) Garnard Middle School, Graduation Program, Speaker (May 2019)
 - (n) Spartanburg Community College, Early College Students, Speaker (April 2019)
 - (o) Spartanburg Community College, Induction Ceremony Phi Theta Kappa, Speaker (April 2019)
 - (p) Fairforest Elementary School, Career Day, Speaker (March 2019)
 - (q) Cowpens Middle School, Black History Program, Speaker (February 2019)
 - (r) EP Todd Middle School, Black History Program, Speaker (February 2019)
 - (s) Mary H. Wright, Black History Program, Speaker (February 2019)

- (t)South Carolina Bar, Mock Trial, Scoring Judge(February 2019)
- (u) Carver Middle School, Veteran’s Day Program, Speaker(November 2018)
- (v)Spartanburg Citizens’ Academy, Municipal Court, Speaker(October 2018)
- (w)Dorman High School, Government Class, Due Process, Speaker(April 2018)
- (x)Cowpens Middle School, Black History Program, Speaker(February 2018)
- (y)Criminal Justice Institute, Role of Summary Court, Speaker(January 2018)
- (z)Carver Middle School, School Assembly, Speaker(January 2018)
- (aa)Spartanburg Citizens’ Academy, Municipal Court, Speaker(October 2018)
- (bb) SAIYL, Summer Program for City youth, Speaker(June 2017)
- (cc)Youth Empowerment, Speaker,(June 2017)
- (dd)Jesse Boyd Elementary, Graduation Speaker,(May 2017)
- (ee)Spartanburg Preparatory School, Volunteer Banquet, Speaker(April 2017)
- (ff)Leadership Spartanburg, Speaker(March 2017)
- (gg)Greenville County School District, Career Fair(May 2016)
- (hh)Classical Conversation, Home School Association, Mock Trial, Judge(May 2016)
- (ii)Carver Junior High School, Mock Trial Presentation(May 2016)
- (jj)Martin Luther King Day, Guest Speaker(January 2016)
- (kk)11th Annual Interpersonal Violence Conference, Domestic Violence, Speaker(October 2015)
- (ll)Spartanburg High, Constitution Day, Speaker(September 2015)
- (mm)Spartanburg Chamber of Commerce Junior Leadership, Role of Municipal Court, Speaker (March 2012)
- (nn)Wofford College’s Externship, Municipal Court System, Speaker(February 2012)
- (oo)Girls, Inc., Juvenile Justice System, Speaker(September 2009)
- (pp)Cherokee Trail Elementary School, Black History Program, Speaker(February 2009)
- (qq)Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Celebration, Speaker(January 2009)
- (rr)Old English Symposium, Jessica’s Law/Confidentiality(October 2008)
- (ss)South Carolina Public Records Association, Juvenile Records(October 2008)
- (tt)Law School for Non Lawyers, Juvenile Justice/Child Protection Hearings(April 2008)
- (uu)Law School for Non Lawyers, Juvenile Justice/Child Protection Hearings(August 2007)
- (vv)Crime Victims’ Ombudsman Best Practices Training(March 2007)
- (ww)Solicitor’s Association Conference, Legislative Update, Juvenile Law(September 2006)
- (xx)SC Public Defender’s Conference, Jessica’s Law(September 2005)

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

23. List all published books and articles you have written and give citations and the dates of publication for each.

- (a) Law School for Non Lawyers, 2012,2013,2014, Juvenile Law Publication Materials
- (b)Juvenile Justice; Legal Lessons: A Series for the Public: update materials(2011)
- (c)Juvenile Justice: Law School for Non Lawyers;update materials(2010)
- (d)Truancy Guide, A Training Resource Manual for Truancy Intervention; Editorial Advice(2009)
- (e)Juvenile Justice; Law School for Non Lawyers: update materials(2009)
- (f)Juvenile Justice: Law School for NonLawyers, Co-editor(2008)

24. 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. The writing samples are for the Commission's use only and will not be published. (If you are a judge and are not seeking a different type of judgeship, this question is inapplicable.)
25. 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. To my knowledge, I have never had a rating.
26. 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(1996-Present)
 - (b)South Carolina Women Lawyers Association, Member(2012-Present)
 - (c)Municipal Court Homeless Court Committee, Chairwoman(2019-Present)
 - (d)South Carolina Bar Speaker's Bureau(2007-Present)
 - (e)South Carolina Bar's Children's Law Committee(2007-2009)
 - (f)South Carolina Upstate Paralegal Association(2009-2011)
27. Have you ever held public office other than judicial office? If so, list the periods of your service, the office or offices involved, and whether you were elected or appointed. Also, state whether or not you have timely filed your report with the State Ethics Commission during the period you held public office. If not, were you ever subject to a penalty? If so, give details, including dates. I have never held any public office. I have always timely filed my report with the State Ethics Commission.
28. For sitting or former judges, 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.
- (a)Greenville Technical College, Instructor, Criminal Justice and Paralegal Departments(July 2009-August 2011) I served as a full-time instructor at the college. I taught the following courses: criminal law, criminal procedure, juvenile law, legal writing, and legal ethics. In addition, I served as an academic coach for the college's Shining Star Merit Program which was designed to enhance the African American college experience by providing a comprehensive and focused program including, service learning, tutoring, and intrusive advising with an educational plan. I met with students on a weekly basis. I was actively involved on several hiring committees.
 - (b)Spartanburg Methodist College Paralegal Program, Instructor(contractual position)(May 2012). I taught Juvenile Law, and an Independent Study Class
29. Have you ever been an unsuccessful candidate for elective, judicial, or other public office? If so, give details, including dates.

- (a)Family Court, Seat 4, At-Large, August 2012(qualified but not nominated)
- (b)Municipal Judge, City of Spartanburg, November 1999
- (c)Family Court, At- Large, August 2016(withdrew)

- 30. Have you ever been engaged in any occupation, business, or profession other than the practice of law, teaching of law, or holding judicial or other public office? If so, give details, including a description of your occupation, business, or profession, the dates of your employment, and the name of your business or employer. I have not engaged in any other occupation
- 31. 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
- 32. 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
- 33. 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 form 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.

- 34. 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. Also, proof of satisfaction of any liens or defaults must be submitted with your application package.

A state tax lien was filed on August 17, 2014 and it was released on August 18, 2014. This was a paperwork error. The payment was sent before the due date, but it was input in the system after the due date. I called and brought this to the attention of the County of Spartanburg’s Assessors office, and they immediately released the lien in a 24 hour period.

- 35. 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.

36. Itemize (by amount, type, and date) all expenditures, other than those for travel and room and board, made by you, or on your behalf in furtherance of your candidacy for the position you seek. If you have spent over \$100, have you reported your expenditures to the House and Senate Ethics Committees? I have not spent any expenditures.
37. 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
38. 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 one has solicited or collected any funds on my behalf.
39. 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 conflicts.
40. 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 more that adjoins property in which there have been public improvements of \$200 or more; or
 - (c) which was sold, leased, or rented to a state or local public agency in South Carolina.

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

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

Attach a copy of any contract or agreement.

We don't have any interest in any real property which would serve as a conflict.

41. 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
42. For sitting judges, if you currently hold an interest in stock or other securities or have held such an interest, list each stock you currently own or owned during the prior calendar year. If you prefer, you may attach broker or account records containing the requested information instead of listing it here. I have none.

43. For sitting judges, have you ever accepted anything of value from an attorney or litigant in a matter currently or previously before you or your court? If so, please give the details, including the name of the attorney or litigant and the thing of value you received. I have not accepted anything from any parties.
44. For sitting judges, have you used the services of your staff, for which you did not pay, while campaigning for this office? I have not used my staff for any services.
45. 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 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.]

46. Have you, to your knowledge, ever been under federal, state, or local investigation for possible violation of a criminal statute? If yes, explain. No, I have not to my knowledge.
47. 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 not.
48. 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. No, I am not in private practice.
49. Have you ever, in South Carolina or any other jurisdiction, as a lawyer, judge, or other professional, been cautioned with or without a finding of misconduct, 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 sanctions, disciplines, letters of caution, or findings of misconduct of any kind. Private or confidential dispositions will be redacted.

[Yes and no responses are redacted for all candidates unless there is a public discipline.]

50. 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 not.

51. 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.
52. Have you requested any third parties to contact members of the General Assembly on your behalf before the final and formal screening report has been released? Describe the campaigning you have done for this election and include a list of those individuals you have asked to campaign on your behalf and, to the best of your knowledge, those who have campaigned for you on their own initiative. No, I have not.
53. 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 this rule.
54. 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 have not, and neither has any member of my family.
55. 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.*
- (a) Yvonne W. Harper, [REDACTED]
 (b) Mary L. Thomas, [REDACTED]
 (c) George Cauthen, [REDACTED]
 (d) Kay Woodward, [REDACTED]
 (e) Stephen Vernet, [REDACTED]
56. Are you active on or a member of a social media or Internet site such as, Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, Instagram, etc.? Yes

If so, please list the account names for each account and the relevant platform.
 Instagram, ryanerikamcjumpsey; Twitter, Erika_McJimpsey; LinkedIn, Erika McJimpsey
 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 would continue to be mindful and diligent to

make sure my conduct promotes public confidence in the integrity and impartiality in the judiciary.

57. 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, and any professional honors, awards, or other forms of recognition received and not listed elsewhere.
- (a)Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc,(April 1990-Present)
 - (b)SOAR Leadership and Mentor Summit, Founder(August 2018-Present)
 - (c)Spartanburg County Foundation, Community Leadership Committee(2018-Present)
 - (d)Municipal Court Homeless Court Committee, Chairwoman(2019-Present)
 - (e)United Way Homeless Committee Task Force, Member(2019-Present)
 - (f)Spartanburg Business and Professional Women, Member(2020-Present)
 - (g)Ernest F. Hollings Award for Excellence in State Prosecution-Family Court(2004)
 - (h)Lucas Foundation, Upstate Change Maker Award(2013)
 - (i)Woman of Value Award Recipient(2016)
 - (j)Beauty Marks 4 Girls Award Recipient(2019)
 - (k)Mary L. Thomas Award for Civic Change, Recipient(2019)

58. 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.

One of the most critical and vital components of any society is the family. I am grateful that the value of serving others was instilled in me by my parents at an early age. I stand on the shoulders of a “village” who made tremendous sacrifices to make sure that I received a quality education, but most of all that I understood the importance of honesty and integrity. I have been blessed to be a member of the legal profession for almost 25 years, and I’m still as excited about my journey in this profession as I was on the day of my swearing in ceremony. It has been an amazing journey. I believe the quality and diversity of my experiences in the criminal, family, military, and educational arenas would be an asset to this Court. I have learned the importance of patience and kindness; hard work and diligence; and the importance of fairness, truthfulness, and integrity. It is my desire to continue growing, learning, and serving in this noble profession as a Family Court judge.

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 _____, 2020.

(Notary Signature)

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