[CANDIDATE NAME]

The Honorable Jerry D. Vinson, Jr.

[POSITION, SEAT]

South Carolina Court of Appeals, Seat 8

AMENDMENT TO [NAME OF DOCUMENT]

Judicial Merit Selection Commission Personal Data

**Ouestionnaire** 

[DATE ORIGINALLY SUBMITTED]

July 15, 2020

[QUESTION NUMBER] [TEXT OF THE QUESTION YOU ARE AMENDING]

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.

[SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE] Please specify whether you are simply supplementing the prior answer or striking that answer and replacing it with what is provided in the amendment.

I am supplementing my response as follows:

Yes. I was a party to the divorce action referenced in Question 6 and the following actions.

- Jerry D Vinson, Jr. and Flo Lester Vinson vs. Roger Herdt and Gressette Pest Control, 95-CP-21-412. This was a breach of contract/negligence action filed to avoid the statute of limitations while we negotiated with the Defendant's carrier. The Defendant was a termite control company which provided the termite letter. The claim arose as a result of preexisting termite damage which the inspection failed to reveal. The claim was settled for the cost of repairs. The case was dismissed shortly after filing. I had forgotten about the case and apologize for omitting it.
- 2. Franklin C Reaves vs. Sherry R Rhodes, Jerry Vinson, Marion County Sheriffs Office and Mark Richardson, et.al. 4:09-cv-00820-TLW. According to the SLED report, this was a Civil Rights action from which I was dismissed as a party. I was never served and had no knowledge of the action.
- 3. Tyquan Jared Amir Jones-EL (Prisoner) vs. Florence County of South Carolina, Stephen Hill and Jerry D. Vinson, 4:13-CV-02814. I was never served and had no knowledge of the action. According to the SLED report, the case was dismissed without prejudice.

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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.

[SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE] Please specify whether you are simply supplementing the prior answer or striking that answer and replacing it with what is provided in the amendment.

I am supplementing my response as follows:



On Thursday, July 23, 2020, I sent an email to a long list of friends (no legislators) who had been supportive in my last race. I had forgotten that Pete Strom was on that list and he received my email. When he received my email, Mr. Strom responded and reminded me that he was now a member of the Commission. I immediately contacted Erin Crawford and self-reported my inadvertent contact. The following is the content of my email:

Dear Friends,

I hope this finds you doing well and staying healthy. I wanted to let you know that I have filed as a candidate for the Court of Appeals. Judge Tom Huff will retire next year and the election for his seat will occur in February, 2021. I am excited to have the opportunity to run for this seat.

In the last race, I was grateful to have your support and prayers which I hope to have in this race as well. I will keep you posted as this race proceeds and will ask for your assistance at the appropriate time.

Thank you again for your friendship and support.

With warm regards,

I have not made contact with any other members of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission and apologize for this inadvertent contact.

[SIGNATURE OF CANDIDATE]

[DATE]

November 10, 2020

If mailing, please provide your supplemental response to the following address:

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