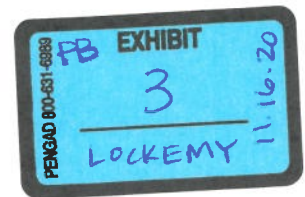


JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION  
PERSONAL DATA QUESTIONNAIRE  
2020



Court, Position, and Seat # for which you are applying: South Carolina Court of Appeals, Chief Judge, Seat 5

1. Name: Honorable James E. Lockemy  
Mrs.  
Ms.

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

Are you currently serving in some capacity as a judge? If part-time, please note.  
(Includes Municipal, Magistrate, Etc.) Yes. Chief Judge, South Carolina Appeal of Appeals---Full Time

Home Address: [REDACTED]

Business Address: P.O. Box 750, Dillon, South Carolina 29536, physical address: 1220 Senate Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29201

E-Mail Address: official: [REDACTED]

Telephone Number: (home): [REDACTED]  
(office): 843-774-4166/ 803-734-1915  
(cell): [REDACTED]

2. Date of Birth: [REDACTED], 1949  
Place of Birth: Dillon, 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. 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. DD214s Attached

- a. Nov.,1974-OCT.,1977-----United States Army, XVIII Airborne Corps, Fort Bragg, North Carolina, Duty: JAGC, Rank: Captain;
  - b. Feb.,1978-March,2003----South Carolina Army National Guard, Various Commands throughout the State, Duty: JAGC Commander; Highest Rank: Colonel
  - c. 2003-2004----United States Army, Attached to the 28<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, The “Bloody Bucket Division”, Serving in Kosovo as a NATO element, Duty: Command Staff Judge Advocate and Advisor to the Commanding General; Rank: Colonel
  - d. April, 2004-Active Retirement----South Carolina Army National Guard, Joint Force Headquarters, Duty: HQs JAGC; Retirement Rank: Colonel
  - e. Aug., 2005-December 2012----South Carolina Military Department, Joint Services Detachment, Duty: Chief Government Directorate and Deputy Commander; Rank: Brigadier General
  - f. Dec., 2012- Retirement in October 2016----South Carolina Military Department, Joint Services Command, Duty: Commander; Retirement Rank: Major General
  - g. Character of all service periods: Honorable
6. Family Status:
- (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 and occupation.
  - (c) If widowed, list the name(s) of spouse(s).
  - (d) 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.  
Family Status:  
Divorced  
Twelfth Judicial Circuit  
September 1994  
One Year Separation  
Two Children: [REDACTED]
  - (e) State the names of your children and their ages. If your children are old enough to work, include the occupation of each child.
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. The Citadel, 1967-1968, Left upon Marriage second year;
  - b. Coastal Carolina University, 1968, left upon transfer;
  - c. University of North Carolina at Pembroke, 1969-1971, B.A. History;
  - d. University of South Carolina School of Law, 1971-1974, Juris Doctor;
  - e. The Citadel, 2007-2012, Master’s Degree, History;
  - f. University of South Carolina, 2016-present candidate for a PhD. In History

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. Honor Council, 1973-74;
  - b. Phi Alpha Delta Legal Fraternity, 1971-74, Chief Justice 1974.
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. South Carolina, 1974. Took the Bar Exam once.
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. 1974-1977 United States Army JAG Corps, Prosecutor, defense attorney, administrative law, Advisor to Commanders and Law of War Instructor;
  - b. 1978-1979, Minority Counsel the United States Senate Judiciary Committee, advised Senators on proposed legislation, drafted legislation, arranged Committee Hearings;
  - c. 1979-1989, Private Practice, Greene, Lockemy and Bailey, general practice in all aspects of the law;
  - d. 1982-1989-South Carolina House of Representatives, Drafted, Proposed, Supported and Passed Legislation;
  - e. 1989-2008, South Carolina Circuit Judge; Trials and Non-Jury matters in General Sessions and Common Pleas Court;
  - f. 2009-2016, Judge, South Carolina Court of Appeals, hearing appeals from all courts;
  - g. 2016-present, Chief Judge, South Carolina Court of Appeals, Hearing Appeals from all courts, performing administrative and leadership duties at the Court and performing my statutory duties.

**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.

- (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:
  - (b) state:
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:
  - (b) criminal:
  - (c) domestic:
  - (d) other:
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:

During the past five years, did you most often serve as sole counsel, chief counsel, or co-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)
- (b)
- (c)
- (d)
- (e)

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.

- (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.

- (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.

Yes, South Carolina Circuit Court, General Jurisdiction, 1989-2008; South Carolina Court of Appeals, 2009-2016, handling appeals from all trial courts, administrative courts with the exception of matters within the exclusive jurisdiction of the South Carolina Supreme Court. 2016-present, Chief Judge, South Carolina Court of Appeals, the same duties as a Judge on the Court with added administrative and statutory duties.

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)Pruitt v. S.C. Medical Malpractice Liability JUA, 540 S.E. 2d 843, 343 S.C. 335 (2001)—The case involved whether a structured settlement in a malpractice case was altered when the JUA purchased an annuity. The Court of Appeals reversed my

decision as a circuit judge but the Supreme Court reversed the Court of Appeals and reinstated my decision.

- (b) *State v. Hinson*—A case out of Darlington County I tried as a circuit judge in 2007. The defendant was charged with holding two young girls for days in an underground dungeon and repeatedly raping them. The case received extensive regional, state and national attention. It was a feature on the O'Reilly Show on Fox News one night with the Attorney General of South Carolina, Henry McMaster, as the guest. When the case came to trial the actual case turned out to be totally different than the advance information and news reports had broadcast. The jury found that the State had not proven guilt beyond a reasonable doubt and acquitted the defendant.
- (c) *Singh v. Singh*, 429 S.C. 10, 837 S.E. 2d. 651 (Ct. App.2019)---This case established that issues involving the well-being of children, especially custody, could not be delegated by the Family Court to an arbitrator. The case reviewed the history of *parens patriae* in the law of South Carolina and clearly announced that even if the parents agreed the rights of the child were paramount and only the state through the Family Court could ultimately decide what is best for the minor. The case is certainly pending certiorari at the Supreme Court.
- (d) *Winrose Homeowners Association, Inc. v. Hale*, 423 S.C. 220, 813 S.E. 2d 894 (Ct. App. 2018), *rev'd* 428 S.C. 563, 837 S.E. 2d. 47 (2019)---I dissented in this case at the Court of Appeals level. In this case, appellants lost their home at a foreclosure sale to a bidder for an amazingly low bid. The question was whether you considered the amount of the remaining mortgage in determining if the bid shocked the conscience of the court. The majority determined it did not and I dissented. The Supreme Court reversed and adopted the approach in my dissent as the standard for our state in determining bids are so low they shock the conscience of the court.
- (e) *State v. Louis Michael Winkler*, 388. S.C. 574, 698 S.E. 2d 596 (2010)—A capital case I handled as a circuit judge. The trial itself was affirmed in the listed cite. PCR on the penalty phase was granted holding that a charge I made in the penalty phase was incorrect and should have been objected to by trial counsel. The Supreme Court reversed the PCR court in 2016 but remanded to review other issues that had been denied by the trial court. The case contained numerous interesting and challenging legal issues. The conviction went up to the United States Supreme Court where certiorari was denied.

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. Supreme Court of South Carolina and all lower courts, November 15, 1974.
- b. United States Court of Appeals, 4<sup>th</sup> Circuit, October 3, 1974. 3. United States Court of Military Appeals, June 13, 1975.
- c. United States Supreme Court, June 18, 1979. 5. United States District Court of South Carolina, November 2, 1983.

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. YES. I have only listed some of the most recent.
- a. Adjunct Professor American Legal History, University of South Carolina, 2018-Present
  - b. Presenter and Moderator, Appellate Judges Education Institute, Duke University and National Judicial College, *Reel Appeal I & II*, Washington, DC, 2015 and 2019
  - c. “The Interactive Constitution”; Moderator, Philadelphia, Pa.; 2016
  - d. “United States vs. William Calley, AJEI, Atlanta, Georgia; 2019
  - e. “The Elements of an Effective Reply, AJEI, Atlanta, Georgia; 2019
  - f. “Master of the House: A History of the Master’s Court”, South Carolina Judicial Conference; 2018
  - g. “Appellate Practice Project”, South Carolina Bar, Columbia, SC; 2019
  - h. “Review South Carolina Court of Appeals’ Decisions”, South Carolina Bar, Kiawah Island, SC, 2017
  - i. Commencement Address, University of North Carolina-Pembroke, 2017
  - j. Commencement Address, Northeastern Technical College, 2020
  - k. South Carolina Family Court Judges Conference, 2017-2019
22. Provide, as a separate attachment, your continuing legal or judicial education report from the past five years. Attached
23. List all published books and articles you have written and give citations and the dates of publication for each.
- a. “Judging in Kosovo: When Duty Calls”, *The Judges Journal*, Summer, 2006
  - b. “Marbury v. Madison: A Great Bumper Sticker”, *The Judges Journal*, Vol. 51, No. 3, Nov. 2012
  - c. Peter M. Koelling, editor, *The Improvement of the Administration of Justice*, Eighth Edition, Author of Chapter 31, “Looking to the Future of the Appellate Process”, American Bar Association Press, 2016.
  - d. “Serving Our Veterans”, *The Judges Journal*, Vol, 56, No. 1, Jan. 2017---Also serve as Editor of this Publication
  - e. “A Standing Menace to Republican Institutions: A Brief Overview of the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882 and America’s First Attempt to Ban a ‘Defined’ Group From Entry into Our Nation”, *The Judges Journal*, Vol. 56, No. 3, July 2017
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.

It has been so long since I practiced law, I do not remember and probably had no 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 Association, Delegate to the American Bar Association House of Delegates
  - (b) American Bar Association: Executive Committee Member, State Trial Judges Conference; Chair, Appellate Judges Conference, Chair, Appellate Judges Education Institute; CO-Chair, Editorial Board, *Judges Journal*; Member, ABA House of Delegates.
  - (c) Three Inns of Court; John Belton O’Neill, Columbia, South Carolina; Coastal Inn of Court, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina and the Pee Dee Inn of Court, Florence, South Carolina. In the last two I am the Historian of the Inn.

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.

South Carolina House of Representatives, 1982-1989. Yes, I filed as required and never was subject to a penalty.

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. Adjunct Professor, Horry Georgetown Technical College, History and American Government, 2012-2015
  - b. Adjunct Professor, University of South Carolina School of Law, American Legal History, 2017-present.
  - c. South Carolina Army National Guard, 1978-2004, JAG Officer, The Adjutant General of South Carolina
  - d. South Carolina Military Department Volunteer, 2005-2016, Commander, JSD. Answered to the Adjutant General

29. Have you ever been an unsuccessful candidate for elective, judicial, or other public office? If so, give details, including dates.
- No

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.

See those listed in Question 28.

- a. In addition, I was an operator of our Family Business, Lockemy's Grocery, from birth until it closed in 2001.
- b. A&P Supermarket, 1968-72, Bag Boy, Stocker and Cashier
- c. Law Library, USC Law School, 1972-74—Desk Clerk and maintain shelves. I worked with other employees to move the entire library from the Petigru Building to the new law school on South Main Street in Columbia.
- d. I was also a private investigator for Investigations Unlimited during the summer and fall of 1974 right after graduation from law school.

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.

Attached

(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.  
NO

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

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?

None

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

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.

None

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.

None

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

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

Attach a copy of any contract or agreement.

None

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.  
Attached as part of financial statement
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.  
NO
44. For sitting judges, have you used the services of your staff, for which you did not pay, while campaigning for this office?  
NO
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
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.

I never was sued by a client.

In 1993, I was involved in a traffic accident that resulted in a lawsuit. The suit was settled by the parties and insurance companies.

Over the years, I have been listed along with groups of state and federal judges and other officials in lawsuits mainly by pro se inmates. These have all been dismissed as to me in the early stages of the suit.

Also, in 2009, an angry defendant in a criminal matter sued me, a veterinarian and the Sheriff of Dillon County. He was being held because his pit bulls had killed a young child. Sadly, after killing the boy, the dogs began to horribly mutilate the body. I was not trying the case but the sheriff moved before me to have the dogs euthanized since the facts they killed the child was not contested. I signed the Order and the veterinarian euthanized the animals. He sued all of us for killing his pets. The case was dismissed by Summary Judgement. *Bentley Collins v. County of Dillon, Honorable James Lockemy; and Dr. Robert Hooker, Veterinarian*---Court of Common Pleas # 2010-CP-40-3585

I was one of the numerous defendants in *Regina M. Hunter v. The Honorable Nikki R. Haley, et.al*; which included every member of the Supreme Court, the Court of Appeals, several state judges and agencies. The case was dismissed by United States District Judge Mary Geiger Lewis in September 2015.

Honestly there could be other cases but I cannot find them but none have ever gone further than being dismissed at the Summary Judgement level.

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.  
N/A

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

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

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.

I have not requested any third parties or anyone at all to contact members of the General Assembly or anyone else on my behalf. I have not campaigned at all.

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

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

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.* Original Letters Attached

- (a) Reverend Michael Goings
- (b) Ray Stephens
- (c) Alan Medlin
- (d) Patricia Howard
- (e) William S. "Shipp" Daniel
- (f) Gwen Hyatt

56. Are you active on or a member of a social media or Internet site such as, Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, Instagram, etc.?

If so, please list the account names for each account and the relevant platform.

During the COVID 19 crisis my church conducted live services on Facebook. I have not been a member of Facebook. In April of this year, I joined under the name of Barsabas, from the Bible, to watch one service live. I have never posted, befriended anyone on Facebook. My sole involvement was the one live church service. As soon as I learn how distance my membership, I will do so.

How would your use of social media or other similar types of Internet sites be affected if were serving in a judicial capacity?

I do not plan to use Facebook as a judge and will cancel the listing very soon. It seems that social media can cause conflicts or worse the appearance of conflicts and so I do not plan to participate in social media.

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) The Inns of Court listed above--Historian

(b) Dillon County Veterans of the Year Organization--Commander, The American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

(c) Kiwanis Club of Dillon—Past President

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.

I have served my state, its citizens and the interest of justice to the best of my ability since taking judicial office in 1989. I appeared before this Commission the first year it was created to seek re-election and have appeared at each re-election and upon seeking a new judicial position since then. This will be my last appearance before this important body. I applaud the work you have done for the last thirty years to better our judiciary, to better establish justice in our courts and to provide a method of review of all those who serve the people.

My life experiences as a boy growing up in the country grocery store business, meeting and serving people, to serving my country in uniform and then serving the people of my county and state in the General Assembly, prepared me well for service on the bench as a judge. That word service is so simple to say but means much more than what 7 letters indicate. It is a dedication to others and, in the judiciary, it is a dedication to ensure justice is rendered to all.

I have been honored to wear a robe for over 30 years. With this honor, I have tried to make a difference for the good. I have tried to provide a forum for litigants who win and those who lose to leave knowing that they received a fair opportunity for redress. I hope to continue that honor, knowing the responsibility that comes with it, for the rest of my lawful opportunity to do so.

Thank you for all the considerations you have given me over the years.

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.

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(Notary Signature)

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