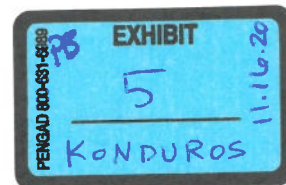


**JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION
PERSONAL DATA QUESTIONNAIRE
2020**



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

1. Name: The Honorable Aphrodite Konduros

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

Are you currently serving in some capacity as a judge? If part-time, please note.
(Includes Municipal, Magistrate, Etc.) Yes, Judge on the SC Court of Appeals

Home Address: [REDACTED]

Business Address: 1220 Senate St., Columbia, SC 29201

E-Mail Address: [REDACTED]

Telephone Number: (home): [REDACTED]
(office): 803-722-0928
(cell): [REDACTED]

2. Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 1959

Place of Birth: Sumter, SC

Social Security Number: [REDACTED]

3. Are you a citizen of South Carolina? Yes

Have you been a resident of this state for at least the immediate past five years? Yes

4. SCDL# or SCHD#: [REDACTED]
Voter Registration Number: [REDACTED]

5. 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.

6. Family Status:

(a) State whether you are single, married, widowed, divorced, or separated.

Married.

(b) If married, state the date of your marriage and your spouse's full name and occupation.

Samuel James Konduros, married May 21, 1994; he is president and CEO of SCBIO.

(c) If widowed, list the name(s) of spouse(s).

N/A

(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.

N/A

(e) State the names of your children and their ages. If your children are old enough to work, include the occupation of each child.

None

7. List each college and law school you attended, including the dates of your attendance, the degrees you received, and if you left an institution without receiving a degree, the reason for your departure.

University of South Carolina	1977-81 BA in English
University of Kent, Canterbury, England	1980-81 Exchange student through USC
University of South Carolina School of Law	1981-84 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.

1981-84	Phi Delta Phi Law Fraternity
1983-84	Student Bar President, USC School of Law
1984	Claude Sapp Award for Outstanding Graduate, co-recipient, USC School of Law

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, 1985
South Carolina, took the exam twice

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.

1984-85 Weinberg, Brown & McDougall- Associate. General practice, civil, criminal, appellate, Armed Services Board of Contract Appeals- no financial involvement

1985-87 Law Clerk to the Honorable David F. McInnis, Circuit Judge, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit – Accompanied judge to 33 counties assisting him in criminal and civil trials-no financial involvement

1987-89 Todd & Barber Law Firm, Columbia, SC- Associate. General practice including residential and commercial real estate and development, domestic, probate, appellate practice, criminal, civil, outdoor advertising licensure, and collection. - no financial involvement

1989-94 SC Department of Disabilities and Special Needs, Columbia, SC - Assistant General Counsel. Practice included juvenile hearings, unemployment, workers compensation, civil, criminal, probate commitments, Medicaid and Social Security benefits practice. - no financial involvement

1994-97 SC Department of Social Services, Greenville, SC-County attorney. Prosecuted abuse and neglect cases, child support, appellate practice, unemployment and probate. -no financial involvement

1/1997-12/1997 The Code Law Firm, Greenville, SC-Associate. Private practice including divorce, child support, representing DSS, DJJ, DDSN, City of Greenville, City of Greer Police Department, Department of Corrections through the Insurance Reserve Fund, magistrate court- no financial involvement, other than setting some of my fees.

1997-2000 SC Department of Social Services, Columbia, SC- Assistant General Counsel. Adoptions, DSS prosecution, appellate practice, state procurement, day care licensure appeals, state employee grievances. -no financial involvement

2000-2008 SC Department of Social Services, Greenville, SC- County Director and Attorney- Managed 314 state employees and multi-million-dollar budget, administering Medicaid and Medicare, food stamps, child and adult protective services, foster care licensing, and over 400 foster children. Supervised five attorneys and continued to try cases myself in child abuse, elder abuse, adoptions, termination of parental rights. Handled unemployment cases myself. - no financial involvement. All finances handled through the Columbia office and local business manager.

2002-2008 SC Family Court Judge, Thirteenth Circuit, Seat 3- no financial involvement.

2008- present SC Court of Appeals Judge- no financial involvement

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.

SC Family Court Judge in the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit. First elected February 6, 2002, and reelected February 4, 2004, serving until February 6, 2008. Jurisdiction is set forth in SC Code Section 63-3-510, et seq. Elected by the SC Legislature.

SC Court of Appeals Judge since February 6, 2008 to present. Jurisdiction is set forth in SC Code Ann. Section 14-8-200. Elected by the SC Legislature.

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) SCDSS v Williams, 412 S.C. 458, 772 S.E.2d 279 (Ct. App. 2015).
- (b) Nakatsu v Encompass Indem. Co., 390 S.C. 172, 700 S.E. 2d 283 (Ct. App. 2010) (affirmed by Carter v Standard Fire Ins. Co., 406 S.C. 609, 753 S.E.2d 515 (2013)).
- (c) Neeltec Enters., Inc. v Long, 402 S.C. 524, 741 S.E.2d 767 (Ct. App. 2013), (rehearing denied May 16, 2013).
- (d) State v McGee, 408 S.C. 278, 758 S.E.2d 730 (Ct. App. 2014) (cert. denied June 25, 2014).
- (e) State v Pradubsri, 403 S.C. 270, 743 S.E.2d 98 (Ct. App. 2013) (cert. denied June 25, 2014).

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.

South Carolina Supreme Court, admitted May 21, 1985
United States District Court, admitted May 29, 1987
United States Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit, admitted April 19, 1993
United States Supreme Court, admitted November 2, 2015

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.

This is not an exhaustive list, as I have not kept one, but I speak as often as monthly on law related topics.

- (a) Guest professor at the Charleston School of Law for a number of years, lecturing on practice in the area of family court and appellate practice. The courses were designed as a practicum for third year students to actually learn how to hire a secretary, open a trust account, behave in the courtroom setting, and prosper in the practice of law
- (b) Speaker at the American Legion's Palmetto Girls' State for many years on a possible career in law and government, and to regional events throughout the state

- (c) Speaker for many years to the American Board of Trial Advocates youth program, the James Otis Lecture Series
- (d) SCTLA Conference on ethical considerations in family court
- (e) Numerous Omnibus Adult Protection Act presentations at the Criminal Justice Academy
- (f) DSS-sponsored CLE seminars on Termination of Parental Rights, Adult issues and Adoptions
- (g) Abuse and Neglect to Greenville School District teachers
- (h) “Grand Rounds” training to interns at Greenville Hospital on recognizing abuse
- (i) Annual training to Greenville Chamber of Commerce young members on the court system and moderated a law enforcement panel
- (j) Annual training to “Leadership Greenville” on recognizing abuse, and question and answers at the Court of Appeals on the appellate process
- (k) Lecturer at the Summer School on Gerontology at Winthrop University
- (l) Panelists on various panels at the SC Bar Family Law Section
- (m) Panelist on the Chief Justice’s Mini-summit on Children
- (n) Speaker many times on appellate issues for SCDTAA
- (o) Speaker many times on appellate issues for SC Access to Justice
- (p) Speaker to the inaugural class of the USC Legal Writing Academy
- (q) Addressed the Biannual National Court Technology Conference in Baltimore. Maryland on the use of the iPad for the appellate review of cases.
- (r) Taught a “Maymester” class at the Charleston School of Law on abuse and neglect law.
- (s) Addressed the National Governors’ Conference in Washington, D.C. on sentencing considerations
- (t) Speaker many times at the Greenville Bar Year-End CLE on family law, appellate issues, and mentoring lawyers with substance abuse issues
- (u) Speaker at the annual SC Magistrates and Municipal Court Judges Annual Conference twice
- (v) Speaker to the annual conference of the SC Clerks of Court on docketing issues in family court
- (w) Spoken to the Greenville Kiwanis on Adoption issues
- (x) Spoken at the Greenville Bar Law Day Luncheon and Summer Associate Luncheon many times
- (y) Presented to the Greenville Tech Paralegal Program on ethical responsibilities and was their graduation speaker
- (z) Twice addressed the SC Probate Judges Conference
- (aa) Speaker at the Furman Foundation Annual Meeting
- (bb) Numerous training sessions to the Upstate Fatherhood Coalition on the logic of child support
- (cc) “Welcome the Judge” at Welcome Elementary and Sara Collins Elementary Schools
- (dd) Commencement Speaker for Charleston School of Law graduation
- (ee) Commencement speaker at Colleton Academy, Walterboro, SC
- (ff) Commencement speaker at Wilson Hall, Sumter, SC
- (gg) Judged USC’s Kate Bockman Moot Court numerous times

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

Document attached for years 2015-2019

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

- (a) "Chief of the Catawbas", Sandlapper Magazine, Summer Issue. 1999
- (b) "An Unlikely Mentor", SCWLA Briefcase, Spring Issue, 2007
- (c) SC Adoption Law and Practice (SC Bar 2010), Editorial Board
- (d) Marital Litigation in SC, Professor Emeritus Roy T. Stuckey (SC Bar 2010), Third and Fourth Editions Editorial Board

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.)

N/A

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.

Martindale-Hubbell, AV

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) SC Women's Law Association, member
- (b) Greenville County Bar, member since 1994
- (c) SC Bar member since 1985
- (d) Richland County Young Lawyers Association in the 1990's
- (e) Family Court Judges Association, member 2002-2008
- (f) Haynsworth-Perry Inn of Court, 2013 to present

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 been elected to public office.

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.

I served as a guest lecturer at Charleston School of Law from 2013-2019 for a month every summer. Arrangements for my lecturing were handled through Dean Andy Abrams.

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

Yes. I ran unsuccessfully for the SC Court of Appeals, Seat 3 to which the Hon. Paula Thomas was elected on February 7, 2007, for the SC Court of Appeals, Seat 7 to which the Hon. Danny Pieper was elected on May 23, 2007, and the SC Supreme Court, Seat 2 to which the Hon. John Few was elected in February 3, 2016.

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.

- (a) Restaurant worker prior to law school as a waitress and cashier at the Myrtle Beach Howard Johnsons from 1976-80.
- (b) Worked in our family owned restaurant, Big Jim's in Sumter, SC most of my life until I started practicing law.
- (c) Clothing clerk at Brody's Department Store in Sumter, SC during Christmas of 1976.
- (d) Director of the Greenville office of SCDSS. 2000-2002.

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.

I am a board member for the Deer Point Villas at Seabrook Island, SC, where my husband and I have had a vacation home for many years. I am serving in my last year of a three-year term. As the 21 villas are held in fee simple, and not condominiums, our only duties are arranging lawn service, seasonal plantings, paving and the like. All collection of regime fees is handled by an outside company.

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.

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?

I have spent nothing so far. I will amend if that changes.

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.

The answer to all three sub-parts is No.

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.

N/A

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 own no stock. I have a mutual fund through AXA, but I make none of the selections as to where they invest for me and have no idea the names of any companies in which they invest.

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?

I did not use my staff in any way.

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.

I received a uniform traffic ticket in 2017 for an alleged violation of SC Code Section 56-5-1538 which carries a fine in excess of \$125. The state trooper cited me for not changing lanes when he was writing a ticket to another motorist on the side of the interstate. As traffic was heavy, I could not safely move over. The statute gives the options of either moving over if safe to do so, or slowing down. I was not speeding nor charged with speeding. I obtained counsel who requested a hearing. The trooper offered a two-point, \$50 fine, which I accepted.

[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.

This answer was previously screened in 2014 and 2015. In 2011, my father's second wife questioned whether my sister and I were entitled to personal property that we had inherited from our mother. There was no merit to the second wife's allegations that the items were hers and not ours. Once the documentation of rightful ownership was provided, the issue was quickly resolved in our favor.

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 have never been sued by a client.

- (a) I was sued in circuit court in my professional capacity as a DSS attorney in the early 1990's by aggrieved grandparents. I was defended under the Torts Claims Act by an Insurance Reserve Fund-appointed attorney. The case was dismissed with prejudice at the first hearing.
- (b) I was named in a family court contempt action in 2001 by defendants in a DSS action while I was director of Greenville DSS. The parties dismissed the action before trial.
- (c) I was named in a suit against my father sometime in the early 2000s. My father had given an option to purchase a piece of property that he no longer owned post-divorce from our mother. When my siblings and I sold it, unaware of the option, the option holder sued. The case was dismissed before the issues were joined, as we sold the so-called option holder another piece of property with which he was satisfied.
- (d) I was named in Regina M. Hunter v The Honorable Nikki R. Haley, et al along with every member of our Supreme Court, a multitude of state court judges, agencies, and all the judges of the Court of Appeals. I was never served. US District Judge Mary Geiger Lewis dismissed the case in September of 2015.

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.

I had malpractice insurance with any private firm at which I practiced while I served on their staff. I have never had a tail policy.

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.

No.

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.*

None of the lawyers who have written these letters appear before me.

- (a) Thomas W. Traxler, Esq.



(b) The Hon. R. Kinard Johnson,
Family Court Judge. Retired

[REDACTED]

(c) Charles M. Groves, Esq.

[REDACTED]

(d) John L. Mauldin, Esq.

[REDACTED]

(e) Robert M. Rosenfeld, Esq.

[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.

“Queen Zenyatta”, Instagram.

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

It affects me not at all. I follow Instagram under a pen name and follow beautiful destinations, animals, opera and great museums of the world and the like, but nothing political or legal. I follow a few family members and friends.

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.

I have been a member of University Associates for two years. I have held no office in the group. Four times a year, there is a lunch at Capstone House with a guest speaker from the University of South Carolina’s administration, faculty or coaching staff.

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.

- (a) Co-recipient of the Claude N. Sapp Award for Outstanding Law Graduate (with David Dukes, Esq. of Columbia).
- (b) Served as Acting Associate Justice of the South Carolina Supreme Court on a number of occasions since 2004.
- (c) 2007-2008 Vocational Service Award from the Greenville East Rotary.
- (d) Recipient of the Statewide Fatherhood Advocate Award, 2005.
- (e) Recipient of the Award of Excellence from the SC Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, 2005.
- (f) Recipient of the SC chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA) Jurist of the Year, 2013.
- (g) Chairman of the Family Court Docketing section of the Supreme Court Docketing Commission.
- (h) Vice-chairman of the Chief Justice's Commission on the Profession.
- (i) Past chairman of the Magistrates and Municipal Court Judges Mentoring Program.
- (j) Board member, SC Bar Lawyers Helping Lawyers Program.
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Sworn to before me this ____ day of _____, 2020.

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