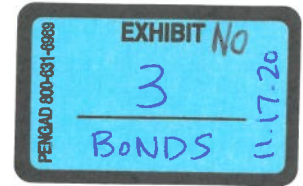


**JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION  
PERSONAL DATA QUESTIONNAIRE  
2020**



Circuit Court, Fourteenth Judicial Circuit, and Seat One

1. Name: Mr. Robert James Bonds  
Mrs.  
Ms.

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

Are you currently serving in some capacity as a judge? If part-time, please note.  
(Includes Municipal, Magistrate, Etc.) No

Home Address: [REDACTED]  
Business Address: 125 S. Walter Street, Walterboro, SC 29488  
E-Mail Address: [REDACTED]  
Telephone Number: (home): [REDACTED]  
(office): 843-549-6432  
(cell): [REDACTED]

2. Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 1963  
Place of Birth: Aiken, 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.
- No.
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.

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

Family Status: Married on November 2, 1991 to Harriet Anne Ashby who is a part time Colleton County Magistrate.

Never divorced, three children.



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) College of Charleston; attended fall of 1982 through fall of 1984. My parents were North Carolina residents and felt that it was in the family's best interest to complete Undergraduate degree at an in state university.

(b) University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill; attended spring of 1985 through fall of 1986. Graduated with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science.

(c) Campbell University Norman A. Wiggins School of Law; attended fall of 1987 through spring of 1990. Graduated with a 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) Participated in and won Client Counseling Competition during spring 1988. I Participated in the regional competition that was held at Washington and Lee University School of Law.

(b) Member of Pi Alpha Delta Legal Fraternity. 1987-1990

(c) Student Bar Associations Election Commission member and Chairman. 1987-1990.

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 1990.

(b) Took the bar exam 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) 1990-1995 Bogoslow and Jones Attorneys at Law: Associate attorney at an insurance defense firm located in Walterboro. Handled all aspects of cases from intake through trial. Cases included among others, auto accident defense, defense of governmental entities sued pursuant to the State Tort Claims Act and alleged 42 USC § 1983 violations. Tried cases in both State and Federal Courts. Served as the Town Attorney for the Town of Cottageville.
- (b) 1995-1996 Bonds and Wilkerson, LLC. Partner in the firm that focused on personal injury and criminal defense. I oversaw all operations of the firm to include management of the staff and monitoring both operating and trust accounts.
- (c) 1996-1998 Robert J. Bonds, Attorney at Law. Sole practitioner handling personal injury and criminal defense cases. I oversaw all operations of the firm to include administrative and financial management.
- (d) 1998-2000 John R. Hetrick, Attorney at the Law. Associate attorney at the firm. I handled primarily personal injury and criminal defense cases. I assisted in all aspects of the administrative and financial management of the firm, including the trust account.
- (e) 2000-Present – Hetrick, Harvin and Bonds, LLC. Partner in the firm handling personal injury matters including auto accident cases, nursing home negligence, and defective product cases. I also handle criminal defense cases ranging from minor traffic violations to major felonies. I oversee all operations of the firm to include administrative management and monitoring all firm accounts.

**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.

N/A

- (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.

Criminal Experience:

Over the past five years, I have represented at least one hundred Defendants accused of crimes from minor traffic violations to complex cases involving attempted murder, criminal sexual conduct, trafficking in various narcotics, burglary first degree, grand larceny and kidnapping just to name a few.

State of South Carolina v. Emmanuel Buckner, 2016-GS-15-00828, was a recent case that was tried to verdict. The Defendant was charged with failure to stop for blue light and possession of cocaine. The legal issues that arose in this case included warrantless searches of automobiles, and improper inventory searches of automobiles by the Sheriff's Department.

State of South Carolina v. Robert Wayne Eaves, 2017-GS-15-01034, was recently tried to verdict. The Defendant was charged with criminal sexual conduct with a minor under eleven years of age. One of many legal issues that arose was the State's use of an expert witness to possibly bolster the minor's testimony. Appropriate motions were made before and during the trial to exclude such testimony.

State of South Carolina v. Ryan Langdale, 2018-GS-15-00879 and 2018-GS-15-881 I represent Ryan Langdale, Defendant, who has been charged with attempted murder and possession of a weapon during a violent crime. The legal issues that have arisen center around self-defense, the castle doctrine and recently enacted stand your ground legislation.

Civil Experience:

Over my twenty nine years as a lawyer, I have represented over a thousand individuals in civil matters. I have represented Plaintiffs and Defendants in civil cases to a verdict in Colleton, Hampton and Jasper Counties, and represented Plaintiffs in civil cases to a verdict in Allendale, Aiken and Lexington Counties. Within the past five years, I have handled automobile accident cases, premises liability cases, bad faith cases, breach of contract cases, nursing home negligence cases and medical malpractice cases. With the advent of mediation, I find that most civil cases settle before trial. I have not tried a case in Common Pleas in the past five years.

Ridge Williams v. Cedarwood Apartments Ltd., 2015-CP-18-00131. I represented the Plaintiff who was seriously injured at an apartment complex by a drive-by shooter. It was our contention that the apartment complex was negligent in failing to provide adequate security to protect their residents and guests. A settlement was reached shortly after mediation.

Dietrich Davis v. Nationwide Affinity Insurance Company of America, 2016-CP-15-01465. I represented the Plaintiff whose vehicle was damaged in a single car accident. Despite the Plaintiff having comprehensive and collision insurance, the Defendant refused to pay for the client's property damage. We filed suit alleging bad faith and breach of contract by the Defendant. After extensive discovery, a confidential settlement was reached.

Adrienne Lemon, Sr. v. Sheriff's Department of Sumter County, c/a no. 3:10-CV-2758-JFA. In this Federal Court case, I represented the Plaintiff who was stopped by a deputy and in the course of a pat down was forced to remove his pants in public. Suit was filed against the Sumter County Sheriff's Department alleging a violation of the Plaintiff's civil rights. Shortly before trial a settlement was reached.

Over the past five years, I have appeared before a Circuit Court Judge at almost every term of court in Colleton County.

- (c) N/A
- (d) N/A

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: In the past six months I have made two appearances in Federal Court. Both times involving setting and modification of bond for two separate client's that I am presently representing.
  - (b) State: In the past five years, I have appeared in General Sessions and Common Pleas Court at least fifty different times.

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: sixty-five percent
  - (b) criminal: thirty percent
  - (c) domestic: zero percent
  - (d) other: five percent

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: Ninety-five percent
  - (b) non-jury: Five percent.

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

In the majority of my criminal cases that have gone to trial I have served as co-counsel. In the majority of my civil cases, I have been chief counsel. I have, however, tried several criminal cases as chief counsel to jury verdict.

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) Branham v. Ford Motor Co., 390 S.C. 203, 701 S.E.2d 5 (2012). Jessie Branham, III, sustained a traumatic brain injury when he was ejected from a Ford Bronco II that overturned. This products liability case was vigorously defended. Dozens of depositions were taken by each side including numerous experts. The case was tried and a thirty one million dollar verdict was returned. The defense appealed and the South Carolina Supreme Court reversed and remanded the case. This case is significant to me not only because it redefined product liability law in the State of South Carolina, but because of the relationship I developed with the Plaintiff and still have to this day.

(b) State v. Jamie Mizzel and Jimmy Allen "Tootie" Mizzel, 349 S.C. 326, 563 S.E.2d 315 (2002). I represented Tootie Mizzel who was charged with first degree burglary, grand larceny and possession of a firearm during the commission of a violent crime. During the trial, the presiding judge did not allow me to question a state's witness, who was charged with the same crimes as my client and was testifying without a plea deal, about the potential sentence he could receive if found guilty. The case was appealed to the South Carolina Court of Appeals and was affirmed and then reversed by the South Carolina Supreme Court. What struck me the most about this case was that my client had already served his sentence by the time the case was ultimately overturned by the South Carolina Supreme Court.

(d) Joy Linder v. Princess Breland, 1992-CP-15-00651. I represented the Defendant, Ms. Breland, who was sued for rear ending the Plaintiff's vehicle. The Plaintiff was young and was assigned a 20% whole person impairment rating. The jury returned a defense verdict. My client was thrilled. For years Ms. Breland would bring cakes and cookies to my office. This case is significant to me because it is one of the first cases that I tried and one of the first that involved an expert video deposition for use at trial.

(e) Bobby Lyons v. James Williams, Jr., et al, 2008-CP-15-01027. I represented Bobby Lyons, the Plaintiff, whose vehicle was struck by the Defendant when she turned directly in front of him. Mr. Lyons sustained numerous injuries to his neck and back and lost significant time from work. The defense in this case hired a medical expert whose video deposition was taken for use at trial. The expert opined that my client's injuries were not related to the automobile collision. The defense also hired an expert economist whose deposition was taken. This expert opined that the general down turn in the economy accounted for my client's lost wages. The jury returned a substantial verdict far exceeding what we had asked for. A separate direct claim was filed against one of the insurance carriers which resulted in a confidential settlement. This case is significant to me because the jury recognized the physical and financial impact the injuries had on my client and returned a significant verdict for him. It is the largest verdict that I have received to date.

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 personally handled any civil appeals. I have however, reviewed documents and provided input in the appeal of Branham v. Ford Motor Co. 390 S.C. 203 701 S.E.2d 5 (2012).

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) State v. Boozer, 2014-CP-15-00804. State appealed the Municipal Judge's dismissal of a driving under the influence charge.

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.

No.

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) n/a  
(b) n/a  
(c) n/a  
(d) n/a  
(e) n/a

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.

State and Federal Courts in South Carolina – 1990 to present.

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.

No.

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

See attachment.

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

None

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.)

See attachment. I claim primary authorship of each of the attached documents. My law partner, L. Scott Harvin, reviewed each document and made editorial suggestions.

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.

(a) Martindale-Hubbell BV

(b) The National Trial Lawyers Top 100: Criminal Defense.

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) Colleton County Bar Association. 1990-present.



- (b) South Carolina Bar House of Delegates. Served two terms approximately ten years ago.
- (c) South Carolina Defense Lawyers Association, Past member 1990-1995.
- (d) South Carolina Association for Justice. 2010-present.
- (e) American Association for Justice. 2012-2015.

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.

- (a) Walterboro City Council from 2011-2019.
- (b) I was notified by the Ethics Commission in July 2011 that I had not timely filed my pre-election campaign disclosure. I was notified again in 2015 that I had not timely filed my pre-election campaign disclosure. Both times, upon reviewing my online account, the information had been entered and saved but not submitted. I immediately submitted the information and both times paid the One Hundred Dollar fine.

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.

N/A

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.

No.

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.

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

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

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?

No.

If so, please specify the item or items you received, the date of receipt, and the lobbyist or lobbyist's principal involved.

N/A

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.

- (a) Lawrence K. Grooms 6/10/16 \$ 200.00
- (b) Lawrence K. Grooms 7/1/16 \$250.00
- (c) Robert Brown 2/8/17 \$250.00
- (d) Margie Bright Matthews 10/1/19 \$1,000.00
- (e) Margie Bright Matthews 2/3/20 \$1,000.00

\* made by Helen Bonds, my mother, who does not live with me

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.

N/A

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.

N/A

44. For sitting judges, have you used the services of your staff, for which you did not pay, while campaigning for this office?

N/A

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.

Yes.

- (a) Legal malpractice claim. Janis D. Headden v. Hetrick Law Firm, et al. 2012-CP-15-00247. Mrs. Headden's negligence claim was not filed within the applicable Statute of Limitations. Suit was filed and the case settled in 2013.

(b) As a Special Administrator for an Estate. Lena M. (PR) White v. Robert J. (sp/adm) Bonds. 1998-CP-15-00144. Gerrod Woodberry v. Robert J. (sp/adm) Bonds. 1998-CP-15-00145. I was appointed by the Court to serve as the Special Administrator for the estate of David Conley. Mr. Conley died as a result of a motor vehicle accident and several law suits were filed against his estate. The White matter was filed February 17, 1998 and settled February 3, 2000. The Woodberry matter was filed on February 17, 1998 and settled on January 5, 2000.

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.

- (a) I have had continuous malpractice coverage since 1990. Our law firm presently has one million dollars of liability coverage with Continental Casualty Company.
- (b) I have never had tail insurance.

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



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 don't think it would be affected as I only used the account when I was running for public office and have not posted on the account in years. I do not expect that to change.

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) Walterboro Rotary Club – President 2020
  - (b) Walterboro Elks Lodge
  - (c) University of North Carolina Educational Foundation
  - (d) Edisto Island Yacht Club
  - (e) Best Elected Public Official 2012-2013, Press and Standard Readers Choice Award.
  - (f) Best Attorney 2012-2013, Press and Standard Readers Choice Award.
  - (g) Lowcountry Council of Governments 2011-2019, chairman 2018-2019.

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.

I have lived and worked in Walterboro, South Carolina for over twenty-nine years. I have raised my family, attended church, coached ball teams and held public office in those years. I have practiced law in Walterboro as a civil defense attorney and as a civil plaintiff's attorney. I have managed law offices, as well as a large volume of diverse cases for many different clients. I have tried civil jury cases to verdict in four of the five counties of the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit and have represented criminal defendants in both simple and complex cases. I know and understand the people of this circuit, and I understand the issues and problems litigants and attorney face in this circuit. I believe these experiences make me uniquely qualified to face the challenges presented to a Fourteenth Judicial Circuit 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: \_\_\_\_\_