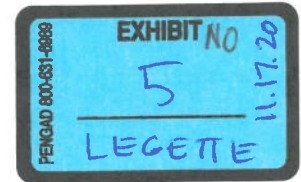


JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION  
PERSONAL DATA QUESTIONNAIRE  
2020



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

1. Name: Mr.  
Mrs.  
Ms. Tameaka A. Legette

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

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: 104 Simmons Street, Walterboro, SC 29488; P.O. Box 366, Walterboro, SC 29488

E-Mail Address: [REDACTED]

Telephone Number: (home): [REDACTED]  
(office): (843) 474-4717  
(cell): [REDACTED]

2. Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 1975  
Place of Birth: Marion, 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 military service

6. Family Status:  
(a) State whether you are single, married, widowed, divorced, or separated.

Single; Never divorced; No children.

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

N/A

(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.

N/A

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) University of South Carolina (Columbia): August 1993 – May 1994;

I did not graduate. I transferred during the Summer 1994 to a different college.

(b) Francis Marion University: August 1994 – December 1997;

Bachelor of Science in Political Science Degree

(c) University of South Carolina School of Law: August 1999 – May 2002;

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) Black Law Students Association (BLSA) August 1999 – May 2002

(b) Vice President

(c) Community Service Committee Chairperson

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; 2002; Took the SC 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.

Fourteenth Judicial Circuit Solicitor's Office – Allendale, Beaufort, Colleton, Hampton, Jasper, South Carolina

(a) Assistant Solicitor, August 2002 – 2005

As an Assistant Solicitor under former Solicitor Randolph Murdaugh, III, (2002-2005), I prosecuted cases primarily in Allendale and Hampton Counties. I was also given the responsibility of managing and administrating the Allendale County General Sessions Docket for several years. During this time, I also had a dual role of working in the Hampton County Court of General Sessions, as well as being a Family Court prosecutor. As a Family Court prosecutor, I prosecuted delinquent juveniles in Allendale, and Hampton Family Court systems.

As a prosecutor in General Sessions court, I successfully prosecuted numerous felony and misdemeanor jury trials, including drugs, murder, burglary, armed robbery, and other violent crimes. According to Solicitor Randolph Murdaugh, III, the elected Solicitor at the time, I also had the successful litigation of the first and only felony drug conviction in Allendale County. In early 2006, I also successfully litigated the first murder conviction in Allendale County in 30 years.

In addition to this, I voluntarily implemented a Criminal Domestic Violence Court in Hampton County with consent of Solicitor Murdaugh. In this role, I prosecuted criminal domestic violence cases in Summary Court during a period where it was not necessarily the “in” thing to do.

Alongside these duties, I facilitated relations with the public and law enforcement, and developed and coordinated team strategies with law enforcement for successful prosecutions. I also litigated motions, forfeitures, and handled Summary Court criminal appeals.

(b) Trial Team Member, 2006 – 2007

After Solicitor Murdaugh retired and Solicitor Duffie Stone was appointed to finish his term in 2006, Solicitor Stone promoted me to the “Trial Team,” which was the first inception of the current “Career Criminal Unit.” I was the first and possibly only member of this team. My job involved mainly traveling the Circuit and trying various cases. I worked in this role for a short stint until we had several attorneys leave the office around the same time.

(c) Administrative Solicitor - Allendale, Hampton, and Jasper Counties, 2007 – 2010

After the trial team venture, my role shifted back to being more of an Administrative Solicitor for Allendale, Hampton, and Jasper Counties. In these roles, I would eventually become responsible for managing and administrating the dockets for Allendale, Hampton and Jasper County General Sessions Courts. My duties included scheduling matters, indicting cases, negotiating guilty pleas, trying cases, as well as running court - sometimes alone.

I also analyzed and researched legal issues, motions practice, and supervised and managed subordinate attorneys, support staff and overall office management.

(d) Career Criminal Prosecutor, December 2010 – Present  
Former Team Leader 2012 – 2017

After managing and administrating the above dockets for several years, and functioning essentially as a community prosecutor to Allendale and Hampton Counties, in 2010, I was again promoted to be a member of the Career Criminal Unit. I have remained in this role since then. In this role, I prosecute felony jury trials of career criminals throughout our five (5) County Circuit. I have prosecuted felony criminal cases in Allendale, Beaufort, Colleton, Hampton, and Jasper Counties. In the past four to five years, my role has shifted to prosecuting primarily murder cases in Allendale, Hampton, and Colleton Counties. I also continue to analyze and research legal issues, oral arguments, motion practice, and drafting legal documents. I have also worked as a Task Force Leader and developer, and supervised other team attorneys and staff members.

(e) Special Assistant United States Attorney, 2016 – 2019

In 2016, I was appointed to be a Special Assistant United States Attorney. In this role, and while maintaining my caseload at the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit Solicitor's Office, I assisted with Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act (RICO) prosecution(s). I also had the privilege of serving as co-counsel in a successful federal jury trial. This role afforded me the opportunity to fulfill my dream of working as a federal prosecutor, as well as removing nearly twenty (20) violent gang members from the Colleton County community.

(f) South Carolina Judicial Department, Columbia, South Carolina  
Board of Law Examiners, April 2016 - Present

Also, in 2016, I was granted the honor of being appointed to and serving on the Board of Law Examiners for the State of South Carolina. In this role, I have graded and continue to grade various sections of the Uniform Bar Exam.

(g) Public Integrity Unit, 2020 – present

Most recently Solicitor Stone has assigned me to work on the newly created Public Integrity Unit within our Office. This Unit is a joint venture between the First (1<sup>st</sup>) and Fourteenth (14<sup>th</sup>) Judicial Circuit Solicitor's Offices. One of the roles of this unit is reviewing allegations and investigations of Official Misconduct, which include officer involved shootings within our two Judicial Circuits. The Unit will foreseeably prosecute any official misconduct cases, which arise within our Judicial Circuits.

**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 Matters – Over the past nearly eighteen (18) years, I have worked as an Assistant Solicitor handling a gamut of criminal cases in Summary Court, Family Court, and Circuit Court. My work has mainly focused on prosecution in the Court of General Sessions where I have litigated numerous major felony and misdemeanor jury trials. I have handled these cases as sole counsel, chief counsel, and co-counsel. I have “run court” from an Administrative capacity, as well as tried cases during the same court term. I have negotiated hundreds of guilty pleas. My role as an Administrative Solicitor for three counties afforded me the opportunity to become intimately familiar with the Criminal Code of Laws of South Carolina. For the past ten (10) years, I have focused on prosecuting career criminals; cases involving some of our State’s most hardened mindsets. Working in this role, I was placed in a unique position to try many cases, which gave me above average opportunities to study the court system itself, the trial judges across our state, and the process of the jury trial.

I also had the rare opportunity to work as a Special Assistant United States Attorney (SAUSA) where I was privileged to serve as co-counsel in a Racketeer Influenced Corrupt Organizations Act (RICO), prosecution and federal jury trial. This opportunity allowed me to learn and use laws and concepts I was unfamiliar with as a State prosecutor. My experience with this case, and the other cases associated with it, caused me to research and use all the tools at my disposal to educate myself on the laws, rules, and concepts involved in this highly complex case. What I lack in experience, I make up for in hard work, and dedication to the

task at hand. I am fully prepared to do the same thing as a judge in any area of the law wherein my knowledge and experience are limited.

Civil Matters – I have not handled any civil matters in the Circuit Court. Despite not having handled any civil cases in Circuit Court, my breadth of experience in the Circuit Court, in the Court of General Sessions, uniquely positions me to understand the issues and procedural rules of the civil aspect of the Circuit Court. In addition to working as an Assistant Solicitor the past nearly eighteen (18) years, I have also been afforded the unique opportunity to serve as a member of the Board of Law Examiners of the State of South Carolina for the past four (4) years. This role has afforded me the added opportunity to refamiliarize myself with other concepts and aspects of the law, which the average prosecutor would not have. The Rules of Civil Procedure may differ from the Rules of Criminal Procedure; however, through my many years as a practitioner of the law, I have come to understand the law, how it functions, and the rules that govern it. The rules of the game may differ but the outcome we work towards remains the same. We work towards the fair administration of justice. The role of the judiciary remains the same - to be the arbiter of that justice, while working as a fair and neutral independent referee between the parties. If elected as a Circuit Court judge, my many experiences in the Circuit Court have prepared me for this role.

Appearances - As an Assistant Solicitor, over the past five (5) years, I have appeared before the Circuit Court at least once during a monthly court term and sometimes more than twice per month depending on whether or not I had a case in a different county in our judicial circuit of five (5) counties, wherein I may have had to appear in Allendale, Colleton or Hampton Counties.

- (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.

N/A

- (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.

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: During 2016-2017, several times per year
- (b) state: Monthly

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: 0%
  - (b) criminal: 95%
  - (c) domestic: 0%
  - (d) other: 5%
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: 75%
  - (b) non-jury: 25%

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

I served mostly as chief counsel, and at times sole counsel. I also served as co-counsel in Federal Court.

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) State v. Eric Hemingway, 2005-GS-03-0139, 2005-GS-03-0142, 2005-GS03-0143. I represented the State of South Carolina as an Assistant Solicitor. The Defendant was indicted for and convicted at trial of Murder, Burglary 1<sup>st</sup> Degree and Criminal Sexual Conduct 1<sup>st</sup> Degree. This case was significant because it was the first murder conviction in Allendale County in 30 years or more. The case was also significant because it involved quite a few issues including, 1) the victim having to be re-examined by the pathologist just prior to her burial due to her murder only being discovered after her original autopsy on the day of her burial; 2) the pathologist finding spermatozoa inside the victim at the second examination; 3) my having to practically insist that SLED test the spermatozoa for DNA after it was determined that no semen was found in the sample taken; 4) The DNA Analyst finally agreeing to test for DNA and said DNA being found belonging to the Defendant and or his paternal relatives.

(b) State v. Anthony Wolfe, 2012-GS-03-0140, 2012-GS-03-0141, 2012-GS-03-0142, 2012-GS-03-0143. The Defendant in this case was charged with Burglary 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, Kidnapping, Criminal Sexual Conduct 1<sup>st</sup> degree and Possession of a Weapon during the Commission of a Violent Crime. I represented the State of South Carolina as an Assistant Solicitor. The Defendant was found not guilty at trial. This case was significant because it was a turning point in my career. Prior to this case, I fancied myself a hot-shot lawyer with a misguided superhero complex. I soon learned that I was neither of the two, and but merely mortal. The term “judicial discretion” took on a brand-new meaning for me during the jury trial. This case was the most humbling experience of my career and taught me many things I have kept with me ever since. I have also carried with me the burden of the victim’s haunting desire to die after the verdict was read. I have remained in contact

with the victim periodically through the years to encourage them. This case taught me humility among other things but one of the most significant things this case taught me was to stand up for what is right even if I have to face down my worst nightmare in order to do it.

(c) State v. Laparis Flowers, 2014-GS-03-229, 2014-GS-03-231, 2014-GS-03-232, 2014-GS-03-233, 2014-GS-03-234. The Defendant in this case was indicted for and found guilty at trial of Murder, three (3) counts of Attempted Murder and Possession of a Weapon During the Commission of a Violent Crime. I represented the State of South Carolina as an Assistant Solicitor. This case is significant because by the time the Defendant was convicted at trial, he had been accused of killing at least two other persons, one for which he was found not guilty at trial, and the other case was dismissed due to lack of evidence. Prior to the murder conviction, I had also tried him for armed robbery, and he was found not guilty at trial of this offense as well. The victim/witness in the armed robbery incident came forward finally because she believed had she come forward sooner she might have saved the second victim's life. Despite her courage in coming forward for the armed robbery, the Defendant was found not guilty again. Thereafter, the defendant killed the final victim – who had at one point also been a criminal defendant of mine - while wounding two other victims. The defendant's name struck fear in the community in which he lived and roamed. His conviction closed a chapter in a violent paradigm.

(d) State v. Andre Crawford, 2016-GS-15-0481, 2016-GS-15-0608, 2016-GS-15-0609, 2016-GS-15-0610. I represented the State of South Carolina as an Assistant Solicitor. The Defendant in this case was indicted for and convicted at trial of Murder, Attempted Murder, Obstruction of Justice, and Possession of Weapon During the Commission of a Violent Crime. This case was significant because the defendant had been previously found not guilty at trial of the murder of a young mother and attempted murder of another person. Similarly, to Flowers above, the defendant's name struck fear in the hearts of the community. So much so, that this case relied heavily on forensic evidence rather than eyewitness testimony. The incident happened at a night club and while there were numerous witnesses who likely saw what occurred, they refused to come forward. This case was literally won by three witnesses - the surviving eyewitness/victim, and two "speaking" bullets.

(e) The United States of America v. Devin Brown, Crim. No. 2:16-123-RMG. I served as co-counsel in this case on behalf of the Government, as a Special Assistant United States Attorney (SAUSA). The Defendant in this case was convicted at trial of Weapons and Violent Crimes in Aid of Racketeering charges. This case was significant because it involved the RICO Act. It may have also been the first time the Act was used in recent history in the District Court of South Carolina. This case was significant for me because I was able to co-chair a brilliant trial attorney from the Department of Justice in Washington, D.C., while working in the Federal District Court of South Carolina. This case was filled with new issues for me, such as the Violent Crimes in Aid of Racketeering and RICO Act, as well as predicates. I also was able to achieve a personal goal of working as a Special Assistant United States Attorney. This was an exceptional, hands on experience for me.



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. N/A  
(a) N/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) N/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.  
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. N/A  
(a) N/A  
(b)  
(c)  
(d)  
(e)
20. List all courts in which you have been admitted to practice and list the dates of your admission. Give the same information for administrative bodies that require a special admission to practice.  
(a) South Carolina, November 2002
21. Have you taught law-related courses or lectured at bar association conferences, educational institutions, or continuing legal or judicial education programs? If so, briefly describe each course or lecture.  
(a) I lectured on Direct Examination at the 2016 Prosecution Bootcamp.  
(b) I lectured on Rule 5 Discovery and Ethics at the 2016 Domestic Violence Prosecution Bootcamp.  
(c) I lectured on Domestic Violence and Criminal Sexual Conduct at the July 2017 SANE/SART Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner / Sexual Assault Response Team Adult and Adolescent Course.  
(d) I was a guest lecturer on Criminal Law at South Carolina State University in 2019.

- (e) I have participated in numerous Career Day Programs at various schools in the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit. During these lectures, I spoke to students regarding the topics of attending law school and other law related issues.
- (f) I have been a guest speaker at Domestic Violence as well as Crime Victims' Rights Week Vigils.
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.  
N/A
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
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.  
N/A
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  
(b) National District Attorneys Association  
(c) Colleton County Bar Association  
(d) Rotary Club 7770 Colleton County
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 been appointed to work as an Assistant Solicitor in the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit Solicitor's office continuously since 2002 to date.

I am not required to file such a report with the State Ethics Commission.

28. For sitting or former judges, list all employment you had while serving as a judge (whether full-time or part-time, contractual or at will, consulting or otherwise) other than elected judicial office. Specify your dates of employment, employer, major job responsibilities, and supervisor.

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.

Yes. I had several jobs throughout college. I also worked for a year prior to attending law school, and as a law clerk during law school.

(a) McDonald's Corporation – Front Line Cashier, Drive Thru Cashier, Grill Cook, Shift Manager, (1992-1996)

(b) Piggly Wiggly, Inc. – Cashier, Bookkeeper, Shift Manager, (1996-1998)

(c) Rose's Stores – Assistant Manager, (1998-1999)

(d) Richland County Public Defender's Office – Law Clerk, (2000)

(e) Fifth Judicial Circuit Solicitor's Office – Family Court Law Clerk (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.

No.

32. Are you now or have you ever been employed as a "lobbyist," as defined by S.C. Code § 2-17-10(13), or have you acted in the capacity of a "lobbyist's principal," as defined by S.C. Code § 2-17-10(14)? If so, give the dates of your employment or activity in such capacity and specify by whom you were directed or employed.

No.

33. Provide, as a **separate attachment**, a complete, current financial net worth statement that itemizes in detail:

(a) the identity and value of all financial assets held, directly or indirectly, including, but not limited to, bank accounts, real estate, securities, trusts, investments, and other financial holdings; and

(b) the identity and amount of each liability owed, directly or indirectly, which is in excess of \$1,000, including, but not limited to, debts, mortgages, loans, and other financial obligations.

(A net worth statement form is provided with this questionnaire and you must use this format for submission of your financial statement.)

See attachment

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

34. Has a tax lien or other collection procedure ever been instituted against you by federal, state, or local authorities? Have you ever defaulted on a student loan? Have you ever filed for bankruptcy? If so, give details. Also, proof of satisfaction of any liens or defaults must be submitted with your application package.
- (a) No
  - (b) No
  - (c) 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.
- 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?
- N/A
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) N/A
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.
- N/A
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;
- N/A

- (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  
N/A
- (c) which was sold, leased, or rented to a state or local public agency in South Carolina.  
N/A

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.  
N/A

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.  
(a) No  
(b) Not to my knowledge
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.  
(a) No  
(b) 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.  
(a) No  
(b) 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. Not to my knowledge.

55. List the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of five (5) persons from whom you are providing references. Also, provide the Commission with **original letters** of recommendation from each person listed herein, including their signature (preferably in blue ink). **The Commission will not accept a photocopy or electronic submission of a letter of recommendation and failure to include all five (5) original letters of recommendation in your packet when you submit it will render your packet incomplete.** Please **do not** have references mail your reference letters to the Commission directly. *You must return the five (5) original letters of recommendation to the Commission with your application.*

(a) The Honorable Isaac McDuffie Stone, III, Solicitor, Fourteenth Judicial Circuit, [REDACTED]

(b) Joshua Koger, Jr., Esq., Law Offices of Joshua Koger, Jr., [REDACTED]

(c) Leshia Lee-Dixon, Senior Trial Attorney, Organized Crime and Gang Section, Department of Justice, [REDACTED]

(d) Glenn Walters, P.A., P [REDACTED]

(e) Sean P. Thornton, Deputy Solicitor, Fourteenth Judicial Circuit, [REDACTED]

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

Yes. LinkedIn.

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

(a) Tameaka Legette – LinkedIn

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 have a LinkedIn account, which I rarely do anything with. I have had the account since 2008, and prior to completing this application, I had not updated the

account in years. To my recollection, I have rarely if ever posted anything on the account other than to update my profile, to accept invitations of those who view my profile or those who ask to add me as a contact. I may also have responded to contacts who contacted me.

If I am elected to serve as a Circuit Court Judge, my use of social media would change very little, as it is very limited now. I do not expect my social media usage to increase, but instead, it might become completely non-existent.

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) Rotary Club District 7770
  - (b) Elizabeth Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ
  - (c) Harmonia Missionary Baptist Church – former Recording Church Secretary
  - (d) Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. (inactive status since 1998)
  - (e) John R. Justice Community Leadership Award - SC Solicitor's Association, United States Attorney's Office for the District of South Carolina
  - (f) Community Service Award – SC National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice
  - (g) Team Leader Award – Fourteenth Judicial Circuit Solicitor's Office
  - (h) Proclamation – Fourteenth Judicial Circuit Solicitor's Office
  - (i) John R. Justice Scholarship Award – SC Solicitor's Association
  - (j) Letter of Commendation
  - (k) Marshal – Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade – MLK Steering Committee, Hampton, SC
  - (l) Former Member - South Carolina Bar House of Delegates

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.

My parents are the greatest influencers of my life, and yet, both come from some of the humblest of circumstances in recent history. I am the daughter of a man who was raised by his grandfather, who due to the times, could barely read and write. I am the daughter of a woman who at age 10, after the death of her mother, basically raised herself, living in abject poverty and near daily starvation. This woman, my mother, born with the heart of the lioness, resolved at the tender age of 17 that she would defy the odds of her birth and never allow her children to live as she had been forced to.

I have had the privilege of being raised by a father and mother, who despite their humble beginnings, saw to it that my brother and I would be provided the tools to succeed in life. We were never rich, and maybe not even middle class but my mother and father taught us the value of hard work, treating everyone with honor and respect, and to treat others as we would want to be treated, if not better.

My parents instilled in my brother and I not only the value of hard work but also the value of an education. These values helped shape me into the woman and attorney I am.



These same values, combined with the experiences I have been afforded as an attorney in the Solicitor's Office, form the core ingredients of who I plan to be as a Circuit Court judge.

I believe I was born to become a lawyer. My father called out my destiny the day he warned me he wanted me to be anything in life that I wanted to be, "except one of those lying, cheating, lawyers." These words would prove to have a profound effect upon me, and would serve to shape my destiny, and my career. Though I never asked my father what brought him to such a negative conclusion about lawyers, I decided that day to become a lawyer, but not just any lawyer – a lawyer my father and mother would be proud to say they raised, and proud to call their daughter. I believe the attorney I am speaks to that.

My parents have been the greatest influencers of my life, and though neither has even a college degree, both are infinitely wiser and more educated than I could ever aspire to be. Because of my upbringing, I have devoted my entire legal career to the service of others, as well as the pursuit of justice, mercy, and love of others. Should I be elected to serve as a Circuit Court judge, those years of upbringing, my devotion to the service of others, and my continued commitment to the pursuit of justice, would be the core ingredients of the kind of judge I would aspire to be and become.

All persons, no matter their walk or station of life will be treated equally, fairly, respectfully, and with dignity in any courtroom where I preside. I will always see the humanity in each individual litigant, attorney, plaintiff, defendant, staff member, accused, victim, or family members who appear before me.

I am Tameaka A. Legette, the servant our State needs.

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: \_\_\_\_\_