



JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION
Sworn Statement to be included in Transcript of Public Hearings

Circuit Court
(New Candidate)

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1. Why do you want to serve as a Circuit Court judge?

I would like to continue my career of service to the people and the State of South Carolina and feel that I would make a good and fair jurist.

2. Do you plan to serve your full term if elected?

Yes

3. Do you have any plans to return to private practice one day?

No

4. Have you met the Constitutional requirements for this position regarding age, residence, and years of practice?

Yes

5. What is your philosophy regarding *ex parte* communications? Are there circumstances under which you could envision *ex parte* communications being tolerated?

I understand that *ex parte* communications may be necessary for scheduling, administrative purposes or emergency situations. However, those communications should be limited to non-substantive issues and should be disclosed to the opposing party as required so that party has an opportunity to respond.

6. If you disclosed something that had the appearance of bias, but you believed it would not actually prejudice your impartiality, what deference would you give a party that requested your recusal? Would you grant such

a motion?

I would give deference to the requesting party and grant the motion to avoid the appearance of impropriety unless the parties on their own decided to waive the disqualification.

7. How would you handle the appearance of impropriety because of the financial or social involvement of your spouse or a close relative?

I would disclose any information and recuse myself as necessary.

8. What standards would you set for yourself regarding the acceptance of gifts or social hospitality?

I will not accept any gifts or social hospitality.

9. How would you handle a situation in which you became aware of misconduct or appearance of infirmity of a lawyer or of a fellow judge?

I would intervene as necessary to mitigate the misconduct, confront the lawyer or judge and report the conduct to the appropriate authorities.

10. Are you a member of any organization or association that, by policy or practice, prohibits or limits its membership on the basis of race, sex, religion, or national origin? If so, please identify the entity and explain if this organization practices invidious discrimination on any basis.

No

11. Have you engaged in any fund-raising activities with any political, social, community, or religious organizations? Please describe.

I help at an annual yard sale to raise money for Christmas presents to children with incarcerated parents.

12. Do you have any business activities that you would envision remaining involved with if elected to the bench?

No

13. If elected, how would you handle the drafting of orders?

In most situations I would draft orders myself, I may request proposed orders in some situations.

14. If elected, what methods would you use to ensure that you and your staff meet deadlines?

I would keep a calendar with reminders of deadlines as they approach.

15. What is your philosophy on “judicial activism,” and what effect should judges have in setting or promoting public policy?

I don't believe in “judicial activism.” I believe that the law should be read and followed as written by the legislature and interpreted by the Supreme Court.

16. Canon 4 allows a judge to engage in activities to improve the law, legal system, and administration of justice. If elected, what activities do you plan to undertake to further this improvement of the legal system?

If elected I would get involved with diversionary programs. Alternatives to traditional, expensive and often ineffective punishment (such as Veteran's Court, Drug Court, Homeless Court and Mental Health Court) help to strengthen communities, reduce recidivism and have a long-term impact.

17. Do you feel that the pressure of serving as a judge would strain personal relationships (i.e. spouse, children, friends, or relatives)? How would you address this?

It could certainly strain them at times, but I wouldn't let that affect my rulings.

18. The following list contains five categories of offenders that would perhaps regularly appear in your court. Discuss your philosophy on sentencing for these classes of offenders.

a. Repeat offenders: I think repeat offenders need upgraded consequences to their actions. There are ways to punish them and break the cycle of criminal behavior.

b. Juveniles (that have been waived to the Circuit Court): For the most part Juveniles that have been waived up to Circuit Court should be treated like any other offender, however, the Supreme Court requires that juveniles be recognized as having a greater ability for rehabilitation given their age and lack of brain development and I would act accordingly.

c. White collar criminals: I think white collar criminals are just as responsible as anyone else who steals and should be punished

accordingly.

- d. Defendants with a socially and/or economically disadvantaged background: I think people with a disadvantaged background are just as responsible for following the rule of law as anyone else, but where the circumstances require there needs to be allowances for people who just can't pay the fees or fines. People shouldn't be punished extra because of their background.
- e. Elderly defendants or those with some infirmity: I think elderly or infirm people are just as responsible for following the rule of law as anyone else, but I also believe that they shouldn't be punished extra because of their infirmity and would take it into account.

19. Are you involved in any active investments from which you derive additional income that might impair your appearance of impartiality?

No

20. Would you hear a case where you or a member of your family held a *de minimis* financial interest in a party involved?

Yes, if it is an insignificant interest that could not raise reasonable question as to my impartiality.

21. Have you met the mandatory minimum hours requirement for continuing legal education courses for the past reporting period?

Yes

22. What do you feel is the appropriate demeanor for a judge and when do these rules apply?

I think that a Judge should treat all people with respect and dignity at all times, both in and outside of the courtroom.

23. Do you feel that it is ever appropriate to be angry with a member of the public, especially with a criminal defendant? Is anger ever appropriate in dealing with attorneys or pro se litigants?

No, I do not think that anger is ever appropriate.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ANSWERS TO THE ABOVE QUESTIONS ARE TRUE AND COMPLETE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

/s/ S. Boyd Young

Sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, 2020.

(Signature)

(Print Name)
Notary Public for South Carolina
My Commission Expires: _____