



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

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

1. Name: Mr. Shane William Rogers

Name that you are known by if different from above
(Example: A Nickname): None.

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: 220 N. Church Street, Suite 4, Spartanburg, SC 29306
Post Office Drawer 5587, Spartanburg, SC 29304

E-Mail Address: [REDACTED]

Telephone Number: (home): [REDACTED]
(office): 864-582-8121 ext. 128
(cell) [REDACTED]

2. Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 1973
Place of Birth: Spartanburg, 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# [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.
(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.

Married on May 13, 1995 to Monica Truesdale Rogers f/k/a Monica Dawn Truesdale
Never divorced, two children:



Wife's Occupation: Assistant Director of Child Care Program (This is My Child - Middle Tyger Community Center which is affiliated with Spartanburg County School District Five)

- 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 Spartanburg (n/k/a USC Upstate); August 1991 - May 1995; B.A. - Political Science, cum laude
 - (b) University of South Carolina School of Law; August 1996 - May 1999; Juris Doctorate.

- 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) Student Bar Association (1997-1999) - Legislative Council; Admissions Committee, Chairman; Elections Committee, Co-Chair; Faculty Selection Committee, Co-Chair; Law Week Golf Committee; Legislative Committee; Finance Committee.
 - (b) Student volunteer at Ernest F. Hollings National Advocacy Center (cross examination training) (1999).

- 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 – 1999.

- 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) Associate - Brown, Massey, Evans, McLeod & Haynsworth, LLC (Greenville, SC); 1999-2001.
Areas of practice: Civil Litigation (primarily insurance defense and corporate litigation), Probate administration and litigation, and Family Court appointments.
- (b) Associate - Leatherwood Walker Todd & Mann, P.C. (Spartanburg, SC); 2001-2003
Areas of practice: Civil Litigation (primarily insurance defense and corporate litigation), Probate administration and litigation, and Family Court appointments.
- (c) Associate - The Ward Law Firm, P.A. (Spartanburg, SC); 2003 – 2005. Areas of practice: Civil Litigation (primarily insurance defense and corporate litigation), Probate administration and litigation, and Family Court appointments.
- (d) Associate - Johnson, Smith, Hibbard & Wildman Law Firm, LLP (Spartanburg, SC); 2005-2013. Areas of practice: Civil Litigation (personal injury, general litigation and corporate litigation), Probate administration and litigation, and appointed cases (Family Court and PCR matters).
- (e) Partner - Johnson, Smith, Hibbard & Wildman Law Firm, LLP (Spartanburg, SC); 2013 - present. Areas of practice: Civil Litigation (personal injury, general litigation and corporate litigation), Probate administration and litigation. As a partner, I have the authority to sign trust account checks and to review account records should the same become necessary.

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.

N/A

- (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.

Given that a substantial portion of my practice involves civil litigation, I have appeared before the Master and Circuit Court on a regular basis since being admitted to practice in 1999. Prior to the current Covid-19 pandemic, I would generally expect to appear before the Master or Circuit Court in some capacity monthly. The following is a brief description of the issues involved in some of the more recent matters I handled before the Master-in-Equity:

- (1) An action seeking declaratory relief related to an easement for ingress and egress across property. The primary issues were related to ambiguities in the public records as to the respective property owner's rights.
- (2) Multiple Supplemental Proceedings related to judgments obtained by or against my clients.
- (3) An action involving the interpretation and enforcement of a conservation easement and potential damages arising from the alleged violation of said conservation easement.
- (4) An action seeking a declaratory judgment, equitable lien, constructive trust, accounting, and foreclosure arising from allegations that defendants erroneously received funds from plaintiff and failed to return said funds.
- (5) Multiple hearing related to approval of wrongful death settlements.

- (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: 1-2 times a 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: 60%
 - (b) criminal: 0%
 - (c) domestic: 1%
 - (d) other: 39% (probate administration/litigation)

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: 25%
 - (b) non-jury: 75%

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

Chief 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) I represented an elderly woman in a breach of contract action involving a loan she made to the son of one of her friends. The case was tried in the Anderson County Circuit Court. The jury returned a verdict in favor of my client. While many might see this a relatively minor matter, it will always be significant to me because I fondly remember how grateful my client was to have had her day in court and it was my first jury trial before the Circuit Court.
 - (b) I represented a landlord in a dispute with a tenant over a space that had been utilized as a restaurant. My client commenced an ejection proceeding in the Spartanburg County Magistrate's Court. On or about the same day, the tenant filed an action in the Spartanburg County Court of Common Pleas alleging breach of contract and constructive eviction. Subsequently, the tenant agreed that it had vacated the premises while reserving the pending claims for constructive eviction and breach of contract. After unsuccessful settlement attempts, the case went to trial before the Circuit Court on the parties' competing claims. The jury returned a verdict in favor of my client and entered judgment against the defendant. A subsequent action was brought against the guarantors following the entry of the judgment against the tenant and a supplemental proceeding before the Master-in-Equity was required to enforce the judgment against one of the guarantors. In the initial case against the tenant, I felt that I was able to connect with the jury and assess how best to present my client's case.

- (c) The next matter is one that I won at the trial but ultimately lost on appeal. My client was an engineering firm that had provided services to an entity that was looking to develop a relatively small subdivision in Spartanburg County. The case had originally been filed by another attorney and I inherited the file when he left our firm. When I took over the case, some discovery had been conducted and an Amended Complaint, asserting equitable claims, had been served. In response to the Amended Complaint, the Defendant asserted a counterclaim for breach of contract against my client. The parties filed cross summary judgment motions. The trial court granted partial summary judgment to my client and the denial of the Defendant's motion for summary judgment. The Defendant appealed the trial court's ruling on the summary judgment motions. The Court of Appeals affirmed the trial court's order. See The Nutt Corporation, d/b/a TNC Engineering, v. Howell Road, LLC, Op. No. 2008-UP-195 (S.C. Ct.App. filed March 20, 2008). A subsequent bench trial resulted in an order awarding an equitable lien in favor of my client. After post-trial motions, the Defendant filed its notice of appeal. The appeal resulted in the reversal of the trial court's decision. See Nutt Corp. v. Howell Rd., LLC, 396 S.C. 323, 721 S.E.2d 447 (Ct.App. 2011). This case provided me with my first opportunity to represent a party on appeal and to argue twice before the Court of Appeals. It is further significant in that it resulted in a published opinion related to the issues related to contractual claims and equitable remedies.
- (d) I handled an appeal related to claims against the Charleston County Delinquent Tax Collector. The action, which was initially filed and handled by another attorney in my firm, alleged violations of South Carolina Code sections 12-51-40 and 12-51-120 (2014), and sought reimbursement of the interest it was required to pay to redeem property sold at a tax sale. I became involved after the Circuit Court granted summary judgment against my client. I was actively involved in finalizing our brief and appeared for the oral argument. The Court of Appeals ruled in favor of my client and reversed the Circuit Court's order. See Hallenbeck Sisters, LLC v. Hall, Op. No. 2015-UP-454 (S.C. Ct.App. filed September 9, 2015). This matter was significant in that it resulted in a favorable outcome for my client, offered me another opportunity to appear before the Court of Appeals, and helped me gain a better understanding of the statutes related to tax sales.
- (e) Shortly after I joined Johnson Smith, I assisted with a medical malpractice case filed in York County. Following an unsuccessful mediation, the case went to trial. The jury returned a verdict against our client. This was the first medical malpractice case I was involved with on the plaintiff's side and it highlighted the significance of a good expert witness.

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) See response noted in 15(c) above.
- (b) See response noted in 15(d) above.

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.

None.

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

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) Admitted to practice before the State Courts of South Carolina in 1999.
- (b) Admitted to practice before the Federal District Court (D.S.C.) in 1999.
- (c) Admitted to practice before the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals in 2012.

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 was a speaker at an NBI sponsored CLE seminar entitled Fundamental Probate Procedures and Practice (2010).
- (b) I have also served as a speaker on multiple occasions at clinics/classes presented by the South Carolina Bar Public Service Program (i.e. free legal clinics at public libraries involving "Wills, Estates, & Probate Issues" and "Law School for Non-Lawyers" classes covering the following topics: "Overview of State Courts" and "Wills, Estates, & Probate."

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

See attached.

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.)

(a) Enclosed is a copy of Plaintiff's Motion to Exclude Testimony of James F. Joyner, III that was filed in Seay v. Precision Bearing & Machine, Inc., C.A. No. 2017-CP-42-03049 (Circuit Court Seventh Judicial Circuit). A settlement was reached in this matter prior to a hearing on this Motion.

(b) Enclosed is a copy of a Memorandum in Support of Plaintiff's Motion for Summary Judgment that was filed in TBS Factoring Serv., LLC v. OKM Transp. LLC et al., C.A. No. 2018-42-00292 (Spartanburg County Master-in-Equity). Judge Cooper granted Plaintiff's Motion for Summary Judgment.

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) Spartanburg County Bar Association

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.

No.

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.
- (a) I have not engaged in any occupation, business, or profession other than the practice of law since my graduation from law school. Prior to attending law school, my only full-time employment was as a manager of a local clothing store in Greenville, SC from May 1995- January 1996.
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.
- (a) I am an officer and the owner of a professional corporation (Shane W. Rogers, P.C.) that was formed in conjunction with my joining my current law firm (Johnson, Smith, Hibbard & Wildman Law Firm, L.L.P.) as a partner.
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.)

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

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

34. Has a tax lien or other collection procedure ever been instituted against you by federal, state, or local authorities? Have you ever defaulted on a student loan? Have you ever filed for

bankruptcy? If so, give details. Also, proof of satisfaction of any liens or defaults must be submitted with your application package.

No.

35. Since filing with the Commission your letter of intent to run for judicial office, have you accepted lodging, transportation, entertainment, food, meals, beverages, money, or any other thing of value as defined by S.C. Code § 2-17-10(1) from a lobbyist or lobbyist's principal? If so, please specify the item or items you received, the date of receipt, and the lobbyist or lobbyist's principal involved.

No.

36. Itemize (by amount, type, and date) all expenditures, other than those for travel and room and board, made by you, or on your behalf in furtherance of your candidacy for the position you seek. If you have spent over \$100, have you reported your expenditures to the House and Senate Ethics Committees?

None.

37. List the recipient and amount of all contributions made by you, a member of your immediate family, or by a business with whom you are associated, to members of the General Assembly within the past four years.

The following is a list of all contributions made by my law firm to members of the General Assembly within the past four years:

- (a) Representative Edward R. "Eddie" Tallon, Sr. - \$1,000.00 (2017)
- (b) Representative Rosalyn D. Henderson-Myers - \$250.00 (2017)

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.

No.

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.

To my knowledge, all the firms that I have been affiliated with have carried malpractice insurance that provided coverage for me. The coverage and deductible for my firm's current malpractice policy is as follows:

- (a) Limit \$2,000,000;
- (b) Aggregate Limit \$4,000,000; and
- (c) Deductible \$25,000.

I do not recall having ever been covered by 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.*

- (a) William Barnet, III; [REDACTED]
(b) John W. Beeson, Jr. (Jay); [REDACTED]
(c) George Dean Johnson, Jr.; [REDACTED]
(d) John E. Rogers, II, Esquire; [REDACTED]
(e) W. Douglas Smith, Esquire; [REDACTED]

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

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

- (a) Snapchat – username: swrfirm
- (b) Instagram – username: swrfirm

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

My use of social media has been limited to communications with my family and I have no intention of using social media for any other purpose. Notwithstanding the foregoing, my use of social media and any public statements will comply with the applicable laws and rules, including but not limited to the prohibitions set forth in Canon 3B(9)-(11), CJC, Rule 501, SCACR.

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) Chair of the Spartanburg County Bar Association Probate Committee (2013).
- (b) Board Member of the Open Door Baptist Missions (Greenville, South Carolina).
- (c) Board Member of National Hoops Ministries (Spartanburg, South Carolina).
- (d) Member of Morningside Baptist Church (Greenville, South Carolina).
- (e) Coach of various youth sports teams.

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 was born and raised in Spartanburg County. My parents were public school teachers and coaches who instilled in me many of the principles that have guided my personal and professional life. My wife and I met the first day of our freshman year at USC-Spartanburg. We have been married for 25 years and she has been a blessing throughout my legal education and career.

I entered law school with a desire to become a civil litigator. That desire grew stronger and influenced the elective classes I selected. When I graduated from law school, I was fortunate enough to receive offers from multiple firms. I chose to join Brown, Massey, Evans, McLeod & Haynsworth, in part, due to its proximity to Spartanburg. Shortly after my first son was born, I learned that Leatherwood Walker Todd & Mann was looking for an associate who was interested in civil litigation and had ties to Spartanburg. It was the perfect fit at the perfect time. I was able to work with two experienced attorneys who helped me hone my craft. When Leatherwood decided to close its Spartanburg office, the partners and I joined The Ward Firm. While my time with The Ward Firm was relatively

brief, I was able to observe and learn from some of the most respected litigators in Spartanburg. When I joined Johnson, Smith, Hibbard & Wildman, my litigation practice became more diverse and I was able to work closely with another group of excellent attorneys. While at Johnson Smith, I have had the opportunity to represent clients with disputes throughout the state and at the federal level.

I would be honored to serve as the Master-in-Equity for Spartanburg County and believe that my connection to this community, the experiences I have had as a litigator, my education and my demeanor have prepared me for this position.

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: /s/Shane W. Rogers

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

(Notary Signature)

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