

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

**Master-in-Equity  
(Incumbent)**

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1. Do you plan to serve your full term if re-appointed?  
  
Yes
2. Do you have any plans to return to private practice one day?  
  
Current position is only part time
3. Have you met the statutory requirements for this position regarding age, residence, and years of practice?  
  
Yes
4. What is your philosophy regarding *ex parte* communications? Are there circumstances under which you could envision *ex parte* communications being tolerated?  
  
They are not property. Situations concerning the scheduling of hearing.
5. 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 considerable deference to the party requesting recusal and would probably grant the motion.

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

My policy is not to accept anything of value.

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

If I have actual knowledge, I would inform the appropriate professional authority.

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

No

9. How do you handle the drafting of orders?

After I have made a ruling, I usually request that one of the attorneys prepare a proposed order. At times I prepare the order.

10. What methods do you use to ensure that you and your staff meet deadlines?

A calendar control system.

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

I believe that judges should interpret and enforce the law and not make law.

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

None

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

No

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

No

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

No

16. 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 these bases.

No

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

Yes

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

A judge should be knowledgeable and in control while being courteous and considerate.

19. Do you feel that it is ever appropriate to be angry with a member of the public who would appear before you? Is anger ever appropriate in dealing with attorneys or a pro se litigant?

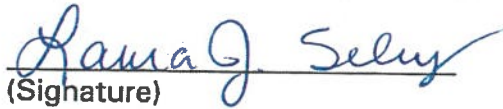
No

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



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Walter H. Sanders, Jr.

Sworn to before me this 14<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2021.



(Signature)

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Laura J. Seley

(Print Name)

Notary Public for South Carolina

My commission expires: 10/28/2029

