

**JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION  
PERSONAL DATA QUESTIONNAIRE  
2021**

Court, Position, and Seat # for which you are applying: Master-in-Equity: Horry County

1. Name: Mr. Charles Bernhart Jordan, Jr.

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

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: 1314 Professional Drive, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina 29577

E-Mail Address: [REDACTED]

Telephone Number: (home): [REDACTED]  
(office): 843-839-3210, ext. 115  
(cell): [REDACTED]

2. Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 1971  
Place of Birth: Charlotte, North 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 May 27, 1997, to Amy Elizabeth (Katancik) Jordan  
Never widowed, never divorced, two 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 William & Mary in Virginia, Fall 1989 – Spring 1993, Bachelor of Arts in Government and Religion
  - (b) University of South Carolina School of Law, Fall 1993 – Spring 1996, 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) Phi Alpha Delta (Spring 1994 to Spring 1996)
- 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, 1996. I took the 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.
  - (a) Van Osdell, Lester, Howe & Jordan, P.A. (f/k/a Van Osdell, Lester & Howe, P.A.) Associate (Nov 1996 – Dec 1998); Partner (Jan 1999 – Dec 2005)

My practice included: (i) all areas of construction law with an emphasis on construction litigation, mechanic's liens and other payment issues, insurance coverage issues, contract review and formation, and public bid issues, (ii) municipal litigation with the City of Myrtle Beach with an emphasis on contract and constitutional law, (iii) other general litigation matters primarily in the areas of real estate and business disputes. I had general partnership responsibilities in the management of the firm. I did not have the responsibility of the management of the trust accounts. Approximately 90% of my practice was litigation and 10% was transactional.

- (b) Thompson & Henry, P.A.  
Associate (Jan. 2006 – Dec. 2006); Partner (Jan. 2007 – Dec. 2012)  
My practice included: (i) all areas of construction law with an emphasis on construction litigation, mechanic's liens and other payment issues, insurance coverage issues, contract review and formation, and public bid issues, (ii) general litigation matters primarily in the areas of real estate, business disputes, and employment, (iii) mortgage and homeowner's association lien foreclosures, (iv) real estate transactions and development, and (v) business formations and transactions. I had general partnership responsibilities of the management of the firm. I did not have the responsibility of the management of the trust accounts. Approximately 80% of my practice was litigation and 20% was transactional.
- (c) Thomas & Brittain, P.A.  
Partner (Jan. 2013 – April 2017)  
My practice continued as at Thompson & Henry. During this time, I began to develop a practice in the area of homeowner association litigation and governance issues. I had general partnership responsibilities in the management of the firm. I did not have the responsibility of the management of the trust accounts. Approximately 80% of my practice was litigation and 20% was transactional.
- (d) The Pearce Law Group, P.C.  
Partner, Non-equity (April 2017 to present)  
My practice continued as at Thomas & Brittain. I also have general partnership responsibilities in the management of the firm. I do not have the responsibility of the management of the trust accounts. Approximately 70% of my practice is litigation and 30% is transactional.

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.

Over the past 25 years, I have handled various types of matters in the Master's Court including mortgage foreclosures, receiverships, homeowner's association lien foreclosures, mechanic's lien foreclosures, homeowner association disputes, and contract litigation. Over the past five years, I have handled ordinary commercial foreclosure matters and a contested foreclosure matter that included the appointment of and working with a receiver, the interpretation and application of loan documents, and obtaining a writ of assistance. I have also handled homeowner's association foreclosures and contested issues related to the application and interpretation of condominium master deeds. Within the past five years (excluding those times when the courts were closed due to COVID), I have regularly appeared before a Master-in-Equity or a Circuit Court judge approximately once a month for motions, trials, or other hearings.

- (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: infrequently (approximately one case per year)
  - (b) state: approximately once per month
  
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: 100% (Approximately 70% litigation and 30% transactional.)
  - (b) criminal: 0%
  - (c) domestic: 0%
  - (d) other: 0%
  
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: 70%
  - (b) non-jury: 30%

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

Prior to joining my current firm (April 2017), I served as sole counsel in most matters (85%), and co-counsel in complex litigation (15%). In my current firm, I have purposefully sought to be lead counsel with an associate on most (60%) matters with the remaining cases as either sole counsel or as co-counsel in complex matters.

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) Asset-Backed Lending Partners, L.P. v. Blackbook Holdings, Inc. (2016-CP-26-1523). The case is significant because of its complexity and the factual and legal issues involved. I represented the Lender in this contested commercial foreclosure matter encompassing 33 rental condominium units at a 60 unit development, an additional condominium at a high-end resort, and an amenities center at an unrelated development. In this matter, I had a receiver appointed to take over the rental units and amenities center and worked with the receiver to take control of the units. I also worked with the receiver to take over the management of the condominium regime (the debtor owned a majority of the units) and to bring the regime into compliance with its fiduciary duties. I successfully defended motions concerning discovery issues and had the Borrower's counterclaims and jury trial requests dismissed. At the conclusion of the foreclosure process, I also worked with the sheriff's office through a Writ of Assistance regarding holdover occupants.

- (b) Condo-World Development, LLC et.al. v. Myrtle Beach Golf & Yacht Club Association, Inc. (2015-CP-26-3173). This case is significant because the lawyers and the parties worked for years to obtain a successful resolution between a golf course developer and the surrounding homeowner's association. In this matter, the owner of the former Heron Point Golf Course sued our firm's client, Myrtle Beach Golf & Yacht Club Association, Inc. The case concerned complex issues of property law such as ambiguous deed restrictions and deed descriptions, indenture deeds, negative reciprocal easements, unfiled property agreements, and a prior bankruptcy of the developer. Due to the complexity of the legal and factual issues, I worked with co-counsel on the legal and discovery issues raised in the litigation. Ultimately, we were able to resolve the case on terms that would protect the homeowners' property values but also allow the golf course owner to develop its property. We worked closely with civil engineers to craft a settlement whereby the homeowners purchased those parts of the golf course behind their homes while allowing the development of the clubhouse area. This required the careful and detailed drafting of agreements concerning the use and upkeep of certain roads and drainage facilities, and the granting and cancellation of certain easements. We also worked to have both Horry County Planning Department and the Circuit Court to approve our proposed agreement. With golf courses throughout Horry County being closed and redeveloped our settlement is a model for how two opposing sides can reach a resolution that protects everyone's property interests.
- (c) Cole, et.uno. v. Town of Atlantic Beach Election Com'n, 393 S.C. 264, 712 S.E.2d 440 (2011). In light of the events surrounding the Presidential election of 2020, this case is significant because it firmly established that Election Commissions must carry out their duties properly and in a timely manner. In this case, I insured that the will of the voters was carried out despite Election Commission interference. This matter arose from the decision of the Atlantic Beach Municipal Election Commission to de-certify the election of the plaintiffs to the Town Council and to order a new election. The underlying issues involved the plaintiffs' residency and certain challenged ballots, primarily absentee ballots. My representation of the plaintiffs began with their appeal from the Municipal Election Commission to the Circuit Court, which affirmed the Commission. I directly appealed this decision to the Supreme Court. The Supreme Court unanimously reversed the decision of the Municipal Election Commission and immediately ordered the seating of the Plaintiffs.
- (d) NAACP v. City of Myrtle Beach, (U.S.D.C. D.S.C. No. 4:03-1732). Our firm represented the City of Myrtle Beach in a suit brought by the NAACP challenging certain policies of the City during the Memorial Day Bikefest, and particularly the traffic pattern on Ocean Blvd. I managed most of the discovery in this matter and worked closely with City officials during the litigation. Legally, the significance of the suit lay in the political and constitutional issues presented and the substantial amount of discovery conducted. On the eve of the May Bike Weeks, the District Court issued a preliminary injunction against the City. Cynthia Howe and I obtained an emergency stay of that order from the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Professionally, this case taught me how to manage complex litigation and how to manage a very public case. This case also taught me the importance of seeing a matter from the perspective of the other litigants, and thereby better understanding their arguments and positions.

- (e) AVX Corporation v. Horry Land Company Inc., (U.S.D.C. D.S.C. 4:07-cv-03299)  
John Henry Nance v. AVX Corporation, (2008-CP-26-0436)

In these two cases, our firm and an associated firm represented two neighboring landowners whose property allegedly suffered environmental pollution from a neighboring industrial facility. Both matters were tried before a jury. Horry Land was confidentially settled at the close of the plaintiff's case and Nance was confidentially settled after verdict. Professionally, the significance of these cases lays in being part of a legal team to bring these document and witness intensive cases to trial. It also lay in fighting through numerous evidentiary issues at the trial of the cases.

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) Taxi Cabvertising, Inc. v. City of Myrtle Beach, 26 Fed.Appx. 206, 2002 WL 23165 (4th Cir. 2002).
- (b) Am. Legion Post 15 v. Horry County, 381 S.C. 576, 674 S.E.2d 181 (Ct.App.2009)
- (c) Ex parte Wheeler v. Estate of Green, 381 S.C. 548, 673 S.E.2d 836 (Ct.App. 2009).
- (d) Collins Entertainment, Inc. v. White, 363 S.C. 546, 611 S.E.2d 262 (Ct.App. 2005)
- (e) Myrtle Beach Hosp., Inc. v. City of Myrtle Beach, 333 S.C. 590, 510 S.E.2d 439 Ct.App. 1998), *aff'd* 341 S.C. 1, 532 S.E.2d 868 (2000).

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) None.  
(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.
- (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 18, 1996.
  - (b) United States District Court, District of South Carolina – February 11, 1997.
  - (c) United States Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit – July 7, 1998.
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 wrote and presented at National Business Institute’s “Construction Law from Start to Finish” held on February 3, 2020. I wrote the article for the presentation on “Ethics for Construction Attorneys” and orally presented on the topics of “Changes and Delays in Construction Projects,” “Mechanic’s Liens and Payment Issues,” and “Ethics.”
  - (b) I have also coached high school and middle school mock trial teams which required the teaching of legal argument, trial techniques, and evidentiary rules to students.
22. Provide, as a separate attachment, your continuing legal or judicial education report from the past five years.
23. List all published books and articles you have written and give citations and the dates of publication for each.
- (a) Article on “Ethics for Construction Attorneys” as part of National Business Institute’s “Construction Law from Start to Finish” seminar held on February 3, 2020.
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) Memorandum in Opposition to Motion for Temporary Injunction in the case NAACP v. City of Myrtle Beach, (U.S.D.C. D.S.C. No. 4:03-1732). I was the primary author of the memorandum. Other attorneys reviewed and commented on the memorandum prior to its being filed.
- (b) Final Appellate's Brief in Cole, et. uno. v. Town of Atlantic Beach Election Com'n, 393 S.C. 264, 712 S.E.2d 440 (2011). I was the sole author of this brief.

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.

None.

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) Horry 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.

I have not previously held either public or judicial office.

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.

I am involved in several real estate holding companies which are disclosed on the confidential financial statement submitted in accordance with question 33 below. As disclosed on the financial statement, in addition to the real estate holding companies, I am actively engaged in the management of the below entities:

- (a) I am a manager of Jordan Coastal Holdings, LLC which owns an office building at 738 and 742 Highway 501 East in Conway. I am involved in the leasing of the property.
- (b) I am a manager of Highway 378 Land Holdings, LLC which owns property on Highway 378 west of Conway. I am involved in the acquisition and marketing of the property.

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 a manager of Jordan Coastal Holdings, LLC which owns an office building at 738 and 742 Highway 501 East in Conway. I am involved in the leasing of the property.
- (b) I am a manager of Highway 378 Land Holdings, LLC which owns property on Highway 378 west of Conway. I am involved in the acquisition and marketing of the property.

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.)

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 to all questions.

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.

- (a) Sen. Luke Rankin: \$500
- (b) Sen. Stephen Goldfinch: \$500

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.

In addition to those entities described in the answer to question 30, my brother owns Chancel Construction, Inc. Any matter concerning these entities poses a conflict of interest that would require my immediate disqualification sua sponte. Further, in a situation where I had a potential conflict of interest, I would disqualify myself if my impartiality might reasonably be questioned. See, Canon 3E, Rule 501, SCACR.

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.

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.

I currently have malpractice insurance through my firm, and I have been insured throughout my legal career. I have never been covered by a tail policy. Under our firm's current policy, the policy limits are \$5,000,000 per claim and in the aggregate. The deductible is \$10,000 in the aggregate.

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.



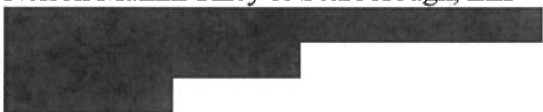


53. Are you familiar with the 48-hour rule, which prohibits a candidate from seeking pledges until after the draft report becomes final, which occurs on the day and time specified on the Commission's published screening schedule?

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) Henrietta Golding, Esq.  
Burr & Forman, LLP  

- (b) Daniel J. MacDonald, Esq.  
MacDonald & Hicks, P.A.  

- (c) Robert C. Calamari, Esq.  
Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough, LLP  

- (d) Steele B. Windle, Esq.  
Smith, Terry, Johnson & Windle  

- (e) Rev. Randolph C. Ferebee  
The Episcopal Church of the Messiah  


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.

My social media accounts are as follows:

- (a) <https://www.facebook.com/charles.b.jordan.3>
- (b) <https://www.facebook.com/pearcelawgroup>
- (c) <https://www.linkedin.com/in/charles-jordan-60067591>
- (d) <https://www.facebook.com/ancientanglican>
- (e) [www.ancientanglican.com](http://www.ancientanglican.com)
- (f) <https://www.facebook.com/beerandhymnsMB>

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

If serving in a judicial capacity, I would no longer be associated with the Pearce Law Group or Beer & Hymns Facebook pages. I would also curtail the use of the other platforms and would be vigilant to avoid any posts of political nature or of any issue that may come before me. On Facebook, I would insure that the audience for all posts were “friends” and not “public.”

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) The Episcopal Church of the Messiah – Advisor to the Vestry
- (b) Board of Directors for New Directions of Horry County (currently Chair)
- (c) Board of Directors for WES Foundation
- (d) Middle and High School Mock Trial Scoring Judge

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.

Both sides of my family are generationally from Horry County. This is where I grew up and where I have always called home. My parents have always been involved in this community and in working to make a positive impact in Horry County. This has been passed on to me and to my brothers. It is from my family and my church where I was taught the most basic values that I have and have hopefully carried with me throughout my life and my career.

I was taught that every human being has inherent dignity and worth regardless of their station in life, their opinions, or their actions. All people, even those with whom I disagree or to whom I have been adverse, require my respect as being created in the image of God. To truly love your neighbor as yourself means to find the person before you loveable, and not in spite of, but in a full understanding of their imperfections and failings. It means to approach others with a deep humility and to ultimately value them above myself.

I was taught that whatever obligation or work I take on, I have a duty to work hard, to do my best, and to be successful. Whether that job is digging a foundation for my father’s construction company, representing a client, or simply volunteering for a middle school mock trial team, I owe a duty to those I serve, to myself, and to my community to do the job to the best of my abilities. Often, the fulfillment of that duty requires a sacrifice of time or treasure. Always, the fulfillment of that duty will necessarily require my best efforts.



I was taught, that to whom much is given, much is expected. We live in a community, and we are called to be active members in our community. For twenty years, I have served in leadership positions within the Episcopal Church, both on the congregational and diocesan levels. When my children were in school, I volunteered for cub scouts and as a Webelos leader, had the wonderful opportunity to coach their mock trial teams, served on the Myrtle Beach High School booster club, and lead them and their friends on mission trips. My family was also given the great opportunity to help our “bonus children” to escape their challenging family situations and begin a path of personal success.

Today, I am the Chair of the Board of New Directions of Horry County which works to help our neighbors experiencing homelessness to find a new direction back into society. I volunteer with the WES Foundation which began as a football camp for children in Conway and has branched out to help support those children and their families throughout the year. I still work with the Episcopal Church of the Messiah, volunteer as a mock trial scoring judge, and actively seek out ways to serve my community.

In my legal career, I have been blessed to have worked under some of the best attorneys in Horry County. My first firm was with Jim Van Osdell and Cynthia Howe. Jim taught me to always put the client first and taught me to keep my legal arguments clear and cogent. If a thought could not be explained in short words and short sentences, then I did not clearly understand what I was saying. Cindy taught me that the law is an exercise in the written word and that my writings should be perfect when they left the office. My time practicing law with Jack Thomas and Clay and Emma Ruth Brittain reinforced these values of a client-focused legal practice that demands excellence in my work product.

As a Master-in-Equity, these values of humility, hard work, and excellence would be those values to guide both myself and my staff. Everyone that comes into my courtroom or interacts with my office would be treated in accordance with their God-given dignity. I and my staff will work hard to fulfill our duties to the litigants and to the judicial system in general. Although, if elected, I intend to end my legal career as the Master, I see this position not as a reward, but as a new opportunity to work hard and serve my community in a new way. And in all matters, I will expect excellence from myself and my office in carrying out our duties.

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

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

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Notary Public for South Carolina  
My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_