



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

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

1. Name: Diane Schafer Goodstein

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

Are you currently serving in some capacity as a judge? If part-time, please note.
(Includes Municipal, Magistrate, Etc.)

Yes.

Home Address: [REDACTED]
Business Address: 5200 East Jim Bilton Boulevard, St. George, SC 29477
E-Mail Address: [REDACTED]
Telephone Number: (home): [REDACTED]
(office): 843-832-0332
(cell): [REDACTED]

2. Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 1955
Place of Birth: Dillon, 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# 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.

I have never served in the military.

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

Married.

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

Married on April 2, 1983 to Arnold Samuel Goodstein who is a practicing attorney.

- (c) If widowed, list the name(s) of spouse(s).

Not Applicable.

- (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.

Not Applicable.

- (e) State the names of your children and their ages. If your children are old enough to work, include the occupation of each child.

[REDACTED]

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) I attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill from 1974 through 1978 and received a Bachelor of Arts degree.

(b) I attended the University of North Carolina School of Law from 1978 through 1981 and received a Juris Doctorate degree.

(c) I never left an institution without receiving a degree.

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) Law School: Member of Women in Law organization; participated in a legal mentoring project; participated in a student legal assistance program; participated in a legal fraternity.

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) I was admitted to practice in South Carolina in 1981. I have never taken any other bar exam other than the South Carolina bar exam once in 1981 and passed.

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) I began practice as an associate with the Goodstein, Bowling, Douglas & Phillips from 1981 through 1983. I became a partner in Goodstein & Goodstein, PA from 1983 through 1998. After my election to the bench in 1998 and days before I concluded my practice, my law firm merged with the firm of Rosen, Rosen & Hagood, creating Rosen, Goodstein & Hagood. My husband continued to practice with that firm until the end of 2000.

(b) My private practice was always a general one. However, it progressed from one which primarily was associated with the representation of plaintiffs, to one which represented both plaintiffs and defendants. In the later years, I practiced more often in the public sector, serving as Dorchester County Attorney, as General Counsel for the Charleston County Aviation Authority, and as counsel for Dorchester County School District Number Two. I prosecuted cases for the Charleston County Aviation Authority Police Department. In 1997, Goodstein & Goodstein PA began to represent the South Carolina Insurance Reserve Fund in cases arising in Charleston and Dorchester Counties. After seventeen years, my law practice had expanded into numerous areas of the private and public sector, representing both plaintiffs and defendants.

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.

- (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.
 - (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.
 - (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.
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:
 - (b) state:
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:
 - (b) criminal:
 - (c) domestic:
 - (d) other:
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:
 - (b) non-jury:

During the past five years, did you most often serve as sole counsel, chief counsel, or co-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)
(b)
(c)
(d)
(e)
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)
(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)
(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.
 - (a) South Carolina Circuit Court Judge, First Circuit Seat 2, July 1, 1998, until the present. The circuit court is a court of general jurisdiction.
 - (b) In January 2011 Judge Patrick Watts, the Dorchester County Master in Equity retired and I was ordered by Chief Justice Toal to assume the duties of the Master in Equity. I performed those duties for approximately 6 months until the installation of the successor Master in Equity.
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) John Doe #53, John Doe 66, John Doe 66A, John Doe 67, Jane Doe 1 and Jane Doe 2 and Rachel Roe individually and as representatives of a class of people similarly situated, v. The Bishop of Charleston, a Corporation Sole, and The Bishop of the Diocese of Charleston, in his official capacity. Cases No. 2006-CP-18-01310, 2006-CP-18-01311 and 2006-CP-18-01636. Order Approving Settlement. The Appellate citation is 407SC128(2014).

(b) The Protestant Episcopal Church In The Diocese of South Carolina; The Trustees of The Protestant Episcopal Church in South Carolina, a South Carolina Corporate Body; All Saints Protestant Episcopal Church, Inc.; Christ St. Paul's Episcopal Church; Christ The King, Waccamaw; Church of The Cross, Inc. and Church Of The Cross Declaration of Trust; Church Of The Holy Comforter; Church of the Redeemer; Holy Trinity Episcopal Church; Saint Luke's Church, Hilton Head; Saint Matthews Church; St. Andrews Church – Mt. Pleasant Land Trust; St. Bartholomews Episcopal Church; St. Davids Church; St. James' Church, James Island, S.C.; St. John's Episcopal Church of Florence, S.C.; St. Matthias Episcopal Church, Inc.; St. Paul's Episcopal Church of Bennettsville, Inc.; St. Paul's Episcopal Church of Conway; The Church Of St. Luke and St. Paul, Radcliffeboro; The Church Of Our Saviour Of The Diocese of South Carolina; The Church of The Epiphany (Episcopal); The Church Of The Good Shepherd, Charleston, SC; The Church Of The Holy Cross; The Church of The Resurrection, Surfside; The Protestant Episcopal Church, Of The Parish of Saint Philip, In Charleston, In The State of South Carolina; The Protestant Episcopal Church The Parish of Saint Michael, In Charleston, In The State of South Carolina and St. Michael's Church Declaration of Trust; The Vestry and Church Wardens Of The Episcopal Church Of The Parish Of Prince George Winyah; The Vestry and Church Wardens Of The Episcopal Church Of The Parish Of St. Helena and The Parish Church Of St. Helena Trust; The Vestry and Church Wardens Of The Episcopal Church of The Parish Of St. Matthew; The Vestry and Wardens of St. Paul's Church, Summerville; Trinity Church of Myrtle Beach; Trinity Episcopal Church; Trinity Episcopal Church, Pinopolis; Vestry and Church-Wardens Of The Episcopal Church Of The Parish Of Christ Church; Vestry and Church Wardens Of The Episcopal Church Of The Parish of St. John's, Charleston County, The Vestries And Churchwardens Of The Parish of St. Andrew v. The Episcopal Church (a/k/a, The Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America); The Episcopal Church in South Carolina, Case No.2013CP1800013. Order deciding the case. Appellate cite is 421S.C. 211 (2017) NOTE: Please see Remittitur Order authored by Honorable Edgar Dickson.

(c) Timothy D. Rogers, Jr. v. State of South Carolina. Case No. 2000-CP-18-00575. Order Granting Post Conviction Relief in part and denying in part. Appellate Cite is 2013WL8596570.

(d) Margaret Sheikh, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Asif Sh Sheikh, deceased, for the benefit of Margaret Sheikh, and four children v. Lexington Medical Center, Midland Associates, Inc. AKA Midlands Orthopaedics, P.A., Thomas Gross, M.D., and Gail B. Capell, M.D. Case #2003-CP-32-00675 Order Granting Defendants' Motion For A New Trial.

(e) Gerald Bass, Plaintiff v. Gopal, Inc. and Super 8 Motels, Inc. Defendants. Case No. 2004-CP-38-01174. Order Granting Motion for Summary Judgment. Appellate cite is 395SC129 (2011).

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) Sworn into practice law in South Carolina November 9, 1981
- (b) U.S. District Court for the District of S.C. June 15, 1982
- (c) U. S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit October 1, 1984

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.

These are examples of the opportunities I have had to teach since my former application in 2016.

- (a) Lawyer Mentoring Program (George Smythe) 04/24/2016
- (b) Co-Lecturer at 2016 Orientation School for Magistrates
And Municipal Judges 07/20/2016
- (c) Co-Lecturer at 2016 Orientation School for New Circuit
Court Judges 08/26/2016
- (d) Co-Lecturer at 2017 Orientation School for Magistrates
And Municipal Judges 03/20/2017
- (e) Co-Lecturer at 2017 Orientation School for New Circuit
Court Judges 07/05/2017
- (f) Panelist at National Business Institute (NBI) Civil Court
Judicial Forum “As Judges See It: Best (and worst)
Practices in Civil Litigation Seminar 03/09/2018
- (g) Panelist at Law & Economics Center 13th Annual Meeting
Of American College of Business Court Judges “The
Business Divorce: Handling Complex Business Dissolution
In The Midst of Family Breakup” 03/14/2018
- (h) Co-Lecturer at 2018 Orientation School for New Circuit
Judges 07/11/2018
- (i) Co-Lecturer at 2018 Orientation School for Magistrates
And Municipal Judges 07/27/2018
- (j) Co-Lecturer at 2019 Orientation School for Magistrates
And Municipal Judges 03/18/2019
- (k) Lawyer Mentoring Program (Richards Hundley) 05/10/2019
- (l) Co-Lecturer at 2019 Orientation School for New Circuit
Judges 07/10/2019
- (m) Co-Lecturer at 2019 Orientation School for Magistrates
And Municipal Judges 07/26/2019
- (n) Lawyer Mentoring Program (Brandi Quattlebaum) 08/09/2019

- (o) Lawyer Mentoring Program (Gil Gatch) 02/28/2020
- (p) Co-Lecturer at 2020 Orientation School for New Circuit Judges (Via WebEx) 07/08/2020
- (q) Co-Lecturer at 2020 Orientation School for Magistrates And Municipal Judges 08/14/2020
- (r) Co-Lecturer at 2021 Orientation School for New Circuit Court Judges 07/06/2021
- (s) Lawyer Mentoring Program (Lauren Mims)
- (t) Participant as guest lecturer and Judge of student trials at Charlotte Law School.

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

Please see attached.

23. List all published books and articles you have written and give citations and the dates of publication for each.

- (a) I have prepared materials to assist with my teaching opportunities for the Orientation School for New Circuit Court Judges on the subject of “Running of the Court” and “Jury Notebook” however I do not consider them published or original works

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.)

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.

My rating in Martindale-Hubbell was AV.

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) American Bar Association Judicial Delegate 2011, 2014, 2015, 2016
- (c) Dorchester County Bar Association Secretary (prior to judgeship)

- (d) Circuit Judges Association member
- (e) South Carolina Women Lawyers Association member

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.

- (a) Master-in-Equity for Dorchester County January 1, 2011 for approximately six months by order of Chief Justice Toal. I was responsible for all the duties of a Master-in-Equity, for example, foreclosure hearings. Master sales, and Supplementary hearings.

29. Have you ever been an unsuccessful candidate for elective, judicial, or other public office? If so, give details, including dates.

South Carolina Supreme Court, Seat 5, in Spring 2007 and while found qualified, I was not nominated.

South Carolina Supreme Court, Seat 3 in Fall 2007 and while found qualified, I was not nominated.

South Carolina Supreme Court, Seat 5 in Fall 2016 and was found qualified and nominated.

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.

No other occupation.

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 § 217-10(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) See attached.

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? See below. Have you ever defaulted on a student loan? No. Have you ever filed for bankruptcy? No. If so, give details. Also, proof of satisfaction of any liens or defaults must be submitted with your application package.

In error, several years ago there was a tax lien filed which arose out of my husband’s mother’s estate to which I was not a beneficiary or associated in any way. The lien was removed within days.

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?

Typing \$75.00.

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.

See attached sheet.

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, other than I practiced law with my husband whose cases I would never hear.

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; None.
 - (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 None.
 - (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. Not applicable.

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.

See attached.

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.

Regarding litigant's having provide me anything of value whether the matter was pending or heard previously the answer is yes in this context only. I travel to many counties in the state and have done so since 1998 holding court. The clerk's of court around our state are amazingly gracious to all our judges, including me, and provide water, sodas, sometimes snacks, sometimes a meal if a jury is deliberating and they have ordered food for the jury. Dorchester County is required by statute to provide me with an office. Rarely I have taken the bench without paper and pen and the clerk has kindly given me some sheets of paper or writing instrument to use until I can get mine. All counties in South Carolina get sued, some frequently. Beyond these circumstances I have not received anything of any value from a litigant.

Regarding attorneys an item of value that occurs most would be food. I make a conscious effort to avoid associating with attorneys who have matters pending before me. The exception to this is when there is a conference and those attorneys are in attendance and have matters pending and there may be normal social discourse, without mention of the case. If I go to dinner with a group which includes attorneys, I either pay for my meal at the time or reach out afterwards to reimburse. I rarely go to lunch during court, but if I do and it is with a friend who is a lawyer (or former law clerk) and I pay for my lunch and sometimes theirs's also. During the holidays there is an exchange of gifts in my office in which my law clerk participates; however, I receive no value in the gift above the value given. They are all very modest. It is my policy if I receive a gift from an attorney, I will return it with a thank you note explaining I do not accept gifts from attorneys. If the item is perishable, I will donate it and send a note thanking and explaining I do not accept gifts from attorneys. My husband has exchanged gifts back and forth with then current and former law partners. If I give a talk and am offered refreshments I will accept. The judiciary is invited to conferences and our rooms are gifted and I have accepted. In 2014, I was the portrait recipient from the Association of Justice and while money was raised for the portrait and gifts given to the University of South Carolina School of Law and the Charleston School of Law. I am unaware of the amounts or donors.

44. For sitting judges, have you used the services of your staff, for which you did not pay, while campaigning for this office?

No.

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.

I have been sued in my capacity as a Judge, however, after passing the suits along to the Court Administration I have heard no more regarding them. There was a suit filed by First Palmetto Bank against me as a guarantor for an alleged debt (case number 2013-CP-18-00082). The suit was never served and the allegations against me were completely in error and false as the order of dismissal reflects. The order states: "First Palmetto Bank concedes that this litigation was improvidently filed, that no funds were paid in settlement of this action, and First Palmetto Bank has determined that no funds were due by Diane S. Goodstein to the Bank. The Summons and Complaint in this action were never served on Defendant." Plaintiff then moved to dismiss the case with prejudice.

When our son moved back to South Carolina I helped him purchase a home and it was titled jointly in my son's and my name. There was a lack of communication with the homeowner's association and a summons was filed in the magistrate's court. I was never served with a summons and complaint and when I learned there was an amount of money which the homeowner association needed it was paid within hours and the matter ended. The year was 2015.

I have been a party to two (2) cases involving my grandchildren solely because I had temporary custody of them. The first matter was begun in 2015 and I had temporary custody for approximately two months, and I was then dismissed as a party. In the second matter I was joined solely because I again had temporary custody. The first case is captioned Arnold Goodstein, II v. Jerri Allen, Case Number 15-DR-18-01699. The second case is captioned DSS v. Allen, et al, Case Number 16-DR-18-00223.

Case No. 2012-CP-18-01647. Diane S Goodstein v. Seal-O-Flex Inc., et al. This case involved breach of warranties for repairs to my home by Defendant. The matter is ended.

Case No. 2016-CP-18-01638. Diane S. Goodstein v. GACO Western, LLC, Defendant, et al. This matter involves the alleged failure of roof coating and application. The matter is pending.

I have never been sued by a client.

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 am not in private practice, all answers would be no.

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, not to my knowledge.

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 to all questions.

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.

I have not asked anyone to contact Legislators about my candidacy prior to the formal and final screening report. I have no actual knowledge of a Legislator being contacted for the purpose of assisting me with my candidacy.

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) Dr. Barbara A. Kingsby-Stroble; [REDACTED]
- (b) Mayor R. Keith Summey; [REDACTED]
- (c) Former Representative Annette D. Young; [REDACTED]
- (d) Nancy McLin; [REDACTED]
- (e) Jenni Almelda, First Citizens Bank ; [REDACTED]

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

Not active, however, I have an Instagram account. See below.

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

Diane Goodstein

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

It would not. There is no communication that occurs by me or to me.

I do not have a Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, or other social media presence of which I am aware with the exception of Instagram so that I may keep informed of a friend in New York, a child of a friend in New York and a former babysitter of our kids in New York. I don't communicate on the platform. Our son shows his culinary creations and I keep informed of those postings.

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) American Bar Association 2012 Recipient of the Pursuit of Justice Award.
 - (b) 2014 Association of Justice Portrait Recipient
 - (c) Dorchester County Bar Association
 - (d) South Carolina Bar Association
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.

In 2012 I was one of 36 Judges selected on a nationwide search to participate in the National Judicial College's program entitled "Theory and Practice of Judicial Leadership".

Over the last nearly 15 years I have had the honor to not only teach at the New Judge's School but to mentor new Judges by having them hold court with me in their first weeks as a Judge. A list of Judges is as follows: Hon. Deadra Jefferson, Hon. Michelle Childs, Hon. Carmen Mullen, Hon. Benjamin Culbertson, Hon. Larry Hyman, Hon. R. Knox McMahon, Former Hon. Kristin Harrington, Hon. Edgar Dickson, Hon. Rob Stillwell, Hon. Deandra Benjamin, Hon. Craig D. Brown, Hon. Stephanie McDonald, Hon. Maite Murphy,

Hon. Scott Sprouse, Hon. Letitia Verdin, Hon. Jocelyn Newman and Hon. Courtney Clyburn Pope.

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 _____, 2021.

(Notary Signature)

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