

JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION PERSONAL DATA QUESTIONNAIRE 2021

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

 Name: The Hon. Frank Robert Addy, Jr.
 Name that you are known by if different from above (Example: A Nickname): N/A

Are you currently serving in some capacity as a judge? If part-time, please note. (Includes Municipal, Magistrate, Etc.) Yes. Resident Judge, Eighth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1

Home Address:

Business Address: Greenwood County Courthouse, 528 Monument Street, Ste. 210, Greenwood, SC 29646

E-Mail Address:

Telephone Number:

(home): (office): (864) 943-8020 (cell):

- 2. Date of Birth: 1967
 Place of Birth: Greenwood, SC
 Social Security Number
- 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#: Voter Registration Number:
- 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. N/A
- 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. September 6, 1997 Kelly Sprouse Addy, Emergency Room Nurse Practitioner, Self Regional Healthcare
- (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. N/A
- (e) State the names of your children and their ages. If your children are old enough to work, include the occupation of each child.
- 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) <u>University of South Carolina</u>
 September, 1986 May, 1990
 BA, International Studies, *cum laude; Phi Beta Kappa*(Minor Business Administration)
 - (b) <u>University of South Carolina School of Law</u> September, 1990 – May, 1993 Juris Doctor
- 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.

Articles Editor, <u>ABA Real Property</u>, <u>Probate and Trust Journal</u>, 1991-1993 Moot Court Team International, 1992-1993 President, International Law Society, 1993 Palmetto Law Society, 1991-1993

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.

South Carolina, admitted November 15, 1993

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.

Eighth Circuit Solicitor's Office

September, 1993 – February, 1997

- Prosecuted all types of felony and misdemeanor cases, including homicides.
- Promoted to Deputy Solicitor during my tenure and successfully reduced the backlog in the county for which I was responsible from 20 pages to 6 pages.

Sheek, Addy & Medlock, PA

March, 1997 - February, 1998

- Upon the passing of my father, I engaged in general private practice, including personal injury, domestic and criminal cases. I was not responsible for financial matters for the firm.

Chief Public Defender for Greenwood and Abbeville Counties

February, 1998 – June, 1999

- Responsible for defending clients charged in general sessions as well as juvenile court. Oversaw operation of office and defended all manner of criminal cases.
- At the time, the Public Defenders' Office was a contract position, meaning that I was essentially self-employed. As such, I handled all administrative and financial management of the office.

Probate Judge for Greenwood County

June, 1999 – April, 2010

- Responsible for contested hearings concerning all aspects of the court's jurisdiction.
- Managed the case docket and substantially reduced delinquency in pending cases.
- Also served as Special Referee for civil matters referred to me for trial or hearing.
- Financial matters of the office were limited to weekly deposits to the treasurer's office of any fees collected.

Greenwood Clerk of Court

June, 2003 – August, 2003

- Upon the retirement of Greenwood's Clerk and per state law, I assumed the role of acting clerk of court until the Governor made an appointment. Technically, I supervisory responsibility both from an administrative and financial perspective. However, the finances of the office were linked with the local treasurer's office, so accounting responsibility was minimal.

Acting Circuit Court Judge

September, 2006 - 2008

- Appointed by the Chief Justice while Greenwood's resident judge was recovering from a serious illness.

Eighth Circuit Drug Court Judge

August 18, 2008 – February, 2019

- Appointed by the Chief Justice to serve as judge for the Eighth Circuit Drug Court program. Preside over and supervise drug court participants throughout their participation. Worked with the Solicitor in establishing the program and crafting the model.
- Although I am still technically involved with the program, Probate Judge Travis Moore was appointed to preside due to logistical issues when I was appointed as Criminal Chief Administrative Judge for the 11th Circuit for years 2019 and 2020.
- Administrative and financial management is overseen solely by the 8th Circuit Solicitor's Office.

Resident Circuit Judge, Eighth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1

April 16, 2010 – Present

- Preside over the circuit court, a court of general jurisdiction. The Court addresses all manner of civil and criminal cases.
- I have been treasurer for the SC Association of Circuit Judges since August 22, 2012. As such, I handle all financial affairs (dues collection, remittances, accounting, conference financial planning, honoraria, etc.) for the association. Management of the Association is primarily through the President, Judge Carmen Mullen, although she does call executive meetings periodically if specifically required under the by-laws.

Justices/judges applying for re-election to their <u>current</u> position may omit Questions 11–17. <u>If you are a full-time judge seeking a judgeship different than your current position</u>, Questions 11-17 should be answered based on your experience <u>prior to serving on the bench</u>.

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 cocounsel?

- 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.

Probate Judge for Greenwood County, Elected

June, 1999 – April, 2010

- Responsible for contested hearings concerning all aspects within the court's jurisdiction under Title 62.

Acting Circuit Court Judge, Appointed

September, 2006 – 2008

Eighth Circuit Drug Court Judge, Appointed

August 18, 2008 – February, 2019

- Appointed by the Chief Justice to serve as judge for the Eighth Circuit Drug Court program. Jurisdiction limited per the Chief Justice's order.

Resident Circuit Judge, Eighth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1, Elected

April 16, 2010 – Present

- Court of general, state-wide jurisdiction except as to domestic or probate matters. The Court addresses all manner of civil and criminal cases.
- 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) <u>State v. Karlita Phillips</u>, 2014-GS-01-212, 213, affirmed 2017-UP-469

 This homicide case was strange in that the State alleged Phillips seduced a young adult and convinced him to murder her husband, yet he ultimately shot the twin

brother of the intended victim, mistaking him for Phillips' husband. Preliminarily, much of the State's case relied upon statements by the non-testifying shooter given to third persons which provided motive and implicated Phillips, but ultimately the shooter did testify at trial. Ms. Phillips was convicted and the conviction was affirmed. Interestingly, the events of this homicide were recounted in an episode of the TV series "Deadly Divorce."

(b) Rose v. SCDPPP, 429 S.C. 136, 838 S.E.2d 505 (2020).

Although not earth-shaking from a legal point of view, I am very proud of my work in this case and the role I played in Mr. Rose ultimately getting his case heard. By way of background, Mr. Rose went up for parole in 2001. Due to the Parole Board's erroneous understanding of the law, PPP concluded that he did not receive sufficient votes to be granted parole. See State v. Barton, 404 S.C. 395, 745 S.E.2d 110 (2013). Throughout the subsequent years, Mr. Rose sought relief from the circuit courts and the ALJ, and every time he was denied a substantive hearing or any relief. In short, no court would listen to him. Ultimately, one of his petitions was docketed for a CPNJ term over which I was presiding. Although I realized that he was required to pursue his action through the ALJ, I ordered that PPP conduct an investigation in to the results of the 2001 parole hearing and recommended that the ALJ hold a formal hearing on his petition. Ultimately, the ALJ concluded that Mr. Rose was correct, that he had received the requisite number of votes in 2001, and that he should have been paroled that year. The South Carolina Supreme Court ultimately affirmed the ALJ, and Justice Kittredge had some very kind things to say about my appreciating the catch-22 in which Mr. Rose found himself. In my mind, this case is an example of how important it is for a judge to actively listen to all litigants, especially the pro se, and the obligation of judges to make sure that a party is not continually and dismissively shuffled from forum to forum in search of relief. After the Supreme Court's ruling, Mr. Rose was ultimately released from SCDC 19 years after he had been granted parole.

- (c) State v. Andrew Lee Harrison, 402 S.C. 288, 741 S.E.2d 727 (2013). Mr. Harrison was found guilty of leaving the scene of an accident involving death, and a substantial sentence was imposed. Counsel for Harrison argued that the penalty provisions of Section 56-5-1210 were unconstitutional under the Eighth Amendment, and I disagreed. On appeal and citing recent statistical evidence, the Supreme Court affirmed finding no Eighth Amendment violation and that the penalty provisions of the statute granted broad discretion under the Eighth Amendment. In commenting on my statements at sentencing, the Supreme Court stated that the court's "statements at sentencing are the very embodiment of proportionality...." The case also served to outline the appropriate procedure for a trial court when faced with statistical, intrajurisdictional comparisons between sentencing statutes.
- (d) <u>State v. Damien L. Ritter</u>, 2019-GS-32-2887 to 2893. This was a case I recently tried in June, 2021. Mr. Ritter was charged with the execution slayings of two persons and the attempted murder of a third. In the preceding two years, I addressed

numerous motions, including multiple hearings under Franks v. Delaware, 438 U.S. 154 (1978). Although the pandemic delayed trial, at the request of the parties, I retained jurisdiction so that a judge familiar with the case could also preside at trial. Because the State intended to call 50 witnesses, we started early and broke late each day, finishing the substantive part of the case in 5 days. Mr. Ritter was ultimately convicted on all counts. Everyone's efforts on this case shows how a case can move expeditiously and efficiently yet still afford every protection of a defendant's rights, and it also demonstrates the importance of judges willingly assuming individual responsibility for resolving the most difficult cases.

- (e) Young v. Keel, 431 S.C. 554, 848 S.E.2d 67 (Ct. App. 2020) This case presented the novel question of whether a person who has had his conviction expunged under the YOA Act for an offense requiring sex offender registry must still register as a sex offender. In construing the applicable statutes strictly and literally, I ruled that sex offender registry was still required, finding that none of the explicit statutory provisions for removal from the registry were met. Although the result is counterintuitive, the issue in this case demonstrates the importance of our courts giving due deference and effect to the decisions of the General Assembly and the importance of judges applying the law as written. The Court of Appeals affirmed my ruling.
- 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.

South Carolina Bar, admitted November 15, 1993 US District Court for South Carolina, admitted June 13, 1997 (inactive)

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.

"Dual Diagnosis" October 9, 2001

SC Association of Probate Judges

- Presentation addressed the problematic practical and procedural issues concerning stabilization and treatment of mentally ill/chemically dependent individuals.

"New Probate Judge's School"

SC Court Admin. and SCAPJ, January 10, 2013 & March 15, 2007

- Planned topics, organized speakers and materials, and moderated the 2003 New Probate Judge's School. Personally addressed topics of ethics and estate taxation at the 2003 and 2007 schools.

"Therapeutic Commitments – Judicial Issues and Supplemental Proceedings"

SC Association of Probate Judges, August 6, 2004

 Lecture on the jurisdictional validity of commitment orders throughout the state and between states with discussion of supplemental proceedings due to noncomplaince.

"General Probate Issues"

Greenwood County Bar, September 30, 2004

- Presentation geared toward general practitioner. Presentation discussed recent changes in the law, disclaimers, omitted spouse and elective share petitions, and other matters related to probate jurisdiction.

"Creditor's Claim Presentment in the Probate Court"

SC Morticians Assoc., October 24, 2004

- Procedural law for presenting a claim against a decedent's estate.

13th Annual Probate Bench/Bar, Course Planner and Moderator

SC Bar CLE Division, September 16, 2005

- I planned and moderated the 2005 Bench/Bar and was subsequently told that the attendance for the event surpassed all previous bench/bar conferences.

"Temporary and Emergency Measures in Probate Proceedings"

SC Assoc. of Probate Judges, September 25, 2005

- Procedural overview of Rule 65, SCRCP, governing temporary injunctions as compared to Section 62-3-607 governing emergency orders in the estate context and 62-5-310 governing appointment of emergency temporary guardians.

"The Probate Process and Presentation of Creditors' Claims in South Carolina's Probate Courts"

SC Oncology Assoc., May 18, 2006

- Presentation was a procedural overview of the process for probating an estate, presenting claims against an estate, and explanation of time limits involved.

"Roundtable Discussion"

SC Assoc. of Probate Judges, August 4, 2006

- Served as panel member and discussed recent issues / hypotheticals.

"Recent Issue in the Probate Court"

Greenwood County Bar, February 23, 2007

- Presentation discussed the <u>Franklin</u> and <u>Brown</u> cases concerning unauthorized practice of law and addressed competency issues when a client may be suffering from mental incapacity.

"Probate Potluck" - Round Table Discussion

SC Assoc. of Probate Judges, September 12, 2007

- Panel member for discussion of various probate topics.

"Involuntary Mental Illness Commitments"

SC Summary Court Judges Assoc., May 6, 2008

- Presentation on procedural and substantive law concerning involuntary commitments due to mental illness or chemical dependency.

Panel Discussion

SC Public Defender's Assoc., September 27, 2010

- Participated as a panel member to discuss issues commonly seen in general sessions court.

"Motions Practice in Circuit Court"

SCDTTA Assoc., July 28, 2012

- Judge Young and I gave a presentation on effective techniques in making motions in the common pleas context.

"Top 10 things that annoy me...and probably other judges"

SC Bar Convention, January 24, 2014

- Served as a panel member with two other circuit judges to discuss inefficiencies and other common problems frequently observed in the circuit court.

"Judicial Panel Discussion"

2014 South Carolina Solicitor's Conference

- Participated with other judges in discussed recent precedent and courtroom procedure at the annual Solicitor's meeting.

"Petitions to Restore Firearm Rights"

SC Probate Judges Assoc., February 19, 2015

- Presentation addressed the recent changed in the law permitting individuals who were previously involuntarily committed to petition for restoration of their Second Amendment rights.

"General Sessions Mental Health Commitments"

SC Public Defender's Assoc., September 21, 2015

- Presented on the process of mental illness evaluations through DMH.

"Judicial Panel Discussion"

2016 South Carolina Public Defender's Conference, September 26, 2016

- Participated with other judges in discussed recent precedent and courtroom procedure at the annual Public Defender's meeting.

"Adjudication of DUI Cases"

SCDPS, November 15, 2016

- Panelist. Offered the circuit court's opinion concerning the means by which impaired driving cases are prosecuted and offered suggestions to reduce traffic injuries and fatalities on SC roads.

Greenwood Bar – February 2, 2017

Presentation on the "Clementa Pinckney Uniform Partition of Heirs Property Act," closing arguments in light of <u>State v. Beaty</u>, and circumstantial evidence in light of State v. Pearson.

SC Bar Leadership Academy, Greenville, SC - March 31, 2017

- Presented to the YLD on work/life balance and professionalism.

"Transition to the Circuit Court Bench: Advantages/Challenges of Probate Bench Perspective; Common Issues"

SC Association of Probate Judges – October 3, 2017

- Judge Hocker and I presented on the above topic.

"Tips from the Bench"

SC Bar CLE Division – November 3, 2017

- Judges Hocker, Griffith and I gave practical practice suggestions as part of this CLE and also discussed recent case law including State v. Blackwell and State v. Wrapp.

"DMH and Criminal Cases: Where we stand and what you need to know."

SC Bar Convention – January 19, 2018

- Monique Lee of DMH and I presented on the forensics mental illness commitment process, offered suggestions in preparing orders, and gave guidance in conducting NGRI, GMBI, and competency evaluation hearings.

Greenwood Rotary Club – February 27, 2018, guest speaker - topic was white collar crime.

"What do judges want to hear from victims and victim service providers?" South Carolina Victim Assistance Network Annual Conference – April 10, 2018

- Offered practical suggestions on how to represent victims' interests effectively in the Court of General Sessions.

"Court Rules - What Judges want you to know."

Newberry County Bar CLE – July 3, 2018

- Addressed ODC complaints for appointed counsel, bench trials, and ongoing efforts to address the <u>Langford</u> decision.

"Handling Pressures of Judging"

Annual Judicial Conference - September 17, 2019

- Judge Verdin, Dr. Donna Schwartz-Watts Maddox, and I presented to all Circuit and Family Court judges on the topic of maintain a healthy work/life balance and addressing the pressures of the bench.

"Judicial Panel Discussion"

2019 South Carolina Solicitor's Conference, September 23, 2019

- Participated with other judges in discussed recent precedent and courtroom procedure at the Annual Solicitor's meeting.

"Tips in Contested Cases and Pro Se Litigants" SC Association of Probate Judges, Webinar – November 20, 2020

"Trial Issues and Motions during COVID"

SC Bar CLE Division - Criminal Law Division, Webinar, January 8, 2021

- Presentation focused on practicing during COVID and offered suggestions for aspects of the court's emergency operations which should be retained after the pandemic.
- 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. N/A
- 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.) N/A
- 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.

I have never sought, nor have I been rated, by any such organization.

- 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, admitted November 15, 1993
 - (b) South Carolina Probate Judge's Association, President 2005-2006, Vice President 2004-2005, Secretary 2003-2004, Member 1999-2010
 - (c) South Carolina Circuit Judge's Association, Treasurer, August 22, 2012-present
 - (d) American Bar Association periodically throughout the last 11 years (not currently a member)
 - (e) Chairperson, Advisory Committee to the Chief Justice, 2001-03
 - (f) Circuit Court Liaison to SCDMH, 2014 present. Appointed by Chief Justice to oversee and address issues concerning mental illness commitments to DMH from the Courts of General Sessions.
 - (g) SC Access to Justice Commission, Circuit Court Representative (appointed by Chief Justice) February, 2021 to present
- 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.

The office of Greenwood Probate Judge is publically elected, and when I served in that capacity, all Ethics Commission reports were timely filed.

- 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.
 - I sought Seat 2 of the Eighth Circuit Court in 2009. I was found qualified and nominated but withdrew prior to the election.
- 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.
 - From 1997 to 1998, I assisted my paternal grandparents with the family business after the passing of my father. The business was a family jewelry store in Greenwood, registered as a sub-S corporation. My Grandparents and I sold the business in 1998.
- 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. N/A
- 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. N/A
- 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.

- 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. N/A
- 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.

 None.
- 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:
 - 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.

Per the instructions of Erin Crawford, please see attached broker statement for assets held as of December 31, 2020. (I am happy to furnish the other statements for the other 11 months of 2020, but it will be quite voluminous.)

- 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? 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.

In June 2005, I was issued a speeding ticket for speeding 10 MPH over the limit in the City of Newberry, and I paid the fine of \$145.00.

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. N/A
- 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.
- 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 <u>original letters</u> 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 <u>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</u>. Please <u>do not</u> 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) Patricia Bolen, Esq., Fredericksburg Public Defender's Office,
 - (b) Peter J. Manning, Esq., The Manning Law Firm,
 - (c) Mary Ann Stroup (Retired 8th Circuit Victim's Advocate),
 - (d) Joshua L. Thomas, Esq., Sixteenth Solicitor's Office, Moss Justice Center,
 - (e) Sheriff Dan Wideman (Retired)
- 56. Are you active on or a member of a social media or Internet site such as, Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, Instagram, etc.? Yes, Facebook with an account name of "Frank R. Addy."

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

How would your use of social media or other similar types of Internet sites be affected if you were serving in a judicial capacity? Actually, I'm not terribly active on that site and rarely post or comment on anything. I use it primarily to keep up with old friends from college, and I never post anything controversial, political, or otherwise inappropriate.

- 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) Greenwood Masonic Lodge AFM #91 (since 1998)
 - (b) Links at Stoney Point (social and pool membership)
 - (c) Greenwood Country Club (social, pool, and tennis membership)
 - (d) Greenwood Cotillion Club
 - (e) Rotary Club of Greenwood (since 2018)
 - (f) 2003 Executive of the Year, Emerald Chapter, IAAP
- 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 remain honored to have been entrusted with this responsibility for the last 11 years. Although many judges command obedience, respect has to be earned, and having earned the respect of the bench and bar is truly my greatest accomplishment.

In my time on the bench, I have tried every case imaginable, from minor car wrecks to medical malpractice, from larceny to murder, and every case I have tried or handled contains one constant: I have endeavored to treat those appearing before me with the utmost respect. The average citizen may appear in court only once in their life, and they are in court because something bad has happened to them. Accordingly, a judge must treat each case as the most important case they are handling because, to any individual member of the public, their case is exactly that. I take genuine pride in my reputation for patience, deliberation, and courtesy, and I shall endeavor to continue to exhibit those qualities while serving the people of our state.

When I last sought reelection, I wrote: "At its core, the justice system is nothing more than a means of resolving disputes – judges are merely problem solvers." At the time I wrote this, no one anticipated the pandemic which dramatically affected all of us and especially our court system. In the last 16 months, through innovation, creativity, and hard work, we learned how to solve problems, adjust operations, and continue to provide a forum for resolution of disputes in our state. For the last 2 years, I served as Chief Administrative Judge (Criminal) in the 11th Circuit, and because of the hard work of all stakeholders, the 11th Circuit was one of the first circuits to transition to videoconferencing. By doing so, we prevented the backlog of cases in the 11th from growing as dramatically as compared against other circuits. Significantly, many of the changes forced upon us during the pandemic should become permanent, such as remote video court for non-dispositive criminal matters. settlement hearings, and practically any hearing which does not require a jury. Simply stated, the pandemic forced us to become more efficient and to abandon many of our arguably anachronistic court rituals; in doing so, doing justice became more accessible. affordable, and efficient. These changes have been beneficial to all concerned and should continue.

This job is not for the faint of heart, and the obligations of our judiciary should not be entrusted in those who fail to appreciate the requisite level of dedication, demeanor, and diligence required of a judge. Having served as a judge in one capacity or another for the last 22 years, I remain honored and humbled to serve our citizens and to do so with a full appreciation of the rigors of this job, and I sincerely appreciate the trust shown to me by the members of the General Assembly.

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:	