



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

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

Family Court, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 3

1. Name: The Honorable Katherine Hall Tiffany

Name that you are known by if different from above
N/A

Are you currently serving in some capacity as a judge? If part-time, please note.

Yes. Judge of the Family Court, Thirteenth Circuit, Seat 3

Home Address:



Business Address: 301 University Ridge
P.O. Box 757
Greenville, SC 29602-0757

E-Mail Address:



Telephone Number: (home): [Redacted]
(office): (864) 467 - 5843
(cell): [Redacted]

2. Date of Birth: [Redacted] 1970
Place of Birth: Spartanburg, SC
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? No

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.

6. Family Status:

Married on October 7, 1995 to Peter Clifford Tiffany, Certified Public Accountant & Partner/Owner Bradshaw, Gordon & Clinkscales, LLC

Never Divorced

Two Children :

[REDACTED]

[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) University of South Carolina, South Carolina Honors College
August 1988 to May 1992
Bachelor of Arts, English
Major: English
Minor: South Carolina Studies
Magna Cum Laude

(b) University of South Carolina School of Law
August 1992 to May 1995
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.

(a) Order of Wig and Robe
(b) Real Property Probate and Trust Journal, August 1993 to May 1995
Student Editorial Board

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
Admitted 1995

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) August 1995 to August 1996, Law Clerk to the Honorable Henry F. Floyd, Circuit Court Judge for South Carolina
 - (b) August 1996 to January 2006, Associate Attorney, Carter, Smith, Merriam, Rogers & Traxler, P.A. Primarily handled family court cases, occasional work in circuit court and probate court.
 - (c) January 2006 through June 2016, Partner/Shareholder, Carter, Smith, Merriam, Rogers & Traxler P.A. Practiced exclusively in family court. Oversaw reconciling and balancing of firm operating and escrow bank accounts.

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:

N/A

- (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:

N/A

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:

N/A

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:

N/A

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

N/A

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)

N/A

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)

N/A

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)

N/A

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.

Judge of the Family Court, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 3

July 2016 to present

Elected by South Carolina General Assembly in May 2016

Current term July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2022

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) Galen E. Burdeshaw v. Jennifer Marie Burdeshaw, 2012-DR-23-1217, Order on

Plaintiff's Complaint for Contempt, and Plaintiff's Motion to Reconsider and/or Alter Custody and Custody Related Issues, Attorneys Fees and Order on Defendant's Motion to Reconsider Filed May 23, 2016 and Attorneys Fees, dated March 20, 2018.

I was appointed as (second) successor judge to preside in hearing on a Motion to Reconsider a Final Decree of Divorce (issued by my predecessor, Harry L. Phillips) along with a Contempt action which had been assigned to Judge Phillips, but Judge Phillips was unable to complete before his death in 2015. I was also assigned to hear Plaintiff's Motion to Reconsider a Partial Order issued by the initial successor judge in May of 2016, before that judge recused herself from the matter. In addition to conducting a full day hearing of testimony and evidence, I reviewed all interim Orders, the Final Decree of Divorce issued by Judge Phillips, the testimony transcript and all exhibits from the five day Final Hearing before Judge Phillips; all post trial motions of the parties and orders of the initial successor judge; and the testimony transcripts from the hearings before the initial successor judge. I issued the above order on March 20, 2018. This Order was affirmed in part and reversed in part by the South Carolina Court of Appeals in Unpublished Opinion No. 2020-UP-105 on April 8, 2020.

- (b) Timothy Paul Kearns v. Falon Elise Odom, 2010-DR-23-5884 & 2015-DR-23-1845, Contempt Order dated May 9, 2018.

I presided in a two day hearing on a Contempt action filed by Plaintiff (Father) against Defendant (Mother), alleging that Mother had committed numerous violations of prior orders of the Family Court. I issued a Contempt Order on May 9, 2018. The Order was affirmed by the South Carolina Court of Appeals in Unpublished Opinion No. 2021-UP-122 on April 21, 2021.

- (c) Meredyth Eslick v. Martin Eslick, 2016-DR-23-4787, Final Decree of Divorce dated May 31, 2018.

I presided in a two day Final Hearing for divorce and contested issues of equitable division and attorneys fees. The marital estate included residential and commercial real estate, retirement accounts, personal property and a limited liability company operated by the parties. The parties disputed the values of real estate and personal property; however the primary issue in dispute was the value of the company and the overall division of the marital estate. I issued a Final Decree of Divorce on May 31, 2018. Defendant Martin Eslick filed a Notice of Appeal on July 2, 2018. The parties reached an agreement, and the appeal was dismissed by Order of the South Carolina Court of Appeals on January 4, 2021. The parties' agreement was adopted by a Consent Amended Final Decree of Divorce entered February 12, 2021

- (d) South Carolina Department of Social Services v. Pamela Kimmons, Robert Beach, Jerry Kimmons and John Doe, 2018-DR-23-3879, Order for Termination of Parental Rights and Permanency Planning Hearing dated May 28, 2019.

I presided in a two day hearing on a petition seeking termination of the defendants' parental rights, alleging that defendants had severely abused and neglected their minor child, and due to the severity of abuse or neglect, it was not reasonably likely that the defendants' home(s) could be made safe within twelve months. Numerous witnesses (including three medical experts) testified about the horrific injuries suffered by the infant child, as well as her poor prognosis, limited life expectancy, and the extensive care she required. I issued an Order granting termination of parental rights on May 28, 2019. Defendant Robert Beach filed a Notice of Appeal on June 20, 2019. The appeal was dismissed by South Carolina Court of Appeals by Order dated March 6, 2020.

- (c) State of South Carolina In Re: Timothy Earl Brown, Juvenile. Waiver of Jurisdiction Order, 2017-JU-23-0028,0029,0030,0209,0210,0211,0212,0213, dated February 28, 2019.

I presided in a hearing on the State's Motion to transfer jurisdiction to the Court of General Sessions, to determine whether the juvenile charged with Murder, Armed Robbery and Carjacking should be tried on the charges in Family Court (and if found guilty, face incarceration in a juvenile facility up to his 22nd birth day) or be tried in General Sessions (and if found guilty, face lifetime incarceration with the Department of Corrections). The hearing involved testimony by law enforcement witness; expert witnesses for the state and the defense, including a psychologist, a neuropsychologist, and a forensic psychologist, as well as numerous exhibits which were entered into evidence.

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, 1995
- (b) US District Court for the District of SC, 1996

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 prepared written materials and served as a speaker at the 2005 SC Bar Family Court Bench/Bar Seminar on the topic "War of Fathers: Biological v. Legal."
- (b) I prepared written materials and served as a speaker at the 2006 SC Bar Family Court Bench/Bar Seminar on the topic "Psychological, Ad Hoc, Joint etc Custody Update."
- (c) I served as a speaker at the 2010 National Business Institute Advanced Family Law Seminar on the topic "Getting the Child Heard."
- (d) I prepared written materials and served as a speaker at the 2010 SC Bar Hot Tips from the Coolest Domestic Law Practitioners Seminar on the topic "Child Support that is Off the Charts."
- (e) I served as Co- Course Planner for 2011 SC Bar Family Law Intensive Seminar Workshop "Dollars and \$ense in Family Court" held over three days in October of

2011. I selected the topics, arranged for speakers and presenters, reviewed written materials and attended/moderated the seminar.
- (f) I prepared written course materials and served as the moderator for the 2012 National Business Institute Seminar “What Family Court Judges Want You to Know.”
 - (g) I prepared written materials and served as a speaker at the 2012 SC Bar Seminar “Presenting the Family Court Case” on the topic “Preparing the Final Order.”
 - (h) I served as a panel member during 2012 SC Bar Family Court Bench Bar Seminar on the topic “Tell Me What I Want to Hear: Giving the Judge the Right Information at a Temporary Hearing.”
 - (i) I prepared written materials and served as a speaker at the 2013 SC Bar Hot Tips for the Coolest Domestic Law Practitioners Seminar on the topic “Calculating Child Support for the Haves and the Have Nots.”
 - (j) I served as a speaker at the 2013 Upstate Paralegal Association Seminar “ Putting Your Best Case Forward in Family Court.”
 - (k) I served as Co-Course Planner for the 2013 SC Bar Family Law Intensive Workshop “Twists and Turns of Child Custody in the Modern Age” held over four days in October of 2013. I selected the topics, arranged for speakers and presenters, reviewed written materials and attended/moderated the seminar.
 - (l) I prepared written materials and served as a speaker at the seminar “In the Best Interest of the Child: 2014 Guardian Ad Litem Training and Update” on the topic “Update on Parental Alienation.”
 - (m) I prepared written materials and served as a speaker at the 2014 Greenville County Bar Year End CLE on the topic “Guardians Ad Litem: How Lawyers Help and Hurt Their Cases.”
 - (n) I prepared written materials and served as a speaker at the 2014 SC Bar Family Law Essentials Seminar on the topic “Drafting Orders.”
 - (o) I prepared written materials and served as a speaker at the 2014 Hot Tips from the Coolest Domestic Law Practitioners Seminar on the topic “Restraining Orders and the Right to Bear Arms.”
 - (p) I served as a Speaker at the Upstate Mediation Center Lunch & Learn Seminar on the topic “Using the Child Support Calculator” in December 2014
 - (q) I prepared written materials and served as a speaker at the 2015 SC Bar Convention on the topic “What Domestic Attorneys Wish Probate Attorneys Knew.”
 - (r) I prepared written materials and served as a speaker at the 2015 Greenville County Bar Year End CLE on the topic “Anticipating Death in Divorce.”
 - (s) I prepared written materials and served as a speaker at the 2015 SC Bar Family Law Essentials Seminar on the topic “Drafting Orders.”
 - (t) I prepared written materials and served as a speaker at the 2015 Hot Tips from the Coolest Domestic Law Practitioners Seminar on the topic “Anticipating Death in Divorce.”
 - (u) I served as a moderator at the 2016 SC Bar Convention for a panel for “Hollywood Squares: The (Family Court) Rules Edition.”
 - (v) I served a panel member at the 2017 SC Bar Convention on a panel of family court judges for “Hollywood Squares (The “Serenity Now! Edition).”

- (w) I served as a panel member at the 2017 Annual Guardian Ad Litem Training & Update CLE on the topic “What Family Court Judges Want You to Know.”
- (x) I served as a panel member at the 2017 Greenville County Bar Year End CLE on the topic “Nuts and Bolts of Family Court Practice from the Old and the Young.”
- (y) I served as a speaker at the 2017 Women of the Greenville County Bar Association CLE Luncheon on the topic “Motions, Moms & Mayhem- Real Talk on Navigating the Practice of Law at All Stages of Motherhood.”
- (z) I served as a co-presenter at the 2017 SC Women Lawyers Association Conference on the topic “Slippers, Breath Mints and Quarters: How to Pursue and Survive a Judicial Campaign.”
- (aa) I served as a panel member at the 2018 Greenville County Bar Year End CLE on the topic “Tips from the Bench.”
- (bb) I served on a panel of family court judges at the 2019 Upstate Mediation Center Lunch and Learn CLE
- (cc) I prepared written materials and served as a Co-Presented at the 2019 Hot Tips from the Coolest Domestic Law Practitioners on the topic “Joint Custody.”
- (dd) I served as a panel member at the 2019 SC Bar Advanced Family Law Topics for the Bench and Bar on the topic “Maybe Love Shouldn’t Be Such Hard Work- Parents Behaving Badly: Addressing Gatekeeping and Alienating Behavior.”

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

Copies of my continuing judicial education reports for reporting years 2016/2017; 2017/2018; 2018/2019; 2019/2020; and 2020/2021 have been attached/included.

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

(a) “Business Goodwill in South Carolina,” SC Lawyer Magazine (May 2011), Co-Author

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.

Martindale Hubbell Peer Review Rating: AV preeminent

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) Greenville County Bar Association
- (b) South Carolina Bar Association
 - Family Law Council, Member 2009-2016
 - Family Law Council, Secretary 2013-2014
 - Family Law Council Vice Chair 2014-2015
 - Family Law Council Chair Elect 2015-2016

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.

None

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

(a) I applied for Family Court, At Large Seat 4 in August of 2012. I was found qualified and nominated for the position by the Judicial Merit Selection Commission. The Honorable Monet Pincus was elected to the position in January of 2013.

(b) I applied for Family Court, Thirteenth Circuit, Seat 5 in August of 2013. I was found qualified and nominated by the Judicial Merit Selection Commission. The Honorable Tarita Dunbar was elected to the position in February of 2014.

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 1989 to 1992, during vacations from college and my first semester of law school, I worked for the Spice of Life Restaurant in Spartanburg, South Carolina as a waitress, store clerk, kitchen assistant and office assistant. That business is no longer in operation.

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 § 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 complete current financial net worth statement has been included/provided to the Commission

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

34. Has a tax lien or other collection procedure ever been instituted against you by federal, state, or local authorities? Have you ever defaulted on a student loan? Have you ever filed for bankruptcy? If so, give details. Also, proof of satisfaction of any liens or defaults must be submitted with your application package.

No

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

No.

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

None

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

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.

My prior association as an attorney/partner of the law firm Carter, Smith, Marriam, Rogers & Traxler P.A. I recuse myself from hearing any proceedings involving my prior partners and/or from hearing any proceedings which involve clients of the firm during the time I was associated with the firm.

40. Describe any interest you or a member of your immediate family has in real property:
- (a) in which there is a potential conflict of interest with your involvement in a South Carolina state or local public agency;
 - (b) in which there have been public improvements of \$200 or more that adjoins property in which there have been public improvements of \$200 or more; or
 - (c) which was sold, leased, or rented to a state or local public agency in South Carolina.

None

List the interest you hold and the value and location of the property. Identify as applicable the:

- (a) nature of any potential conflict of interest;
- (b) nature and value of any public improvements; and
- (c) South Carolina state or local public agency which purchased or is leasing or renting such property.

Attach a copy of any contract or agreement.

None

41. Identify any personal property interest you or a member of your immediate family sold, leased, or rented to a South Carolina state or local public agency. Identify the property, its amount or value, and the name of the agency. Attach a copy of any contract or agreement.

None

42. For sitting judges, if you currently hold an interest in stock or other securities or have held such an interest, list each stock you currently own or owned during the prior calendar year. If you prefer, you may attach broker or account records containing the requested information instead of listing it here.

See Statements Attached and included with Financial Net Worth statement provided in response to Question #33

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.

No

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.

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

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?

No

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 “campaign” on my behalf, nor am I aware of any “campaigning” on my behalf by any individuals.

My campaigning has been limited to announcements of my candidacy and answering any questions about my qualifications to continue serving as a Family Court Judge.

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) Paul B. Wickenseimer

[Redacted]

(b) Dell Baker

[Redacted]

(c) Glenn Halva-Neubauer
Dana Professor
Politics and International Affairs
Furman University

[Redacted]

- (d) Thomas W. Traxler
Carter, Smith, Merriam, Rogers & Traxler, P.A.

[REDACTED]

- (f) The Rev. Stephen J. Rhoades, Rector

[REDACTED]

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

No

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

I am not active or a member of any social media or internet site such as Facebook, Linked In, Twitter or Instagram. My picture and background information appears on the roster of Family Court judges on the South Carolina Judicial Branch website at www.sccourts.org.

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

No effect, as I am not active on nor am I a member of any social media sites.

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) St. James Episcopal Church
Member 2000 to present
Episcopal Youth Community Adult Volunteer, 2015 to 2019

- (c) Greenville Zoo Foundation Board of Directors
2018 to 2020

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 practiced as a Family Court lawyer for 20 years, setting high standards and endeavoring to reach those standards. I am thankful for the opportunity I received from the General Assembly in 2016 in electing me to my first term as a Family Court Judge; and after five years. I have the same eagerness to learn and drive to improve that I had on the day I took my oath in July of 2016. Every day I am conscious of the promises I made in my oath; every day I strive to keep those promises. If I have the honor of continuing to serve as a Family Court Judge, I will devote whatever, time, energy and effort is required of me to not only to “do my best” but also to “do better” in fulfilling the professional, ethical and personal obligations required of me.

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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.

(Notary Signature)

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