

Circuit Court At-Large Seat 8

Amendment to Personal Data Questionnaire

June 27, 2023

11. Please answer the following:

(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.

Supplementing prior answer with:

I completed the following two criminal law CLE classes:

- 2023 Criminal Law Practice Essentials (6.5 hours on August 11, 2023); and
- 32nd Annual Criminal Practice in South Carolina (6.5 hours on August 1, 2023).

Also, since my initial submission, I have had detailed discussions about many substantiative and procedural issues with three sitting circuit court judges, one former circuit court judge, and three current deputy solicitors. I have also reviewed all of the 2023 South Carolina Advance Sheets for criminal appellate opinions and read Judge Daniel M. Cobles' South Carolina Trial Evidence (2021) in regard to evidentiary issues raised in criminal trials. In addition, I have had detailed meetings and discussions with a former solicitor and current criminal defense attorney regarding criminal procedure, evidentiary matters, motions practice, common pretrial hearings, and other important issues that are common in a criminal practice. Lastly, I have contacted both the solicitor and chief public defender for the Fifth Circuit in an effort to discuss and learn about their experiences, observations, and challenges.

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(Signature)

November 7, 2023

(Date)

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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. If you are a sitting judge, please include such contributions since your last screening.

Strike prior answer and replace with:

I donated \$100.00 to Vincent Sheheen on October 5, 2020.

(Signature)

(Date)

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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.

Supplementing prior answer with:

The business in which I was a small investor, Legal Marketing Group, LLC, is no longer an active concern and has ceased operations.

(Signature)

(Date)

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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.

Supplementing prior answer with:

(c) <u>David G. Taylor</u>, et al. v. <u>Michael G. Hostilo</u>, et al., 2021-CP-10-0920 (Charleston Co. Circuit Court). I was a small investor in a friend's company, Legal Marketing Group, LLC, that later went out of business. Legal Marketing Group, LLC is one Plaintiff in a lawsuit brought against parties who allegedly contributed to the business's failure. I neither had nor have an active role in the company or its legal action.

(Signature)

(Date)

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