

Circuit Court At Large, Seat 8

AMENDMENT TO PERSONAL DATA QUESTIONNAIRE

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11.(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.

During my 27-year career, I have actively appeared before the Circuit Court in at least 20 counties in South Carolina. I have handled matters in all 16 Circuits. In the past five years, I have appeared before a Circuit Court judge on a regular basis.

- (a) I have no substantive experience in criminal matters in the Circuit Court during the past five years. However, I practiced criminal law from 1998 to approximately 2011 in all courts, including the Circuit Court. I studied criminal procedure and substantive criminal law during those years, and I plan to draw on that experience to preside over criminal matters in Circuit Court. Additionally, I plan to study each case and each matter as they come before me, researching the statutes, case law, and applicable Rules of Criminal Procedure.
- (b) I have extensive experience in civil matters before the Circuit Court in the past five years. I have served as lead counsel or sole counsel in all of those matters. I regularly file and argue motions, and I have tried cases in Circuit Court, both bench and jury trials. I represent individuals and companies in a wide variety of commercial litigation claims. I have handled insurance coverage disputes, mostly representing insurance companies, but several times I have represented the insureds. I have handled numerous real estate matters in Circuit Court, involving Homeowner Association rules, boundary disputes, and restrictive covenants. I have defended lawyers in legal malpractice actions. I have handled other general civil matters, including litigation

involving financial institutions, where I mostly represent the financial institutions. I have represented landowners in condemnation proceedings, both in the proceedings to fix the award and proceedings to challenge the condemnation. I have handled personal injury matters, both large and small, usually representing defendants.

- 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: 95%
 - (b) criminal: 0%
 - (c) domestic: 0%
 - (d) other: 5% (probate)

Question 11.(b) - I am striking the answer and replacing it with the above answer

Question 13 – I am striking the answer and replacing it with the above answer.

s/R. Bruce Wallace

Robert Bruce Wallace

November 6, 2023

Please email the amendment to your screening attorney, Erin, and Lindi. Mail your original hard copy amendment to our office or hand deliver to:

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