

JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION PERSONAL DATA QUESTIONNAIRE 2023

Court, Position, and Seat # for which you are applying: Ninth Circuit Family Court judge, seat 4

1. Name:

Mr. Paul Fredrick LeBarron

Mrs. Ms.

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.)

Home Address: [Redacted]

County of Residence: Berkeley

Business Address: SCDSS CSSD, 3446 Rivers Ave, Ste E, North Charleston, SC 29405

E-Mail Address: [Redacted]

Telephone Number: (home): [Redacted]

(office): 843-953-9719 (cell): [Redacted]

2. Date of Birth: [Redacted] 1970

Place of Birth: Dunkirk, NY

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 not served.

6. Family Status:

(a) State whether you are single, married, widowed, divorced, or separated.

- (b) If married, state the date of your marriage and your spouse's full name and occupation.
- (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.
- (e) State the names of your children and their ages. If your children are old enough to work, include the occupation of each child.

Family Status: Married on June 4, 1994 to Barbara Ann Cyrek, pharmacist Never divorced, three children: [Redacted]

- 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) State University of New York at Buffalo, Aug 1988-May 1992, Bachelor of Arts
 - (b) University of Dayton School of Law, Aug 1992 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) Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program, Spring, 1994 and 1995. Supervisor Spring 1995.
 - (b) Delta Theta Phi legal fraternity, 1992-1995, philanthropy/fundraising co-chair Aug, 1994-May, 1995
- 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, 1995, one exam taken
 - (b) North Carolina, 1995, one exam taken
- 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) 1995-March 1, 2000: sole practitioner with general practice. Handled individual tax issues along with some domestic practice and estate planning. I handled all administrative and financial functions of the practice, including the trust account.
 - (b) March 2, 2000 present: state attorney with the Department of Social Services Child Support Services Division. Practice limited to the establishment of paternity and the establishment, modification, and enforcement of child support obligations for both in-state

orders as well as those from other states and countries. I have no involvement with the financial management of the agency, and I maintain no trust account. I have little involvement with the administration in the Division, limited to improvement or implementation of case processing for efficiency.

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, Questions 11-17 should be answered based on your experience 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.

Divorce and equitable division of property: Prior to joining the Child Support Division in 2000, I handled a very simple divorce where parties pretty much had all of their property divided and only wished the divorce be granted. Since then, I did assist a co-worker in her divorce where all property, custody, and support issues had already been resolved by agreement. Because child support deviations can be granted based upon equitable division, I am aware and have been exposed to hundreds of cases to review the equitable division to see if deviations would apply. This exposure to these end results has provided me an insight as to how such decisions are made, which I can apply to pursue similar results.

<u>Child custody</u>: The Child Support Division does not handle issues of custody or visitation, so my practice has been limited to recognizing the custody vested in unmarried mothers, or accepting and incorporating the agreement of the parties. As custody determinations primarily dictate the application of the child support guidelines, I have reviewed and applied many different custody arrangements to child support calculations, and have seen some of the factors rising to the determinations by the Court.

Adoption: As a fellow division of the Department of Social Services, I have access to Adoption Services and have addressed the related child support cases from that office's activities. I am frequently consulted both before and after adoptive cases to address child support issues, but have never handled such a case before.

Abuse and neglect: The county Abuse and Neglect offices of DSS are separate from the Child Support Division, but there is significant overlap of Child Support in the

cases pursued by County DSS. I have worked with my counterparts in the counties for literal decades, so I have been exposed to many different aspects of the cases in addition to child support. On one rare occasion, I stood in for my colleague on a simple placement case due to conflict.

<u>Juvenile justice</u>: I have had no direct involvement with juvenile justice, but my contested child support dockets are held along with those of the Department of Juvenile Justice, which has given me the opportunity to observe many, many juvenile hearings and the manner in which the various judges arrive at their determinations.

My background is analytical, beginning with my college degree in mathematics, continuing with my initial practice of tax and estate planning, and throughout my practice in calculating and analyzing child support issues. Presiding as a judge is an exercise in problem-solving, just with a different set of tools. Having limited or no prior experience as an advocate gives me the ability to develop these tools as a neutral, without any bias or predisposition that adversarial exposure may have given another practitioner.

- (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: 0

(b) state: 100

- 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: 0 (not including domestic)

(b) criminal: 0

(c) domestic: 99.50%

(d) other: 0.5% - bankruptcy

- 14. During the past five years
 - (a) What percentage of your practice was in trial court, including cases that settled prior to trial? 100%
 - (b) What number of cases went to trial and resulted in a verdict? 0 all family court
 - (c) What number of cases went to trial and resolved after the plaintiff's or State's case? (Resolved may include settlement, plea, by Judge's order during a motion hearing, etc.
 - 0 Other side always allowed opportunity to be heard in family court
 - (d) What number of your cases settled after a jury was selected but prior to opening statements? 0 No juries in family court

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

Sole Counsel

For sitting judges seeking a judgeship different than your current position, During the five years prior to your election to the bench, what percentage of your practice was in trial court, including matters that settled prior to trial?

- 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) <u>SCDSS v. Donellevin Polite</u>. Family Court. At a hearing to reduce child support brought by the Division based on emancipation of one of three children, the judge ordered the reduction retroactive to eighteen months earlier. I appealed this decision as a violation of statutory and case law. This case was significant as it provided the opportunity to properly prepare an appeal and pursue it to its conclusion. It involved not only the initial hearing, but also a lengthy reconsideration hearing in anticipation of the appeal. Without oral argument, the appellate court agreed that the retroactive application was improper. <u>SCDSS v. Polite</u>, 391 S.C. 275, 705 S.E.2d 78 (S.C.App. 2011).
 - (b) <u>SCDSS v. John Hicks</u>. Family Court. In this 2004 matter, I was seeking to register a 1992 Florida order for enforcement in South Carolina. However, in 1993, Florida sent the order with a petition to establish an order, which South Carolina established for a lesser amount. The new registration involved a significant amount of arrears that had accrued under the Florida order. At the confirmation hearing, the judge initially ruled that the South Carolina order prevailed, as Florida could not ask for something one day and then ask for something different years later when the laws changed. Upon my request, the Court allowed briefs to be submitted. My brief summarized the changes in the interstate law

- while persuading the Court that the result I sought was not only correct, but intended by the changes. This matter is significant as it was the first time I was able to change a judge's mind with my argument, outside of an appeal.
- (c) In Re Sammie Webb, Debtor. Bankruptcy Court. I joined a motion with the Trustee to have this debtor's Chapter 13 plan dismissed for failure to comply with the plan. This was the first time I had to appear and pursue relief directly with the Bankruptcy Court. Mr. Webb had several child support cases totaling several thousand dollars, and has used the bankruptcy court to stay enforcement of those arrears several times. Of his ten previous filings, this was the fifth I personally handled. This case was significant because it was the first time I argued in the Bankruptcy Court, leading to a dismissal of the filing, with prejudice, preventing further enforcement delays.
- (d) <u>SCDSS v. Nathaniel Roberts</u>. Family Court. At a Rule to Show Cause in the early part of my practice with the Division, it was brought out that two of the three children under the support order had emancipated. The judge sua sponte ordered that the support obligation was to be reduced retroactively to the 18th birthday of each child. I objected and declared my intent to appeal. This case was significant to me because I failed to properly create the record with the proper arguments that the law supported. I was a hard lesson learned, and a situation I would not allow to repeat.
- (e) In Re the Estate of Henry Picard. Probate Court. This was the only probate matter I litigated while still in private practice. I represented one of the living children, who believed is father wished only to provide for the surviving children, and not the heirs of the deceased child. The hearing was for interpretation o the will as there was no mention or other clear indication of provision for the predeceased child. I pursued a rather novel theory of determining intent through the constructed design of the will itself. It was significant to me as it was the first opportunity I had as a new lawyer to argue before a judge as well as prepare and conduct cross-examination.
- 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) <u>SCDSS v. Donellevin Polite</u>, Court of Appeals of South Carolina, January 19, 2011, 391 S.C. 275, 705 S.E.2d 78.
 - (b) <u>SCDSS v. Nathaniel Roberts</u>, Court of Appeals of South Carolina, June 21, 2005. Not reported.
 - (c) <u>Theon Smith v. SCDSS</u>, Court of Appeals of South Carolina. Still pending.(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.

 I have never held judicial office.
- 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) N/A
 - (b)
 - (c)
 - (d)
 - (e)
- 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) Admitted to practice before the State Courts of South Carolina on November 13, 1995;
 - (b) Admitted to practice before the State Courts of North Carolina on August 16, 1995;
 - (c) Admitted to practice before the Federal District Court of South Carolina on July 27, 2010.
- 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 have lectured at the New Family Court Judge Orientation School every year since 2017, discussing the Division's supplementary processes and remedies in the framework of support obligation enforcement.
 - (b) I have presented regarding the income-shares model of support determination at the Lake County (IL) Family Law Conference held in Charleston in 2019.
 - (c) I have presented at the 2019 Hot Tips for the Coolest Domestic Law Practitioners seminar regarding the rollout, implementation, and immediate anticipated effects of the new Palmetto Automated Child Support System.
 - (d) I have presented regarding the child support guidelines and impacts of PACSS to the Charleston County Bar Association (2019), Berkeley County Bar Association (2019), Horry County Bar Association (2023), with the Cooperative Family Law Association (2023), and as part of a Hot Topics from the Bench in the Fourteenth Circuit (2022).
- 22. Provide, as a separate attachment, your continuing legal or judicial education report from the past five years.
- 23. List all published books and articles you have written and give citations and the dates of publication for each.
 I have no published books or articles.
- 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 <u>are not seeking a different type of judgeship</u>, 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.

I am not a member nor rated by any 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
 - (b) North Carolina Bar (inactive)
 - (c)
- 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.

I have never held public office

- 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.
- 29. Have you ever been an unsuccessful candidate for elective, judicial, or other public office? If so, give details, including dates.
 - (a) Family Court At-Large seat 3, 2012, withdrew before screening completed
 - (b) Family Court Ninth Circuit seat 2, 2014, withdrew before screening completed
 - (c) Family Court Ninth Circuit seat 3, 2015, withdrew before screening completed
- 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.
 - (a) April 2020-March 2021: logistics specialist (inventory stocker); Harbor Freight Tools
 - (b) January 1996 February 2000: seasonal tax preparer and instructor; H&R Block
- 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. I have no business involvement

- 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 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.

A complete, current financial net worth statement was provided to the Commission.

- 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 to all questions
- 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.

 I have not
- 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?

 Anticipated expense of \$30 for postage for application at this time
- 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.

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

Yes, in 2014 I was charged with failure to obey traffic signal (right turn on red when not allowed), pled to careless operation, \$300 fine.

No other charges or violations in this criteria.

- 46. Have you, to your knowledge, ever been under federal, state, or local investigation for possible violation of a criminal statute? If yes, explain.
- 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. Not applicable
- 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.
 DSS commissioned a background investigation as a condition of employment. No adverse findings, not enrolled on the Registry.
- 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.

 I have not
- 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
- 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?

 I am familiar
- 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.

 Not to my knowledge
- 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) Leah Guerry Dupree, Berkeley County Clerk of Court; [Redacted]
 - (b) Jack Alan Landis, Retired Family Court Judge; [Redacted]
 - (c) Thomas W. Traxler, Attorney; Carter Smith Merriam Rogers & Traxler PA, [Redacted]
 - (d) Peter D. DeLuca, Jr., Attorney; DeLuca & Maucher, [Redacted]

- (e) Danny L. Prenner, Attorney; [Redacted]
- 56. Are you active on or a member of a social media or Internet site such as, Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, Instagram, etc.?
 Facebook, Linkedin, Twitter

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

- (a) Facebook : [Redacted](b) LinkedIn: [Redacted]
- (c) Twitter: [Redacted]

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 real changes. I use LinkedIn to view TED talk videos, Facebook is mostly for family and friends, and I never actually use my Twitter account.

- 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)
 - (b)
 - (c)
- 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 have been exclusively practicing establishment and enforcement of child support orders, and have been present for several hundred Rules to Show Cause. In my years, I have seen many, many individuals detained for failure to pay support obligations. I believe that there are situations where incarceration is necessary to reinforce the authority of a court, and especially the importance of complying with a support order. There have been many times that this power has been abused by payees seeking to punish individuals for reasons other than non-support. I have become very aware of the philosophy behind contempt, and the need to wield the power responsibly.

I have been privileged to have a good working relationship with the Father-to-Father program in the Charleston area. I have been educated firsthand that having a relationship with a child makes even the most deadbeat parent a responsible parent. Parents that previously had been serving a life sentence of contempt one year at a time turned themselves around and became responsible role models because of their time with their children. The benefit is mutual: children need both their parents. Although families may not share the same household, both parents can and should remain a large part of their children's lives.

I have been a public servant for over two decades, in a capacity that is not specifically as an advocate. The Child Support Enforcement Division is able to participate in legal matters

pursuant to an assignment given to us by the party entitled to receive support. In representing the State of South Carolina in these cases, I have developed a working framework where I try to find the best scenario to provide for the child or children given the resources of the parties. I aim to benefit all parties, even if it means going against the wishes of the party that granted the assignment. I look to use this neutral persona as a base upon which I'll expand to encompass all matters before me as a judge.

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	, 2023.
(Notary Signature)		
(Notary Printed Name) Notary Public for South Car	rolina	