



**JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION  
PERSONAL DATA QUESTIONNAIRE  
FOR RETIRED JUDGES/JUSTICES**

1. Judicial placement for which you are applying:

Court: Retired Active Circuit Judge

Position:

Seat #:

2. Name: The Honorable Steven H. John

Name that you are known by if different from above  
(Example: A Nickname):

Home Address: [Redacted]

County of Residence: Horry

Business Address: N/A

E-Mail Address: [Redacted]

Telephone Number: (home):  
(office):  
(cell): [Redacted]

3. Date of Birth: [Redacted] 1953

4. 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, for my entire life.

5. SCDL# or SCHD#: [Redacted]

6. Family Status:

- (a) Are you single, married, widowed, divorced, or separated? Married
- (b) If married, state the date of your marriage and your spouse's full name. September 1, 1990. Susan Loraine Watts John
- (c) If widowed, list the name(s) of spouse(s). N/A
- (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 NOT full-time students, also include the occupation and employer of each child. [Redacted]

7. List your positions of employment on and/or appointment to the bench chronologically. You are not required to list dates of employment or appointment prior to your last

screening. I was the Resident Circuit Judge for the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit from 2001 to 2022.

8. Have you practiced law or served as a mediator or arbitrator since your retirement from the judiciary? No.
9. Provide, as a separate attachment, your continuing legal or judicial education report from the past five years. Attached are the reports for 2022-2023, 2021-2022, 2020-2021, 2019-2020, 2018-2019. On August 21, 2023, I was granted an exemption from SC CLE requirements, pursuant to Rule 408(a)(2)(B), SCAR. This CLE exemption relieved me of filing a 2022-2023 SC CLE compliance report, and any annual compliance reports in the future. (See attached copy of email from Alyce C. McEachern, The Supreme Court of South Carolina, Commission on CLE and Specialization.
10. Are you now an officer or director or involved in the management of any business enterprise? No.
11. A net worth statement is provided with this questionnaire, and you must use this format for submission of your financial statement. 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.

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

12. Since your last screening:
  - (a) Have you filed state and federal income tax returns for the intervening years? Yes
  - (b) Have you or any business with which you are associated been delinquent in any local, state, or federal taxes? No
  - (c) Has a tax lien or other collection procedure been instituted against you by federal, state, or local authorities? No
  - (d) Have you defaulted on a student loan? No
  - (e) Have you filed for bankruptcy? No
13. For the last fully completed calendar year, itemize the income, expenses, fees, payments, or additional benefits exceeding \$500, in aggregate, received by you or a member of your immediate family from South Carolina state and local entities. I receive a monthly annuity from the South Carolina Retirement System as a retired circuit judge. (See Attached) My wife, Susan L. John, also receives a monthly annuity from the South Retirement System. (See Attached).

14. Describe your personal policy for the acceptance of food, meals, beverages, lodging, transportation, entertainment, social hospitality, or other things of value from an attorney, a group of attorneys, or from other individuals. I do not personally accept them. If any of these items were offered to the South Carolina Judiciary as a whole, e.g. from the South Carolina Bar Association, I may or may not choose to accept.

15. Have you ever accepted anything of value from an attorney or litigant in a matter currently or previously before you or your court? No

16. Describe any interest you or a member of your immediate family has in real property: None.

- (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 that adjoins property in which there have been public improvements of \$200; or
- (c) which was sold, leased, or rented to a state or local public agency in South Carolina.

List the interest you hold and the value and location of the property. None.

- (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.

17. 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. None.

18. Since your last screening, have you 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? No

19. Since your last screening, have you, to your knowledge, been under federal, state, or local investigation for possible violation of a criminal statute? No.

20. Since your last screening, have you been sued, either personally or professionally? No.

21. Since your last screening, have you, as a lawyer, judge, or other professional, in South Carolina or any other jurisdiction, been sanctioned for lawyer, judicial, or other professional misconduct or been found to have committed such misconduct?

[Yes and no responses are redacted for all candidates unless there is a public discipline.]

22. Since your last screening, have you been criticized, whether informally or in a matter taken

to a disciplinary authority, for the manner in which you treated litigants or attorneys before you on the bench? No.

23. Are you active on or a member of a social media or Internet site or have you, to your knowledge, been featured or depicted on a social media or Internet site, such as, Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, etc.? I am not active on or a member of any social media or internet site, nor have I ever been.
24. Provide any other information which 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. None.

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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Notary Signature)

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