

**JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION
PERSONAL DATA QUESTIONNAIRE
2025**

1. Judicial placement for which you are applying:
Court: South Carolina Circuit Court
Circuit or Position: At-Large
Seat: Seat 5
2. Are you currently serving in some capacity as a judge (to include municipal, magistrate, etc.)? If so, state the position. If part-time, please indicate. Yes, Circuit Court, At Large, Seat 5

Personal

3. Name: The Honorable Milton G. Kimpson
Mrs.
Ms.

Name that you are known by, if different from above. (Example: A Nickname): None

Home Address: [Redacted]

County of Residence: Richland

Business Address: Richland County Judicial Center, 1701 Main Street, Room 324, Columbia
SC 29201

E-Mail Address: [Redacted]

Telephone Number: (home): [Redacted]
(office): 803-576-1765
(cell): [Redacted]

- 4 Date of Birth: [Redacted], 961
Place of Birth: Columbia, SC

5. 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

6. SCDL# or SCHD#: [Redacted]
Voter Registration Number: [Redacted]

7. 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.

Yes. I served on active duty in the U.S. Army as an officer in the Judge Advocate General's Corps (JAGC) from January 1987 to December 1991 and continued service in the US Army Reserves from 1992 – 1995. My highest rank was Captain, and I received an Honorable Discharge. I have no current duty status.

8. Family Status:

- (a) State whether you are single, married, widowed, divorced, or separated. Married.
- (b) If married, state the date of your marriage and your spouse's full name and occupation.

May 14, 1999, to Audra Sabb Kimpson; wife is an Audits Manager for South Carolina Comptroller General's Office

- (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.

Never divorced.

- (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.

We have two children: [Redacted]

9. 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) Wofford College, Spartanburg, SC; August 1979 – May 1983; B.S. in Economics
- (b) Emory University School of Law, Atlanta, GA; August 1983 – May 1986; J.D.

10. 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) Emory Moot Court Society 1984-1986
- (b) Emory Intrastate Moot Court Team, 1985
- (c) Coach, National Championship Evidence Moot Court Team, 1986
- (d) Student Legal Services, 1984 – 1986
- (e) Black Law Students Association, 1983 – 1986
- (f) Black Law Students Association Moot Court Team, 1986
- (g) National Institute of Trial Advocacy, 1985

11. 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.

2023 Martindale Hubbell; Distinguished.

12. 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 Circuit Court Judges Association
 - (b) South Carolina Bar Association
 - (c) Richland County Bar Association
 - (d) SC Black Lawyers Association
 - (e) American Bar Association
13. Are you active on or a member of a social media or Internet site such as Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, Instagram, etc.? If so, please list the account names for each account and the relevant platform.

No, although I do have a LinkedIn account that I do not use.

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

I do not plan to use social media or other sites.

14. 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) Greater Columbia Community Relations Council, Board of Directors, 2016 – 2022; currently serve on Board of Advisors
 - (b) Citizens for Public Life, Board of Directors
 - (c) Cooperative Ministry, Board of Directors
 - (d) Omicron Phi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Parliamentarian
 - (e) Promise Foundation, Treasurer
 - (f) Alpha Iota Boule, Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity, Secretary, May 2002 to present
 - (g) Saint John Baptist Church, Board of Deacons, May 2002 to present; Assistant Church Clerk, 2015 to present
 - (h) Wofford College Black Alumni Association
 - (i) Omega Men of Columbia, SC, Inc., Secretary, 2019 to present
 - (j) Israel Brooks Foundation, Board of Directors
 - (k) Life Member, NAACP

15. 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 served as a Circuit Court judge for almost thirteen (13) months. The experiences this year have been both intellectually rewarding and humbling, knowing that the posture of a parties' case may rest on my ruling in civil matters and that my sentences may often have long-term ramifications for criminal defendants as well as their victims, families and communities. I have fully embraced the gravity of my role as a Circuit Court judge and work hard to fairly and objectively decide the issues before me. I strive to be prepared, knowledgeable about the law and importantly, to be attentive, respectful and courteous to litigants. I have always appreciated those judges who actively listened to the cases and evaluated my legal arguments such that my goal is to emulate these characteristics.

16. List the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of 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 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 5 original letters of recommendation to the Commission with your application.*

- (a) Percy A. Mack, Ph.D., Chair, Dept. of Educational Leadership, [Redacted]
- (b) Benjamin I. Duncan, III; [Redacted]
- (c) Rev. Jamey O. Graham, Sr., Sant John Baptist Church, [Redacted]
- (d) Larry K. Salley, Ph.D., Executive Director, Greater Columbia Community Relations Council, [Redacted]
- (e) Gwendolyn Singletary, Executive Director, Wiley Kennedy Foundation, [Redacted]

Experience

17. 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.

South Carolina; admitted in 1986; took SC Bar exam once. Have not taken the bar exam in any other state.

18. 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) SC Department of Health and Environmental Control, law clerk and brief stint as a Staff Attorney practicing administrative law until entry into U.S. Army JAGC. No management responsibilities; no trust accounts.
- (b) JAGC, Fort Sill, Oklahoma; Legal Assistance Officer: General civil practice assisting military members, families and retirees with wills, powers of attorney and family law; March 1987 -June 1988; Trial Counsel (military prosecutor) prosecuting soldiers for crimes under Uniform Code of Military Justice; June 1988 – March 1990. No management or trust account responsibilities.
- (c) JAGC, Fort Jackson, SC; Chief Legal Assistance Officer: General civil practice assisting military members, families and retirees with wills, powers of attorney and family law; Miliary Magistrate – whether to impose pretrial confinement for military personnel accused of crimes under USCMJ; March 1990 – December 1991. Administrative management (personnel) responsibilities but no financial/trust accounting.
- (d) Johnson, Toal & Battiste, P.A. Jan 1992- Dec 1993; Associate at general civil practice firm doing civil litigation, real estate, family law, personal injury and criminal law. No management or trust account responsibilities.
- (e) Glen Walters, P.A.: Jan. 1994 – March 1994; temporary position in a general practice firm in Orangeburg, SC; family law and personal injury; no management or trust account responsibilities. .
- (f) Gerald & Kimpson, LLP; March 1994-December 1998; partner in general practice firm; civil litigation, criminal litigation, family law, personal injury and real estate. Shared administrative and financial management responsibilities, to include management of real estate trust account (IOTA).
- (g) Richland County Department of Social Services; July 1995- December 1988. Contract attorney prosecuting abuse and neglect cases in Family Court. Performed contract work while in private practice as Gerald & Kimpson, LLP. No administrative, financial or trust account responsibilities.
- (h) Milton G. Kimpson, P.A.; January 1999-Dec 2002. Solo practitioner in general practice, including civil litigation, family law, personal injury, real estate and criminal law. Performed administrative and financial management responsibilities to include trust accounting – general and IOTLA real estate accounts.
- (i) South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation. Contract attorney serving as counsel to contractors' board. One or two hearings in December 2001-2002. Performed as contract attorney while in private practice as Milton G. Kimpson, PA. No administrative, financial or trust account responsibilities.
- (j) South Carolina Department of Revenue; Jan. 2003 – 2010; staff attorney performing state tax and regulatory litigation before ALC, state and federal courts. In 2006, became Managing Attorney for Honors Litigation Program with administrative management responsibilities. No financial management or trust accounting responsibilities.
- (k) South Carolina Department of Revenue; July 2010-June 2017. General Counsel for Litigation handling state tax and regulatory cases before ALC, state and federal courts. Performed administrative management responsibilities with limited budget responsibilities for section. No trust accounting.
- (l) South Carolina Administrative Law Court; July 2017 to June 30, 2024; serve as Administrative Law Judge presiding over administrative cases – de novo trials and appeals

- arising out of state agency decisions under the Administrative Procedures Act. No administrative, financial or trust accounting responsibilities.
- (m) South Carolina Circuit Court, At-Large Seat 5 (f/k/a Seat 11): July 1, 2024, to present. Circuit Court Judge handling civil and criminal cases. Office administrative management but no financial or trust accounting responsibilities.

Justices/judges applying for re-election to their current position may omit Questions 19–25. If you are a full-time judge seeking a judgeship different than your current position, Questions 19–25 should be answered based on your experience prior to serving on the bench.

19. 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.
 - (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, 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.

20. 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:

21. 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:

22. During the past five years:

- (a) What percentage of your practice was in trial court, including cases that settled prior to trial?
- (b) What number of cases went to trial and resulted in a verdict?
- (c) What number of cases went to trial and resolved after the plaintiff's or State's case? For the purposes of this question, resolved includes settlement, plea, judge's order during a motion hearing, etc.
- (d) What number of your cases settled after a jury was selected but prior to opening statements?
- (e) Did you most often serve as sole counsel, chief counsel, second chair, or co-counsel?
- (f) 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?

23. List five of the most significant litigated matters you have personally handled in trial court, 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)

24. 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)

25. 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)

26. 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.

- (a) South Carolina Circuit Court, At-Large, Seat 5 (f/k/a Seat 11); July 1, 2024, to present; elected by SC General Assembly. The Circuit Court is the State's court of general jurisdiction, with responsibility for Common Pleas, General Sessions and limited appellate jurisdiction from the Probate Court, Magistrate Court, and Municipal Court.
- (b) South Carolina Administrative Law Court (ALC), Seat 2; July 2017 to June 30, 2024. Elected by SC General Assembly in July 2017 and reelected in 2022. The ALC is an administrative agency and court of record created by the General Assembly, SC Code Ann. 1-23-500, with jurisdiction limited by statute, to certain “contested cases...involving the departments of the executive branch of government ...” and other matters, to include appeals from decisions in contested cases heard at the agency level.

27. If the answer to question 26 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) Postell v. Campus Advantage, Inc., et al, 2022-CP-40-04419, Order on Posttrial Motions (SC Circuit Court 2025)
- (b) Flottemesch v. Lawson, et al, 2023-CP-23-04533, Order of Dismissal (SC Circuit Court, 2024)
- (c) Begum v. Florence County Assessor, 18-ALJ-0198-CC; 2019 WL 5208156 (SC Admin Law Court), *affirmed*, 2022 U.P. 069
- (d) ADSI Holdings LLC, et al v. Florence County Assessor, 21-ALJ-17-0243-CC; 2023 WL 2777265 (SC Admin Law Court)
- (e) Lorenzo Elmore dba Gullah W v SC Department of Health and Environmental Control, 19-ALJ-07-0425-IJ, 2020 WL 1274293 (SC Admin. Law Court)

28. 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 courts, 1986
- (b) United States District Court for Western District of Oklahoma, 1988
- (c) United States District Court for District of South Carolina, 1992
- (d) United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, 2016

29. 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) Presentation on Travelscape v. SC Department of Revenue, 391 S.C. 89, 705 S.E.2d (2011) to Multi-State Tax Commission Litigation Committee meeting in Nashville, TN, March 8, 2022
- (b) Presenter at SC Attorney General CLE; Department of Revenue Practice, June 17, 2021
- (c) State Tax Law Update, Columbia, Tax Study Group, October 16, 2012
- (d) SCDOR Case Law Update at State and Local Tax Seminar March 21, 2013
- (e) Presentation on SCDOR Data Breach at Cyber Security Seminar hosted by state of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI, October 2013
- (f) SCDOR Case Law Update Presentation to SC Bar Tax Section during SC Bar Convention, Jan 24, 2015
- (g) SCDOR Case Law Update presentation to Columbia Tax Study Group, February 14, 2015
- (h) Presentation on DHEC Certificate of Need Program and SCDOR Regulatory Practice at SC Black Lawyers retreat, September 17, 2015
- (i) Panelist, "Good Decisions for Your Legal Education and Career," USC School of Law, November 16, 2017
- (j) Panelist, "Appearing at the ALC – Dos and Don'ts", SCAARLA CLE, February 21, 2020
- (k) Panelist, Young Lawyers Division Mentoring Lunch on Administrative Law, January 21, 2020
- (l) Panelist, Judges Perspective on Advocacy or Oral Argument, Appellate Advocacy Workshop, SC Bar CLE Division, November 18, 2022,
- (m) Presenter, Administrative Law, On- Demand Video, SC Bar Administrative and Regulatory Law Committee, December 8, 2022.
- (n) Panelist, "Poor Chevron, We Knew It – Or Did We? The Current Status of Federal and State Regulatory Deference", SCAARLA CLE, November 1, 2024.

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

Please see attached CLE reports

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

South Carolina Practice Manual, Criminal Law, Volume Three (SC Bar CLE 2003), contributing author, Chapter on Military Law

32. 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 and 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.)

33. 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.

From July 2010 to June 2017, I served as Deputy Director and General Counsel for Litigation at the SC Department of Revenue and filed annual reports with the State Ethics Commission. I have continued to file timely reports since being elected to the ALC in 2017.

Personal Conduct

34. 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 of the following: federal law or regulation; state law or regulation; 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.]

35. Have you, to your knowledge, ever been under federal, state, or local investigation for possible violation of a criminal statute? If yes, explain.

No.

36. 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.

(a) Sued by former client, Adrian Hammond v. Gerald & Kimpson, LLP, Case No. 2005-CP-40-04893. Legal malpractice suit. The firm filed a civil suit on Plaintiff's behalf against State Newspaper for publishing Plaintiff's identity while a minor but case was dismissed by Circuit Court. Plaintiff thereafter filed suit alleging legal malpractice. Circuit Court granted summary judgment in favor of law firm because case not filed within applicable statute of limitations. Result affirmed by SC Court of Appeals in Hammond v. Gerald & Kimpson, LLP, 2009-UP-594 (2010)

(b) Palmetto Health Alliance dba Palmetto Richland v. Milton G. Kimpson, Dentsville Magistrates Court Case No. 2009cv401093250. Collection case involving outstanding hospital bills; case settled without trial in February 12, 2010.

- (c) Lucille Briggs v. Milton G. Kimpson, Civil Action No. 93-CP-40-01086. Motor vehicle accident; ran into back of another car at a stop light. My insurance company provided defense and ultimately settled case.
- (d) Milton G. Kimpson v. Elouise, John Kelly and Beulah Apostolic Temple, Inc., Case No. 2005CV4010100409, Richland County Municipal Court. I filed suit to collect on bad check written by client. Obtained judgment; not able to collect.
- (e) Milton G. Kimpson v. Timothy Warren, Case No. 255778, Richland County Court of Common Pleas; I filed suit and obtained Confession of Judgement against client who wrote bad check for legal fees; unable to collect.
- (f) Milton Gary Kimpson v. Michael Trotman, Case No. 92-CP-40-05193; Richland Co. Court of Common Pleas.

37. 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.

I ended my private practice and joined the SC Department of Revenue in 2003. I maintained a tail policy from 2003 to January 2020.

38. Have you ever, as a lawyer, judge, or other professional, been cautioned, sanctioned, or disciplined for lawyer, judicial, or other professional misconduct with or with a finding of misconduct? 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.]

39. 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.

Financial

40. Provide, as a separate attachment, a complete, current financial net worth statement that itemizes the below in detail. Note that a net worth statement form is provided with this questionnaire and you must use this format for submission of your financial statement.

- (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 will be provided to the Commission along with this document.

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

41. (a) Have you filed state and federal income tax returns for the last 5 years? If no, please provide details.

Yes, with the exception that the time for filing 2024 federal and state tax returns has been extended and will be filed by the extended deadline.

(c) Have you or any business with which you are associated been delinquent in any local, state, or federal taxes? If yes, please provide details.

No.

(c) Has a tax lien or other collection procedure ever been instituted against you by federal, state, or local authorities? If yes, please provide details.

No

42. Have you ever defaulted on a student loan? If so, please provide details.

No.

43. Have you ever filed for bankruptcy? If so, please provide details, along with proof of satisfaction of any liens or defaults.

No

Conflict of Interest

44. 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.

No other employment.

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

No

46. 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.

No

47. 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.

My wife and I own residential rental property and are involved in management decisions; I am managing member of 2200 College Street, LLC, which owns residential rental property with my two brothers as members. All these properties have contracted property management companies, however, we are consulted on expenditures over a certain amount. I am also involved with managing residential rental property inherited from my parents and jointly owned with my brothers that is not yet owned by 2200 College Street, LLC. My brothers and I also own a timber tract in Calhoun County, South Carolina and I am the primary manager in terms of arranging forestry practices with federal Department of Natural Resources and upkeep of property (forestry contract will end in Dec. 2025).

48. Are you now or have you ever been employed as a “lobbyist,” as defined by S.C. Code Section 2-17-10(13), or have you acted in the capacity of a “lobbyist’s principal,” as defined by S.C. Code Section 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

49. 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 Section 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

50. 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?

(a) July 24, 2025, FedEx, copies, \$4.47.

I estimate that I will incur additional expenses for copying, palm cards, stamps and paper of approx. \$300. At this time, I have not exceeded \$100 in expenses but will file the reports with the Ethics Committees as needed.

51. 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 4 years. If you participate in any employer-mandated contributions to a PAC or any other political entity, please describe and note your personal involvement in contributions. If you are a sitting judge, please include such contributions since your last screening.

None.

52. Have you or 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

53. 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.

None. In the event a potential conflict should arise, full disclosure of the circumstances would be made to the parties to any litigation and recusal in any particular case should be evaluated. To the extent a conflict were to arise beyond simply one case, the financial or business relationship may have to be ended.

54. 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.

ANSWER:

- (a) None
- (b) There have been street and sewer improvements adjacent to 2200 College Street, Columbia, SC, within past 10 years
- (c) 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.

ANSWER:

- (a) None
- (b) Street and sewer improvements on street adjacent to residential real estate (rental) at 2200 College Street, Columbia, SC within past 10 years. Approximate value - \$2,500
- (c) N/A

55. 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

56. 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 attached statements from Charles Schwab, Prudential, Morgan Stanley and LPF.

57. 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

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

No

59. 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.

60. 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.

No.

61. Are you familiar with the 12 days' rule as provided by Section 2-19-25, 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.

62. Since submitting your letter of intent to become a candidate, have you or 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.

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: _____