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JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION
PERSONAL DATA QUESTIONNAIRE
2025

1. Judicial placement for which you are applying:
Court: South Carolina Circuit Court
Circuit or Position: Sixteenth Judicial Circuit
Seat: Two
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.

Personal

3. Name: Mr.
Mrs. Misti Horton Shelton
Ms.

Name that you are known by, if different from above. (Example: A Nickname): The legal spelling of my name on my Social Security Card and Passport is Misty Horton Shelton

Home Address: [Redacted]

County of Residence: York

Business Address: 1675-1A York Highway, York, South Carolina 29745

E-Mail Address: [Redacted]

Telephone Number: (home): [Redacted]
(office): 803-628-3020
(cell): [Redacted]

4. Date of Birth: [Redacted], 1976
Place of Birth: Lockhart, South Carolina
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. I have never served in the military.

8. Family Status:

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

I am married.

- (b) If married, state the date of your marriage and your spouse's full name and occupation.

I married Matthew Woodrow Shelton on June 20, 2009. Matthew is a Senior Solicitor with the Sixteenth Circuit Solicitor's Office.

- (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.

Divorced from Joseph Michael Clark on June 27, 2008, York County, South Carolina Family Court, Misty Horton was the moving party, One Year's Continuous Separation.

- (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.

I have two children from my marriage to Matthew Shelton.
[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) Winthrop University, Bachelor of Arts in History, 1994-1998
(b) The University of South Carolina School of Law, 1998-2000

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) South Carolina Attorney General's Office, Law Clerk.
(b) National College of District Attorneys, Law Clerk.

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.

I am not rated by any legal rating organization.

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) The South Carolina Bar Association
 - (b) The National District Attorneys Association
 - (c) The Gregory-Hayes Inn of Court

13. Are you active on or a member of a social media or Internet site such as Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, Instagram, etc.?

Yes, I have Facebook and Instagram.

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

Facebook – [Redacted]

Instagram – [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?

I very rarely post anything on social media. I use it to keep in touch with friends and family and to find recipes and home décor. I would hope to continue to use social media in that capacity but if having accounts became an issue, I would deactivate them.

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) Halfway There Rescue
 - (b) Family Promise
 - (c) Rock Hill High School Band of Distinction Booster Club
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.

Throughout my life, I have had the good fortune to have people who have modeled for me and instilled in me the values and characteristics that I believe make an excellent General Sessions Judge. I was raised by my single mom and grandparents in Lockhart, South Carolina. All three of them worked in the cotton mill within walking distance of our home. By watching them, I learned the values of hard work and integrity. My mom is the hardest working person I have ever known, and I try to emulate her work ethic every day. My

grandmother and grandfather taught me to be kind, honest, and to treat everyone with respect. In addition to mom and grandparents, I had many other positive adult influences throughout my early life from other family members, people from church, and my teachers at Lockhart Schools. I was encouraged to work hard to achieve my goal of going to college and becoming a lawyer. From them, I learned the values of honesty, integrity, compassion, intelligence, fairness, and a strong work ethic. These are all traits that I believe are an asset to the bench.

While I have been a prosecutor for much of my career, I did spend a few years in private practice and working as a public defender in Union County. Working with clients gave me a better understanding of the circumstances that lead individuals to commit crime and enhanced my ability to openly listen to mitigation with empathy and compassion. I understand the demands that private practice takes on your time and the difficulty of representing clients in a variety of courts. I also understand the demands of the caseload of a public defender and how difficult it is to adequately represent the best interest of your client. My years serving as a defense attorney made me a better person, lawyer, and shaped the type of prosecutor I have been since returning to the Solicitor's Office. I believe my years as a defense attorney will also make me a better judge.

I have spent almost my entire career working as a public servant for the citizens of the Sixteenth Circuit and I would be honored to continue to serve them as a Circuit Court Judge.

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) Harry Dest
Dest Law LLC
[Redacted]
 - (b) Montrie Belton
Law Offices of Montrie Belton
[Redacted]
 - (c) Jessica Holland
Jessica Holland Attorney at Law
[Redacted]
 - (d) Mary Freeman
[Redacted]
 - (e) Detective Kris Quate
[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.

I was admitted to practice in South Carolina in 2001. I took the bar one time.

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) Law Clerk to the Honorable James E. Lockemy of the Fourth Judicial Circuit, August 2001- May 2002. I performed legal research, reviewed draft orders, and assisted in scheduling matters.
 - (b) Sixteenth Circuit Solicitor's Office, Assistant Solicitor, Summer 2002 – Summer 2007. I started in the DEF Unit and was assigned to prosecute charges that are punishable by a possible sentence of less than fifteen years. I remained on that unit for less than one year before moving to the drug prosecution unit where I prosecuted drug cases for the next several years. Shortly before leaving the office, I moved to the ABC unit where I prosecuted charges that are punishable by a possible sentence of more than fifteen years. In 2003, I was made a team leader and was responsible for developing a training program for new prosecutors that is still used in the office today.
 - (c) Thomas E. Pope and Associates, Associate Attorney, Summer 2007 - Summer 2008. Represented clients on misdemeanor and felony criminal matters. Minimum involvement in civil matters.
 - (d) The Smith Law Office, Associate Attorney, Summer-2008 - Summer 2009. I did not change firms during the time, but the firm name changed. My role remained the same with criminal defense practice. We did not do any civil litigation.
 - (e) Sixteenth Circuit Public Defender's Office, Summer 2009 – Summer 2011. As the sole attorney in the Union County Public Defender's Office, I was responsible for representing all adults and juvenile clients in the county. Although I was directly supervised by BJ Barrowclough, I was responsible for the day-to-day operations of the office.
 - (f) Sixteenth Circuit Solicitor's Office, Assistant Solicitor, Summer 2011 – Present. Since my return to the Solicitor's Office, I have prosecuted all types of misdemeanors and felonies, including sexual assault and murder. I was promoted to Senior Solicitor in 2013 and to Assistant Deputy Solicitor in 2023. I have also been heavily involved in training and supervising younger attorneys in the office. I am also involved in daily administration decisions, such as case assignments, docket management, and coordinating with the Public Defender's office and other court personnel.

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. N/A
- (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.

I have spent almost the entirety of my career as a prosecutor in General Sessions Court. In the past five years, I have prosecuted a variety of misdemeanors and felonies including sexual assault, murder, and drug cases. While the bulk of criminal cases are resolved by plea, I have tried several cases to verdict over the past five years. In those trials, I have litigated issues involving incriminating statements, suppression issues, the introduction of cell phone evidence, testimony of a blind expert witness, claims of self-defense, and the introduction of DNA. I have represented the State in several hearings based on the Protection of Persons and Property Act. I have also represented the State in York County's Mental Health Court and Drug Court programs.

During my career, I have spent an extensive amount of time trying cases in General Sessions. As a prosecutor I've tried approximately forty cases as chief counsel and another thirty as second chair. As a defense attorney I tried approximately fifteen cases to verdict. I believe this trial experience as both a prosecutor and defense attorney would be a benefit to me as a General Sessions Judge.

I have very limited experience in civil law. I did have an opportunity to observe two civil trials while clerking with Judge Lockemy. I also assisted him with reviewing motions and orders from Common Pleas Court. In the past few years, I have worked on the Sixteenth Circuit Solicitor's Office Forfeiture Unit. As part of my work on that unit, I have regularly filed actions in Common Pleas. Due to my extensive trial work, I have a strong grasp on the Rules of Evidence. I have a basic understanding of the Rules of Civil Procedure. I will work hard to overcome any shortcomings I may have by continuing to study and take CLE courses to strengthen my knowledge and understanding.

- (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. N/A
 - (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. N/A
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: I have never appeared in Federal Court.
 - (b) state: I appear approximately 26 weeks out of the year in State Court.
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: 1%
 - (b) criminal: 99%
 - (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? 100%
 - (b) What number of cases went to trial and resulted in a verdict? Nine.
 - (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. None.
 - (d) What number of your cases settled after a jury was selected but prior to opening statements? Two.
 - (e) Did you most often serve as sole counsel, chief counsel, second chair, or co-counsel?

I served as chief counsel on five of the cases that went to verdict and two that pled after jury was selected. I acted as second chair on the other four cases. On the cases where I acted as

second chair, I was actively involved in every stage of the case as a direct supervisor to less experienced attorneys.

(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? N/A

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) State v. Marquis Robinson and State v. Dantonyo Heath: This was a trial for Armed Robbery, Kidnapping, Attempted Murder, Possession of a Weapon During the Commission of a Violent Crime, and Criminal Conspiracy in 2013. This case was significant because it was my first major multiple day trial with co-defendants that I tried as chief counsel. I also tried the case twice. The first time, there was a mistrial after day three due to a jury issue. At the second trial we successfully got the case to the jury and both Mr. Heath and Mr. Robinson were convicted and received thirty-year sentences. During the trial, we litigated issues of eye-witness identification, introduction of DNA and accomplice liability.

(b) State v. Ira Summerlin: This was a guilty plea to Criminal Sexual Conduct with a Minor Third Degree in 2023. The defendant pled without an offer after pre-trial arguments. This case involved a minor victim and two minor witnesses that I had to work with to gain their trust and get them comfortable with testifying. Ultimately the victim and both witnesses were willing to testify. On the day of trial, the defense made motions for a dismissal, suppression of video evidence, suppression of blind expert witness testimony, and suppression of testimony based on ministerial privilege. After prevailing on all but one pre-trial motion, Mr. Summerlin pled guilty as charged and received an active sentence and was placed on the Sex Offender Registry.

(c) State v. Xavier Holbrooks: This was a Criminal Sexual Conduct with a Minor Third Degree case that I tried to a guilty verdict in 2023. The defendant received a twenty-year sentence. This case was significant because the minor victim is intellectually disabled and during a pre-trial hearing, she was found not competent to testify. We were able to move forward without her and with DNA evidence to secure a conviction.

(d) State v. Isaiah Jones: This was a murder case from 2024. Mr. Johnson pled guilty to Voluntary Manslaughter the day the trial was scheduled to begin. He received a twenty-year sentence. This case was significant because it was the first murder case that I prepared for trial as chief counsel. There were significant challenges in locating and securing cooperation from the eyewitness who could identify Mr. Johnson. There were also potential self-defense claims and challenges to the introduction of cell phone evidence.

- (e) State v. Brian Scott Williams: I represented Mr. Williams on the charge of Neglect of a Vulnerable Adult Resulting in Death in 2011. While Mr. Williams was found competent after an evaluation it was clear that he had intellectual and emotional deficits. He was crippled with guilt over his mother's death and would have accepted any plea offer. I spent a substantial amount of time getting to know Mr. Williams and finding individuals in Mr. Williams's life willing to advocate for him. After a great deal of negotiations with the State, I was able to get the prosecutor to allow Mr. Williams to plea to cap of five years on a reduced charge. Ultimately Mr. Williams received a probationary sentence.
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) N/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) N/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.
- No.
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) N/A
(b)
(c)
(d)
(e)
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.

State of South Carolina, 2001.

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) South Carolina Solicitor's Conference, 2006. Spoke on narcotics prosecution and historical conspiracies.
- (b) York Technical College, Adjunct Professor, 2007 – 2010. Part-time instructor in the Criminal Justice Degree program.
- (c) Narcotics Commanders School, July 2024 and July 2025. Assisted in instructing law enforcement from across the State in Asset Forfeiture Law.
- (d) SCCPC Prosecution Bootcamp, I have taught at the bootcamp for young prosecutors a few times, most recently in 2025.
- (e) Throughout my time with the Sixteenth Circuit Solicitor's Office, I have taught local law enforcement agencies on various legal matters.

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

See attached.

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

I have not published any books or articles.

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.)

See attached.

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.

I have never held public office.

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.

While in law school at the University of South Carolina, I received a criminal parking ticket in 1999. I parked alongside railroad tracks while attending a USC football game. Fortunately my car was not one that was towed that night, but I did receive a parking ticket with a large fine. On the court date, the Judge was kind enough to order me to write a ten-page paper on Risk-Taking, Decision-Making, and Consequences in lieu of the One Thousand Dollar fine.

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

To my knowledge, I have never been under investigation.

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.

In 2003 while living in York County, my roommate, another young solicitor, was served with an Order to Vacate (Brittany Place vs. Misti Horton). While the lease was in my name, I was out of town at the time. My roommate turned in our rent check on the morning of the sixth, the rent was due on the fifth. The apartment complex had a policy of filing Orders to Vacate on the sixth. Since our rent was paid that day, the apartment complex took no further action, and we continued to live at Brittany Place for several more months without incident.

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.

N/A

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.

I have not.

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.

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.
(b) 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.

I have not.

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

I have not.

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. N/A

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

I have not.

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.

I have not.

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.

I am not.

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.

I am not now, nor have I ever been employed as a "lobbyist".

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.

I have not.

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?

I have no expenditures at this time.

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.

There are 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.

There are none.

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.

There are 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.

There are none.

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.

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

I have not.

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.

I have not requested any third party to contact members of the General Assembly on my behalf. I have introduced myself and discussed my background with some delegates. I have attended one of the local delegation meetings in Spartanburg to introduce myself.

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?

I am familiar with the 12 days rule.

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.

I have not contacted any members of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission. I have not requested anyone to contact a member of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission on my behalf.

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: _____