

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



1. Judicial placement for which you are applying:  
Court: Family Court  
Circuit or Position: Ninth Circuit  
Seat: 7
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. No and N/A

**Personal**

3. Name: Mr.  
Mrs. Marissa K. Jacobson  
Ms.

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

Home Address: [Redacted]

County of Residence: Charleston

Business Address: 1643 B. Savannah Highway, #189, Charleston, South Carolina 29407

E-Mail Address: [Redacted]

Telephone Number: (home): [Redacted]  
(office): 843-860-7959  
(cell): [Redacted]

4. Date of Birth: [Redacted], 1979  
Place of Birth: Charleston, 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. No and N/A
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.  
Married on March 8, 2019 to Jack A. Landis.
  - (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.  
Divorce, February 29, 2016, Marissa Jacobson, Family Court Charleston County, adultery.
  - (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]
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 1998-2001, Bachelor of Arts, *Magna Cum Laude*
  - b) College of Charleston Summer of 1999 and Summer of 2000
  - c) University of South Carolina School of Law 2001-2004, *Juris Doctor*
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 Trial Lawyers Student Chapter, 2001-2004, Student Chapter Secretary, Student Chapter President
  - b) Pro Bono Program, 2001-2004
  - c) Women in Law, 2001-2004
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'm unaware of any rating for those organizations. I am not a member of any of those organizations.
- N/A
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) Charleston County Bar
  - (b) Berkeley County Bar
  - (c) Dorchester County Bar
  - (d) South Carolina Bar

- (e) Women in Law
- (f) Children's Law Committee
- (g) SC Bar Wellness Committee
- (h) Charleston County Bar Wellness Committee
- (i) Family Law Section
- (j) Law Related Education

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

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

[Redacted] Facebook

[Redacted] Instagram

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 would continue to use my private accounts to catch up with family and close friends. I would use social media in accordance with the Judicial Canons.

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) N/A

(b)

(c)

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.

There is little that I can add that has not already been covered by this Questionnaire, however, I believe that for the past twenty years of practice as a family court practitioner and for the past four years as a family court mediator, I have had the opportunity to encounter nearly every aspect of family law. I have been fortunate to represent clients from all walks of life, giving me a well-rounded view and respect for the for the many different types of people whom I have encountered and the personal struggles that they may have had. I treat my fellow colleagues with respect, a pleasant attitude and understanding. We all have a significant job to do as family court attorneys. One can advocate in a zealous manner, but continue to be respectful, kind and civil to opposing counsel and/or opposing parties. Also, having been through a divorce and being a parent of two daughters with divorced parents, I understand the challenges that litigants may experience when doing the same. My personal experience would only lend itself to more compassion, patience and understanding for them.

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) Anne Frances Bleecker, Esquire, [Redacted]
  - (b) Richard Livingston, CPA/CFF, CFE, CVA[Redacted]
  - (c) Herverly Young, Esquire, [Redacted]
  - (d) Joshua Whitley, Esquire, [Redacted]
  - (e) Harold Staley, Esquire, [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 May 16, 2005, 2 times for the SC Bar
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) Charleston County Public Defender's Office, Law Clerk, June 2004-November 2004
  - b) Law Office of Raymond W. Smith, Law Clerk, November 2004- May 2005
  - c) Law Office of Marissa K. Jacobson, Sole Practitioner, June 2005-present
    - a. The general character of my practice has been primarily family court work, including, but not limited to, divorce and equitable division, custody, child support, adoption actions, legal name-changes, termination of parental rights, guardian *ad litem* service, juvenile defense and abuse and neglect defense.
    - b. 2005-2010, I did limited probate work, acting as a court appointed visitor to represent individuals named in conservatorship and guardianship actions. I was also appointed by the Probate Court in Charleston and Berkeley Counties, approximately on a monthly basis to represent individuals named in commitment proceedings.
    - c. 2010-2012, I did limited contract work for the South Carolina Foreclosure Task Force, assisting and counseling, (not legally representing), members of the public who were facing mortgage foreclosure due to the shift in the real estate market around that time. I would assist members of the public by reviewing their

budgets, helping them revise their budgets and acting as an intermediary between the mortgage lenders and the lenders.

d. 2013-Present, In addition to my private practice, I have been awarded a 608 contract from the Commission of Indigent Defense in Charleston, Berkeley, Dorchester and Georgetown County, handling various family court matters, including, but not limited to, adult protective placement, abuse and neglect defense, Guardian ad litem for vulnerable adults, counsel for vulnerable adults, guardian ad litem for minor children, counsel for minor children, termination of parental rights matters, adoption proceedings, guardian ad litem for incarcerated defendants and filing of appeals.

e. 2013-2019, I have worked as a Private Attorney Involvement (PAI) Contract Attorney for the South Carolina Center for Legal Services in Charleston, Berkeley, and Dorchester County. I handle child support modifications, fault-based divorces, guardianship actions, custody and change of custody actions and establishment of paternity actions.

f. 2016-2018, I served as a guardian ad litem on mortgage foreclosure actions.

g. I became a certified family court mediator in 2021. Since that time, mediation has become a regular part of my law practice. I've mediated cases involving: equitable distribution, alimony, child support, personal property, custody and visitation.

h. Since 2005, I have been primarily the person responsible for administrative and financial management of my law practice, including management of trust accounts.

**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.

I have had twenty years of extensive family court experience in the areas of divorce and equitable division of property, child custody, adoption, abuse and neglect and juvenile justice.

I have handled complex and highly litigated divorce matters involving equitable division for marital estates that include: highly valued real property,

personal property, business dissolutions, business interests, and trusts that require the involvement of forensic financial analysts.

I have handled divorces where the marital estate is limited to personal property and/or no marital estate exists at all.

I have handled actions for the establishment of paternity and visitation, both when custody is contested and custody is uncontested. I have handled change of custody actions, as well. I have represented either the Plaintiff or the Defendant in many custody matters. I have served as a court appointed guardian ad litem in both custody and change of custody matters. Many of the custody matters that I have handled have required the use of a qualified expert such as forensic psychologists.

I have represented the Plaintiff in adoption actions, represented the Defendant in adoption actions and served as a guardian ad litem in adoption actions. Additionally, I have represented the Plaintiff in termination of parental rights actions, represented the Defendant in termination of parental rights action and served as a guardian ad litem in different capacities in parental rights actions. I have prepared and assisted with relinquishments of parental rights, as well.

I have represented Defendants in abuse and neglect matters all over the state. I have been awarded contracts by the Commission of Indigent Defense in Charleston, Berkeley, Dorchester and Georgetown Counties to represent parents and persons acting as caretakers for minor children accused of abusing and neglecting minor children.

I have been retained to represent clients accused of abusing and neglecting their children. I have been hired to represent clients in the investigation phase of abuse and neglect matters based on reports made to the Department of Social Services.

I have served as a guardian ad litem in abuse and neglect matters for: children, vulnerable adults, incarcerated defendants, mentally incompetent defendants. I have also served as counsel for children and vulnerable adults.

I have been retained to represent minor children accused of committing crimes. I have served as a guardian ad litem for minor children accused of committing crimes.

I am familiar with and have had to argue issues involving the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act and Indian Child Welfare Act, in both private cases and indigent defense cases.

I volunteer with the Safe Babies Program that is scheduled to be piloted this fall in Dorchester County Family Court. The Safe Babies program focuses on prevention and intervention services. The goal of the program is to keep families in tact, particularly with small children, if possible. Child developmental research shows removing children, particularly at a young age, results in trauma for both the parents and the children.

Over the past five years, when court is in session, I have appeared between two to three days a week in Family Court. It is not uncommon for me to have two court appearances in one day in different counties. Further, I regularly may appear in a county and represent anywhere from one to five clients on a specific docket, requiring a great deal of preparation and organization.

- (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.

n/a

- (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: none  
(b) state: On average, multiple times a week.

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: n/a  
(b) criminal: 10%  
(c) domestic: 90%  
(d) other: n/a

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? n/a
- (c) What number of cases went to trial and resolved after the plaintiff's or State's case? n/a For the purposes of this question, resolved includes settlement, plea, judge's order during a motion hearing, etc. n/a
- (d) What number of your cases settled after a jury was selected but prior to opening statements? n/a
- (e) Did you most often serve as sole counsel, chief counsel, second chair, or co-counsel? Sole 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? 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.<sup>1</sup>

- (a) [Redacted] was significant to me because of its complexity. This case had multiple aspects of family law. I represented, a Father who had been arrested for murdering his wife, while his two daughters were in the house. The case involved: child welfare, termination of parental rights, adoption, pending criminal charges, a custody dispute between maternal Aunt, maternal Uncle and paternal grandmother, and child pornography allegations. Due to the contentious parties' behavior toward the guardian *ad litem*, she was required to hire an attorney for herself. An attorney guardian ad litem hiring representation during family court litigation is rare. A specific judge was assigned the entire matter because of its complex status. Prior to trial, the case was litigated for nearly two years. The parties reached an agreement after two days of trial.

UPDATE: Several years later, the maternal Uncle that was granted custody over my client's objection ended up being arrested on a half-dozen child pornography charges after investigators reportedly found him in possession of hundreds of videos and photos depicting the sexual exploitation of minors. [Redacted] was found in possession of hundreds of files of child pornography, and also reportedly uploaded some of the files to sharing sites on the internet.

- (b) [Redacted] was significant to me because it was a complex custody matter. The litigation spanned over a five-year period. The opposing party filed an unusual amount of motions, many of them frivolous. The parties agreed to mediate and arbitrate the case. The arbitration award was favorable to my client and granted him the legal custodial "power" over educational decision making and medical decision making. These two issues were hotly contested throughout the course of the litigation. Parental alienation was also a concern for the minor child subject to the action. A parental alienation expert was used and found that the child was being alienated by the

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<sup>1</sup> Parties names have been redacted due to the cases being sealed and/or involving minor children or assets that should not be published due to the sensitive nature of such information



opposing party. That factor was a significant concern for the Guardian *ad litem* in the case.

UPDATE: The minor child subject to the action is now a teenager. A new litigation was filed, and the parties are back in family court.

- (c) [Redacted] was significant because it had a criminal domestic violence element (physical cruelty- fault based ground for divorce), but the alleged perpetrator was Mother/Wife and the alleged victim was a Father/Husband. Mother/Wife ended up with custody, while Father/Husband received very minimal visitation with the young minor children on a temporary basis. One of the minor children was an infant and Father was granted several hours a week for visitation. The case made me question if the gender roles were reversed would the Court have looked at the case the same way. It seemed that the Court took a tender years doctrine approach when making its decision on a temporary basis. Multiple experts were retained during the case, including therapists, custodial experts and an expert on domestic violence. Additionally, prior to the parties' separation, both parents by their own admission shared their parenting responsibilities on a 50/50 basis. The case was ultimately settled with an approximate 70/30 split on parenting times, mother receiving 70% of the time with the children and father receiving 30% of the time.

UPDATE: Approximately a year after this case was settled, a DSS report was made against my client for sexually abusing his children. Unfortunately, this tactic is often used by litigants as a way to modify custody/visitation. The case was unfounded.

- (d) [Redacted] was a foster care parent adoption case. This case is sealed because it involves abuse and neglect issues and an adoption of two minor children. This case involved custody, sibling visitation, termination of parental rights and adoption. This was a unique case because the foster parents and the biological parents were residing in close proximity to one another (down the street). Prior to the children being removed by DSS from their biological parents an option was given for the parents to identify alternate placements. My clients children often played with two of the children that were subject to the abuse/neglect case. These neighbors became official foster parents and then they had the children for approximately 2.5/3 years, until they chose to file a termination of parental rights/adoption action. The foster parents recognized that though the biological parents were not going to rehabilitate themselves and remain stable, they also realized that the biological parents and children still maintained a bond. The biological parents ultimately relinquished their parental rights and the children were adopted by their former foster parents. The parties continue to reside on the same street. My clients allow supervised contact between the children that they adopted and their biological parents. They believed that it was what was best for the children. This case is not typical, but stands out because of the foster parent's selflessness, maturity and always acting in the children's best interest despite their own desires.
- (e) [Redacted] Prior to the commencement of the litigation both parents had equal parenting time, essentially week on/week off, from their prior divorce action. Mother's new husband was active duty military and was ordered to live in a new location. A change of custody based on relocation petition was filed. I served as the Guardian *ad litem* for the minor children. The fitness of both parents became an

issue in this case. There were allegations of physical abuse, sexual abuse and domestic violence. These allegations all arose following the filing of the lawsuit. Another issue in this case is that one of the young minor children was transgender. Relocation cases are challenging in family court, however the parties ultimately settled with one parent receiving the majority of the parenting time, while the other parent agreed to have extended holiday visitation and increased summertime visitation.

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) South Carolina Department of Social Services vs. Pompey, Appeal from Dorchester County, Filed October 2, 2015, Unpublished Opinion No. 2015-UP-475, Appellate case No. 2015-000661

(b) South Carolina Department of Social Services vs. Monique Jenkins, Appeal from Dorchester County, Filed January 31, 2019, Unpublished Opinion No. 2019-UP-051, Appellate case no.: 2018-000291

(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.

N/A.

(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.

South Carolina May 16, 2005

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.

I was asked to speak at an abuse and neglect continuing legal education program sponsored by the Charleston County Bar. I lectured on representing parents who have been accused of abuse and neglect. The lecture included: statutory time frames, representation of indigents, the goal of reunifying parents with their children, local resources available for rehabilitation for parents involved in child welfare cases and the different burdens of proof in child protective service cases, ie: merits vs. termination of parental rights.

In October 2019, the Children's Law Center in conjunction with the Commission on Indigent Defense offered a joint CLE with attorneys and other professionals who practice in child welfare law. I was asked to present case law updates and best practices.

In June 2025, the Commission on Indigent Defense asked me to speak on best practices for attorneys who work in child welfare. The presentation touched on ethical issues, motion practice and evidentiary issues that come up in child welfare cases.

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. N/A
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. N/A.

## 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.  
Yes. I was never served. The matter was dismissed, please see attached.

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.  
Yes. I have had malpractice insurance with ALPS since September, 2005. 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.  
No. 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.

**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. 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. N/A
45. Have you ever been an unsuccessful candidate for elective, judicial, or other public office? If so, give details, including dates.  
Yes, Family Court Judge, Seat 5, 2019. I was found qualified and was nominated by the JMSC.
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.  
No.

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?  
None.
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.
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; No.
  - (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 No
  - (c) which was sold, leased, or rented to a state or local public agency in South Carolina.  
No

List the interest you hold and the value and location of the property. Identify as applicable the:

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.

- 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.  
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.  
No and 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. None.
- 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)

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