



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

1. Judicial placement for which you are applying:
Court: Administrative Law Court
Circuit or Position: Judge
Seat: 4
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.

Personal

3. Name: Ms. Erika Sophia Easler

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

Home Address: [Redacted]

County of Residence: Lexington County

Business Address: 1205 Pendleton Street, Suite 224, Columbia, South Carolina 29201

E-Mail Address: [Redacted]

Telephone Number: (home):
(office): (803) 734-6408
(cell): [Redacted]
4. Date of Birth: [Redacted] 1982
Place of Birth: Stuttgart, Germany
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.

United States Army, Judge Advocate, July 2009 to July 2017, Captain. Honorable characterization of service. Transferred to the South Carolina Army National Guard.

South Carolina Army National Guard, Judge Advocate, July 2017 to December 2019, Major.
Transferred to the United States Army Reserve.

United States Army Reserve, Judge Advocate, January 2020 to present.

8. Family Status:

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

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.

University of South Carolina – Sumter, August 2000 to August 2002, Associate's Degree

University of South Carolina – August 2002 to December 2004, Bachelor's Degree

University of South Carolina School of Law – August 2005 to May 2008, Juris Doctorate

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.

Pro Bono Board 2006-2008

Guardian ad litem 2007-2008

Truancy Mediator 2007-2008

Veterans' Right Clinic 2008

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. None.

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) Military and Veterans Law Section

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

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

Facebook – [Redacted]

LinkedIn – [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? Not at all, I'm not very active on either social media site.

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) American Legion, Chapin Post 193

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.

Growing up as a military child and having had the privilege of living in other countries and different states, exposed me to other cultures and allowed me to interact with a variety of people from all walks of life. I believe this has helped me to be open-minded and has had a positive impact on how I interact with everyone I meet. Growing up in a military family has also instilled in me the importance of public service and is also why I joined the US Army.

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 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) S. Phillip Lenski, [Redacted]
(b) Mark Fessler, [Redacted]
(c) Bakari Sellers, [Redacted]
(d) Dorothy Edgerton, [Redacted]
(e) William "Deebo" Kelly, [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, 2008, took the bar exam one (1) 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.

United States Army, Judge Advocate General Corps, Judge Advocate, July 2009 to July 2017

Heidelberg, Germany, January 2010 to May 2012

Administrative Law Attorney and Ethics Counselor, provided thorough and competent legal advice to the V Corps Commander and staff and three supported garrisons on all aspects of administrative law. Served as a legal advisor and reviewer for Article 32 preliminary hearings, summary courts-martial proceedings, enlisted and officer separation actions, AR 15-6 investigations, Line of Duty investigations, financial liability investigations, Inspector General complaints, Congressional Inquiries, Privacy Act/FOIA requests, use of government resources, government ethics, fiscal law, and command policies and actions. Prepared and provided instruction on administrative topics including ethics and investigations.

Tax Center Officer-In-Charge, supervised the Tax Center NCOIC, three Soldier tax preparers, six civilian hired tax preparers, and a tax preparation volunteer. Managed daily tax center operations and work schedule. Coordinated with the IRS VITA representative and conducted a tax training program. Qualified all tax center personnel as volunteer tax preparers. Created an effective advertising campaign and tax center outreach program. Studied tax law, learned current tax trends affecting the community, advised clients of their rights under current tax law, and prepared complex tax returns.

Legal Assistance Attorney, supported Soldier readiness by counseling and representing service members and their families concerning legal issues involving family law, estate planning, consumer protection and economic law, landlord/tenant law, real and personal property, civilian misconduct matters, and tax law. Provided legal advice and representation on military and administrative matters such as financial liability investigations, OER and NCOER appeals, garnishment actions, and memoranda of reprimand. Interviewed and advised clients as to their legal rights, negotiated with outside agencies on clients' behalf, drafted documents and correspondence, assisted clients in representing themselves.

Shaw AFB, SC and Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, June 2012 to July 2014

Trial Counsel, provided thorough and competent legal advice to the Third Army/USARCENT/CFLCC Commander and staff on all aspects of military justice. Served as a Trial Counsel at both the Main Command Post (MCP) at Shaw Air Force Base, South Carolina, and the Operational Command Post (OCP) at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait. Acted as Trial Counsel for subordinate units assigned or attached to USARCENT OCP who deployed without assigned Trial Counsel in CENTCOM AOR (Iraq, Afghanistan, Kuwait,

and Jordan). Advised USARCENT Commanders on administrative and military justice matters related to Soldier misconduct arising in their commands.

Administrative Law Attorney and Ethics Counselor, served as an Administrative Law attorney for Third Army/USARCENT/CFLCC, the Army's only forward-deployed Army Service Component Command operating in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Camp Red Cloud, Republic of Korea, July 2014 to July 2015

Labor and Administrative Law Attorney, Ethics Counselor, Part-time Military Magistrate, Served as the Labor Law Attorney for 2d Infantry Division and United States Army Garrison Red Cloud and Area I, Republic of Korea, providing legal advice to the command and staff on military personnel law, investigations, private organizations, civilian employment law, civilian misconduct, regulatory law, and other administrative and labor law matters. Serves as an ethics counselor, providing ethics opinions, conducting ethics briefings, and reviewing OGE 278/450s Financial Disclosures. Conducted in-briefs and provided guidance to personnel appointed as investigating officers, Article 32 officers, and board members. Conducts legal reviews of completed investigations, EEO approval and dismissal letters, civilian employee disciplinary actions, civilian misconduct actions, curtailment letters, responses to Congressional inquiries, policy letters, general garrison issues, and issues regarding Non-appropriated Fund Instrumentalities. Served as the Agency Representative for MSPB Appeals and EEOC complaints. Drafted Agency responses to MSPB appeals and EEOC cases, and engages in settlement discussions.

Fort Jackson, SC, July 2015 to July 2017

Administrative and Labor Law Attorney, Part-Time Military Magistrate, served as Administrative Law Attorney for Army Training Center and Fort Jackson supporting over 50,000 Soldiers and over 10,000 Family members. Responsible for the provision of legal support on all aspects of Administrative Law to the commanders, staff, and tenant organizations. Served as the legal advisor in AR 15-6, Line of Duty, and Financial Liability Investigations of Property Loss, Boards of Inquiry, and Enlisted Administrative Separation Board proceedings; conducted legal reviews on command policies, regulations, and academic dismissals; reviewed responses to congressional and White House inquiries and FOIA requests; provided legal opinions on ethics issues and labor law issues; trained Fort Jackson personnel and deploying Service Component personnel on ethics, administrative investigations, and law of armed conflict; represented the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate at various steering committees. Served as a part-time military magistrate and Installation Hearing Officer.

Special Victim Counsel for Fort Jackson and USARCENT and Legal Assistance Attorney, provided lectures and built key relationships with Commanders and members of the SHARP team throughout the installations to further develop the Special Victims' Counsel program. Strengthened support to victims of sexual assault and asserted their rights within the military justice system by zealously advocating for their interests. Was available to assist victims through the difficult and complex judicial process. Represented victims at interviews, throughout trials, and post-trial. Served as Legal Assistance Attorney at Fort Jackson, SC and U.S. Army Training Center, the Army's largest training center. Provided legal counseling to Soldiers, Family members, and retirees in all areas of general practice,

including family law, consumer law, landlord-tenant relations, estate planning, real property law, torts, taxation, insurance, and federal law, to include the Servicemember's Relief Act.

The Rutherford Law Firm, LLC, Columbia, South Carolina
Of Counsel, July 2017 to December 2017

Represented clients in criminal matters during all stages of trial in municipal, magistrate, circuit, and federal courts; draft and argue motions; draft civil complaints and answers; prepare proposed orders; negotiate plea agreements and settlements; attended court appearances, roster meetings, status conferences, debriefings, and proffers; represented clients in bond and plea hearings.

South Carolina Army National Guard, Columbia, South Carolina
Judge Advocate, July 2017 to December 2019

Trial Counsel, July 2017 to June 2019, served as Trial Counsel for the 59th Troop Command, the largest Major Subordinate Command in the SCARNG. Provide legal advice to Brigade Commander, unit Commanders and assigned Investigating Officers in order to meet State or Federal mission requirements. Provided legal advice on Soldier misconduct issues, investigations, fiscal law, ethics, and legal briefings on the Law of War, Rules on the Use of Force and other topics as needed. Provided Legal Assistance to Soldiers as needed when not conflict of interest. Responsible for supervising subordinate paralegals. Responsible for providing legal assistance and advice to Brigade support elements. Responsible for mentoring subordinates to sustain personal fitness, maintain technical proficiency, and continue personal, professional development.

Trial Defense Services Counsel, July 2019 to December 2019, served as Defense Counsel for Soldiers, representing Soldiers at courts-martial and administrative separation boards. Counseled Soldiers facing nonjudicial punishment and other adverse administrative actions taken pursuant to Army regulations and the South Carolina Code of Military Justice.

South Carolina Administrative Law Court, Columbia, South Carolina

Judicial Law Clerk to the Honorable S. Phillip Lenski, February 2018 to July 2020

Drafted judicial orders and decisions for the Administrative Law Judge's signature, conducts legal research on applicable case law, statutes, and regulations of various government agencies; maintained judge's court docket and scheduling; initiated, monitored, and responded to communications to the court from attorneys and pro se litigants about case management and court procedural requirements; responsible for ensuring the efficient functioning of all courtroom proceedings; assists the judge during courtroom proceedings.

United States Army Reserves, Legal Command, 16th Legal Operations Detachment, Fort Hamilton, New York

Trial Defense Services, February 2020 to April 2025

Trial Defense Counsel, February 2020 to February 2022, served as defense counsel within the Great Lakes Region. Advised and represented Soldiers facing adverse administrative

actions to include non-judicial punishment and separation proceedings. Defended Soldiers who were subjects of AR 15-6 investigations and other criminal proceedings.

Senior Defense Counsel, February 2022 to December 2024, served as Senior Defense Counsel for Team 8, supervised a team of assigned trial defense counsel and paralegals. Delivered timely and professional legal defense services to eligible Soldiers in Team 8's area of responsibility in the Great Lakes Region. Coordinated matters with supported convening and separation authorities. Liaison with Reserve and Active counterparts on staffing, resource allocation and workloads. Provided personnel to support Active Component trial defense services and to mobilize as necessary. Manage and support cases assigned to team members. Ensured that Judge Advocates and paralegals are were fully trained for both military and legal missions. Acted as Defense Counsel for senior Officers and NCO clients.

Deputy Regional Defense Counsel, December 2024 to April 2025, assisted the Regional Defense Counsel, Northeast Region in the supervision of a team of over 20 military defense counsels and paralegals. Act as executive officer of the region responsible for general administrative support, drafting monthly reports, managing case trackers, coordination of administrative requirements and legal best practices with counsel. Advised senior defense counsel on administrative and policy matters. Mentored and advised defense counsel and paralegals. Onboarded new counsel. Maintained and managed a caseload of servicemembers facing adverse legal action. Represented and advised servicemembers in preliminary proceedings regarding criminal and administrative investigations, adverse separation actions, and UCMJ Article 15 proceedings. Remained prepared to deploy on orders.

Department of the Army, Fort Jackson, South Carolina
Environmental Law Attorney, August 2020 to March 2021

Served as an Environmental Law Attorney in the Administrative Law Division. Provides legal reviews of environmental law actions for compliance with the National Environmental Protection Act and other applicable laws and regulations. Provides legal reviews on civil and military matters and actions.

South Carolina Administrative Law Court, Columbia, South Carolina

Judicial Law Clerk to the Honorable S. Phillip Lenski, April 2021 to present

Drafts judicial orders and decisions for the Administrative Law Judge's signature, conducts legal research on applicable case law, statutes, and regulations of various government agencies; maintained judge's court docket and scheduling; initiated, monitored, and responded to communications to the court from attorneys and pro se litigants about case management and court procedural requirements; responsible for ensuring the efficient functioning of all courtroom proceedings; assists the judge during courtroom proceedings.

United States Army Reserves, 2nd Brigade, 98th Training Division (IET), Fort Jackson, South Carolina

Brigade Judge Advocate, April 2025 to present

Serves as the principal legal advisor to the Brigade Commander, staff, and subordinate Commanders, providing comprehensive legal advice and counsel on military justice, operational law, administrative law, contracts, and personnel matters. As a licensed attorney with expertise in the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ), ensures command compliance with legal standards while advising on decisions impacting operations and personnel. Provides legal advice to maintain lawful and effective command function and ensure the commander's vision of good order and discipline is implemented.

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:

- (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.

As a judicial law clerk at the ALC, while I have not appeared before an Administrative Law Judge, I am very familiar with the types of cases and appeals before the ALC and the Court's policies and procedures.

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: 100%

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: 50% (ALC)
(b) criminal:
(c) domestic:
(d) other: 50% (Military)

22. During the past five years:

- (a) What percentage of your practice was in trial court, including cases that settled prior to trial? N/A.
(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? 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? In my cases for the US Army, I was 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.
- (a) Administrative Separation Board for abuse of drugs – a Soldier with seventeen years of service was facing an administrative separation with an Other Than Honorable characterization of service three years from retirement eligibility from the US Army Reserve for testing positive on a drug urinalysis. I was able to successfully advocate for my client to be retained through questioning witnesses and objecting to evidentiary issues in the government's case.
- (b) Administrative Separation Board for civilian conviction (incarceration by civilian authorities) – a Soldier who had been convicted and was incarcerated by civilian authorities for felony manslaughter was facing an administrative separation from US Army Reserve with an Other Than Honorable Discharge. By carefully researching the Army Regulations, I was able to successfully advocate for my client to receive an Honorable Characterization of Service. Thereby removing another obstacle to her successful rehabilitation into society once she is released.
- (c) Board of Inquiry for Unauthorized Absence – an Officer was facing a Board of Inquiry for Unsatisfactory Participation and facing an Other Than Honorable Discharge. By carefully researching the Army Regulations and collecting documentary evidence, I was able to successfully advocate for my client to receive an Honorable Characterization of Service.
- (d) Defense Office of Hearings and Appeals (DOHA) for security clearance revocation – I was the first attorney in my unit to appear before a DOHA hearing on behalf of a military client. I was able to use my experience to mentor other attorneys who were going to represent their client at a DOHA appeal.
- (e) Administrative Separation Board for patterns of misconduct – I represented a Soldier who was facing an administrative separation board with an Other Than Honorable Discharge for three instances of misconduct. I was able to locate a key witness who was willing to testify that she had not made any allegations against my client. I successfully advocated for my client resulting in two instances of misconduct being unfounded resulting in my client receiving a General (Under Honorable Conditions) characterization of service.
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. None.
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. None.

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.
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.

District of South Carolina, United States District Court, August 9, 2017.

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) I have presented on the US Army's Special Victims Counsel program for the Attorney General's CLE program
- (b) In my time in the Army, as a Judge Advocate, I have provided numerous briefings on the Army's Legal Assistance program, the Servicemember's Civil Relief Act, Rules of Engagement and the Law of Armed Conflict to deploying units, and Administrative Law and Military Justice to Commanders and Staff.
30. Provide, as a separate attachment, your continuing legal or judicial education report from the past five years.
31. List all published books and articles you have written and give citations and the dates of publication for each. None.
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.)

As a judicial law clerk, I drafted the attached Final Order for Judge Lenski's signature. Although I am the primary author of this order, Judge Lenski carefully reviewed and made any necessary corrections before he signed the order that I sent to the parties.

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. No.

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. Yes. Ten years ago, after I ended a relationship with a guy, he made an allegation to his Commander that I had hit him.
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. No.
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. 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. 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. 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?
- (a) \$20.00 for fingerprinting
 - (b) \$15.00 for stamps
 - (c) \$15.00 for envelopes
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: None.
- (a) in which there is a potential conflict of interest with your involvement in a South Carolina state or local public agency;
 - (b) in which there have been public improvements of \$200 or 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.

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.

- 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.
- 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: _____