



PERSONAL DATA QUESTIONNAIRE 2025

1. Judicial placement for which you are applying:
Court: Family Court
Circuit or Position: Fourteenth Judicial Circuit
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: Mrs. Catherine Webb

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

Home Address: [Redacted]

County of Residence: Beaufort County

Business Address: Post Office Drawer 1124
Beaufort, South Carolina 29901

E-Mail Address: [Redacted]

Telephone Number: (home):
(office):843-255-5050
(cell): [Redacted]

- 4 Date of Birth: [Redacted], 1969
Place of Birth: New York, New York

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#: SCDL#[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. I have never served in the military.

8. Family Status: Married on March 18, 2001, to Wayne Hampton Webb. Never divorced, two children.
[Redacted]

9. List each college and law school you attended, including the dates of your attendance, the degrees you received, and if you left an institution without receiving a degree, the reason for your departure.

- (a) Northeastern University attended August of 1987 – June of 1988. I transferred to University of Connecticut;
- (b) University of Connecticut, attended August of 1988 - December of 1991, Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, with a minor in Sociology; and
- (c) Western New England University, School of Law, attended August 1992 - June 1995, 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) Moot Court (1993);
- (b) Internship with the Attorney General's Office, Consumer Protection Division (Fall Semester 1994); and
- (c) Internship with the Honorable William H. Abrashkin (Ret.) (Spring Semester 1995).

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 unaware of any rating or membership status.

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) American Bar Association
- (b) Beaufort County Bar Association
- (c) South Carolina Bar Association
- (d) South Carolina Women Lawyers Association

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.

- (a) Instagram – [Redacted]
- (b) Facebook – [Redacted]
- (c) Tik Tok – [Redacted]
- (d) LinkedIn

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 believe my social media use is very limited at this time and if I am elected to the Bench, it will be even more limited. I do not recall using my LinkedIn account. I have one, but I do not believe I have posted anything on it in the last two years.

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) Fripp Island Resort
- (b) Fripp Island Book Club
- (c) St. Helena's Anglican Church
- (d) Fripp's Ferals

15. Provide any other information that may reflect positively or negatively on your candidacy, or which you believe should be disclosed in connection with consideration of you for nomination for the position you seek. This information may include how your life experiences have affected or influenced the kind or type of judge you have been or plan to be.

I believe my life experiences are critical in shaping my values, my work ethic, and my approach to public service. Two aspects of my life that have impacted me, and likely the type of judge I would be, are my background as an adult adoptee and my experience as an All-American swimmer.

I was adopted by tremendous parents, who were brilliant and loved me and my brothers unconditionally. My father attended Princeton and my mother attended Vassar. While my father was serving as a pilot in the Air Force, he met my mother and fell in love after only five dates. Despite their short courtship, they were happily married for sixty-seven years. When they were unable to have children, they opened their hearts and their minds to my brothers and me. Being adopted taught me early on about the complexities of identity, family, and belonging. It gave me a deep appreciation for the diverse paths that people take in life, often shaped by circumstances beyond their control. That understanding fuels my commitment to ensuring that every person who comes before the court feels seen, heard, and treated with fairness and respect. I carry with me a strong sense of empathy, especially for those navigating the legal system.

I attended the Mercersburg Academy for high school in Mercersburg, Pennsylvania and swam competitively. We were National Champions in swimming, and I was an All-American swimmer. An All-American swimmer is selected by NISCA All-American program, and it selects the top 100 swimmers per event. I trained rigorously with several Olympians and other All-American swimmers. My experience instilled in me discipline, consistency, and a relentless pursuit of excellence—qualities I would bring to the bench every day. In my opinion, these traits would serve me well in a role that demands careful deliberation, consistency, and the ability to make difficult decisions with clarity and composure.

In addition, to the foregoing personal aspects of my private life, I believe my experience as a real estate attorney would be beneficial. I closed hundreds of residential transactions and assisted our family business, Neighborhood Realty, in the development of three residential communities in Beaufort County including, Wright's Point, Battery Point and Polowana Island. Understanding concepts related to real estate, has assisted me in my domestic practice including understanding complex marital estates. I also assisted in managing the financial records of our business, including the trust account, and operating account. I also managed the Homeowner's Associations' business records and assisted in-house with the real estate litigation. Most recently I have assisted in the management of thirty rental properties on Fripp Island, which further allows me to understand the dynamics of a small business and the financial issues associated with the same.

Throughout my legal career, I have worked to protect the interests of vulnerable children. I have done so through my work as a volunteer for the guardian ad litem program and as a court appointed guardian. I have worked as a guardian in many challenging cases to include cases with minor children and parents suffering from addiction to violent sexual abuse cases. I have also worked with my local rural community on Saint Helena Island as an advocate through my prior firm on a pro bono basis.

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) Scott Merrifield, [Redacted]
- (b) Mary Fran Quindlen [Redacted]
- (c) Francie Szarek, [Redacted]
- (d) Cindy MacAulay, [Redacted]
- (e) Tallulah McGee, [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 law in the State of Connecticut in 1995 and the State of South Carolina in 2001. I took the bar exam one time in each state.

18. Describe chronologically, since graduation from law school, your legal experience. Please include a list of all positions held in which you worked in a legal capacity. Describe the general character of your practice and divide it into periods with dates if its character changed over the years. Please also describe the extent to which you were involved with the administrative and financial management of each of these entities, including management of trust accounts.

- (a) Chandler Law Firm and contract employment (1995-1996), Washington, D.C. I resided in Washington DC after graduation from law school and worked for James Chandler and as a contract attorney for a couple of months. I primarily assisted with the National Intellectual Property Law Institute which addressed issues relating to national security and intellectual property. I do not recall the exact dates, but I resided in Washington for less than six months and returned to my home state of Connecticut and began working at Travelers as referenced below.
- (b) Travelers Insurance, Hartford, Connecticut – (1996 through March 1998) I worked for Travelers' Special Liability Coverage Unit – I worked in the Environmental Litigation Department handling issues of coverage as it related to environmental claims and related litigation.
- (c) The Bailey Law Firm, Beaufort, South Carolina (Appx. April of 1998 until August of 2002). Joel Bailey ran a plaintiff's firm that handled complex civil litigation. I assisted in the preparation of all stages of complex civil litigation: interviewed clients and witnesses, processed all paperwork for new cases, organized case files, prepared legal documents and performed legal research. I assisted in the representations of parents and teachers involved in civil and criminal proceedings relating to allegations of abuse. I participated in mediation and settlement negotiations and sat second chair in trials.
- (d) David Tedder (March of 2003 through March 2006) I handled a large volume of residential real estate clients. I also incorporated businesses and assisted with the formation of LLCs. I met with clients and reviewed and explained legal documents. I communicated daily with local agencies to organize and obtain client services relating to loan closings for residential property. In addition, I volunteered with the local guardian ad litem's office to represent both minor children and acted as guardian ad litem in abuse and neglect cases. I worked with local physicians, the Department of Social Services case workers, Foster Care Review Board, and the Beaufort County Family Court in the process of advocating for the best interest of children and representing Guardians.
- (e) Quindlen Law Firm, Beaufort, South Carolina (Approximately August of 2008 through August 11, 2023) I was responsible for all stages of litigation in a high volume relating to large family law practice. My experience includes, but is not limited to, issues

surrounding divorce, custody, equitable apportionment, and visitation. I also acted as a guardian ad Litem for minor children. I prepared affidavits, agreements, pleadings, discovery, and orders. I met with clients, interviewed witnesses and coordinated services with local agencies. I also coordinated the services of paralegals/support staff and I trained new associates and paralegals. I had check signing authority for the firm.

(f) Judicial Clerk for the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit (August 13, 2025 – Present). I am currently the Law Clerk for the Honorable Gerald C. Smoak, Jr. and the Honorable Douglas L. Novak for the Fourteenth Judicial District.

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.

ANSWER:

Divorce and Equitable Division of Property

I worked at Quindlen Law Firm for fifteen years where we focused exclusively on domestic law. During that time, I handled numerous separation and divorce cases, both contested and uncontested. I have extensive experience in equitable distribution, division of real and personal property, retirement accounts, and business interests. I have worked on multiple cases involving multi-million-dollar estates.

I regularly assisted clients with financial declarations, interrogatories, requests for production, and requests for admission. I also collaborated with financial experts and mediators to help resolve complex disputes. I drafted most pleadings, separation agreements, discovery, motions, decrees of divorce, and orders of separate support and maintenance for our firm. I attended mediations with our clients and assisted with all phases of trial preparation. I typically sat second chair for all motions and trials. We have handled extremely complex financial estates worth millions of dollars. We also represented a large military population and therefore I was required to understand issues related to military retirement. Most of our cases resolved through agreement, but a handful of cases went to trial over my fifteen years of practice.

My experience in this area has given me a solid foundation in understanding the statutory and equitable principles governing property division in Family Court.

Child Custody

Child custody cases have been a substantial part of my family law experience. We represented parents in both initial custody determinations and modification actions, often involving complex issues such as relocation, parental alienation, abuse, addiction, and mental health concerns. I typically sat as second chair for trials unless I was acting as the guardian ad litem. My primary role was writing correspondence to counsel, experts, and communicating with clients. I was also responsible for drafting and completing most pleadings, motions, agreements, orders, and written discovery, including interrogatories, requests for production and requests for admission. I frequently communicated with our witnesses and experts and prepared financial declarations and other documents for temporary and other motion hearings. My work experience has made me deeply familiar with the legal standards and practical challenges involved in custody decisions.

Adoption

While adoption has not been the primary focus of my practice, I have handled cases involving stepparent and relative adoptions. I have also been the guardian ad litem in a stepparent adoption. This experience included navigating the termination of parental rights process, coordinating with child-placement agencies, and ensuring compliance with statutory requirements. My familiarity with the adoption process, combined with my broader Family Court experience, prepares me to preside over adoption matters with both legal knowledge and sensitivity to its emotional impact on families. As a Clerk with the Court, I also intend to observe several adoptions to further deepen my understanding of issues relating to adoption.

Abuse and Neglect

I have represented both parents and guardians in abuse and neglect proceedings. I have worked with the Department of Social Services, guardians, and service providers to address safety concerns, and addressed issues relating to family reunification efforts and permanency planning, especially at the beginning of my career when I was assigned DSS cases, and again when I volunteered with the guardian ad litem program. I understand the importance of balancing child protection with the preservation of family relationships and parents' due process rights.

Juvenile Justice

While I have not personally handled juvenile justice cases as an attorney, I currently serve in a position within the Family Court system and am actively working to deepen my knowledge in this area. I have been studying the relevant statutes, familiarizing myself with available diversion and rehabilitative programs, and observing juvenile proceedings. My judicial training and commitment to understanding the legal needs of juveniles ensure that I will be well prepared to preside over these matters with fairness and diligence.

Frequency of Appearances in Family Court (Past 5 Years)

Over the past five years, I have regularly appeared before Family Court judges—typically several times each month—in a wide range of matters, including divorce, separation, custody, visitation, child support, alimony, matters of equitable apportionment, and enforcement proceedings. While in private practice, I typically sat second chair, unless, of course, I was a Guardian ad litem. I am currently working with the Court as a Law Clerk which I expect to give me an even stronger grasp of Family Court procedures and the practical considerations involved in presiding over emotionally and legally complex case. The past five years involved COVID which essential shut down the Court to trials in Family Court for approximately two years.

- (b) If you are a candidate for Circuit Court, please provide a brief written description of your experience in criminal matters, including any cases handled over the past five years, and include a brief description of the issues involved. Further, please provide a brief written description of your experience in civil matters, including any cases handled over the past five years, and include a brief description of the types of matters handled, issues involved, and procedural history. Please include information such as the primary areas in civil court in which you practice, and whether you represent plaintiffs, defendants, or both. You may go back further than five years if you feel it would assist the Commission with its assessment of your experience. If you lack experience in an area, describe how your background and procedural knowledge has prepared you to preside over such matters as a Circuit Court judge, or how you would compensate for your lack of experience in this area. Please also indicate the frequency of your appearances before a Circuit Court judge within the past five years.
- (c) If you are a candidate for Master-In-Equity, please provide a brief written description of your experience in the Master's court, including any cases handled over the past five years, and include a brief description of the issues involved. Please include the frequency of your appearances before a Master-In-Equity or a Circuit Court judge within the past five years.
- (d) If you are a candidate for Administrative Law Court, please provide a brief written description of your experience before an Administrative Law Judge, including any issues discussed and the frequency of your appearances before the Administrative Law or Circuit Court within the past five years.

20. What was the frequency of your court appearances during the past five years or in the five years prior to your election to the bench?

- (a) Federal: None.
- (b) State: I would appear in Court a couple of times a month while in private practice over the last five years. The last five (5) years includes COVID which changed the practice of law in Family Court. Most matters were handled out of court and/or via Webex. I am currently in Court on a regular basis because I am a working with the Family Court for the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit for the Honorable Douglas L. Novak, and the Honorable Gerald C. Smoak, Jr.

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: None.
- (b) criminal: None.
- (c) domestic: 100%
- (d) other: None.

22. During the past five years:

(a) What percentage of your practice was in trial court, including cases that settled prior to trial?

All of my cases were Family Court matters. Most of our cases settled prior to trial. This was period of time also overlaps with COVID. As a result of COVID, the Family Courts were essentially stalled for contested trials in Family Court for the period of 2020 – 2022.

(b) What number of cases went to trial and resulted in a verdict?

Two. I was second chair in Arleigh Burke Lacefield vs. Ginger Yvonne Lacefield, Case Number: 2022DR0700237 and Liane Crouse F/K/A Liane N. Croft vs. Leon Croft, Case Number: 2012-DR-07-0769.

(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?

None. There are no juries in Family Court.

(e) Did you most often serve as sole counsel, chief counsel, second chair, or co-counsel?

I most often served as second chair.

(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) Elizabeth Deyermond v. Paul B. Zeisler, III, Case Number: 2009-DR-07-0529. This case was a long-term marriage that involved a complex marital estate and equitable apportionment. I represented the wife who was a retired nurse, and her husband left their long-term marriage after admittedly engaging in an adulterous relationship. The husband was an actuary, and his retirement plans and the stocks were very complex. There were several financial experts involved in this matter. The wife's position was that the husband's stock options, a form of deferred compensation, had been "earned" during the marriage and therefore such options were marital. The stock options did not vest until after the date of separation, and opposing counsel and the husband argued that the options were non-marital. It was a difficult case because of the complexity of the retirement. The wife was granted 50 percent of all of the stock options that we identified as marital.

(b) Natasha Langford vs. Sam Langford, Jackie Langford, and O.W. Langford, Case Number: 2013-DR-07-1406. I was the guardian ad litem for the minor children in a private custody action. This case was an interesting and significant in that it involved parental fitness, grandparents' rights, as well as the best interests of the minor children. Although the goal was ultimately family reunification, the need to protect the minor children in the light of parents struggling with addiction, and therefore parental fitness, was ever present. The role of the guardian, in compliance with the guardian ad litem statute, to assist the Court in fully understanding the facts when there is substantial dispute is important, and in this case it was essential. I took my responsibility of investigating the facts impartially and reporting the same to the Court seriously. This case like many of my guardian cases, involved the Courts need to protect the best interest of the minor children while balancing the parents' interests to raise their own children.

(c) Susan P. Mayo vs. Kerry B. Mayo, Case Number: 2016-DR-07-00004. I was co-counsel for the plaintiff/wife. This was a complex case involving a long-term marriage, custody and equitable apportionment. During the litigation, one of the minor children, who was adopted alleged the defendant/Father sexually abused her. The parties litigated over whether this young teenager would be required to testify in open Court pursuant to the South Carolina Family Court Rule 23 and how this disclosure would impact custody and visitation of the remaining four children. This was legally significant because allegations of sexual abuse directly impact the court's assessment of parental fitness and the best interests of the children, both of which

are central to custody determinations. Additionally, whether the teenage daughter was required to testify in open court raises critical issues of due process for the accused parent and protection from potential trauma for the child, requiring the court to carefully balance the parent's rights with child welfare concerns. We had several experts involved in this case to address the financial issues and the best interests of the children.

(d) Robert Jimenez v. Laurie Jimenez, Case Number: 2018-DR-07-0647. I was co-counsel for the plaintiff/husband. This case involved divorce and equitable apportionment of their assets and debts. The Court also addressed the issues of custody, visitation, and support of two minor children, which was complicated by the high conflict between the parties and the mother and the parties' oldest child. We represented the plaintiff/husband who was a retired service member and employed as a civilian for the Department of Defense. The case involved the division of a military pension, Thrift Savings Plans, and a Federal Employee Retirement System (FERS) plan as well as a complex custody battle. The parties submitted to a custody evaluation and depositions were taken in Georgia and South Carolina. Ultimately, after a week-long trial, husband was awarded custody and a greater than 50% equitable apportionment. This case is legally significant for its successful application of South Carolina equitable apportionment principles to award a greater than 50% share of marital assets, including complex retirement benefits. It also underscores the court's willingness to award primary custody to the father in a high-conflict case, emphasizing the weight of custody evaluations, the testimony and evidence.

(e) Arleigh Burke Lacefield vs. Ginger Yvonne Lacefield, Case Number 2022DR0700237. I was co-counsel for the defendant/mother in this matter. The central issue was whether the father should be granted custody of the minor children despite his stated intent to relocate out of state. The mother, a fit parent and stay-at-home mother during most of this long-term marriage, agreed to a summer visitation schedule to support the husband/father's time with the children while he remained in South Carolina. Initially, the husband/father indicated he was retiring from the military, but later testified he would remain active in the military and relocate to Virginia. The defendant was also held in contempt of court for violating a temporary order by spitting on the mother and swearing at the mother in front of the children. This case raises key issues about custodial determinations in the context of interstate relocation, parental conduct during litigation, and the weight courts give to stability, prior caregiving roles, and demonstrated fitness. This case was referred to an appellant attorney and is pending in the Court of Appeals.

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.

(a) Connecticut Courts – 1995
(b) South Carolina State Courts – 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.

No.

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.

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.)

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.

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.

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.

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.

I am no longer in private practice. I always had malpractice insurance when in private practice. No, I was not covered by a tail policy.

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.

Yes. We owned a family real estate business known as Neighborhood Realty, and I currently own Fripp Island Neighborhood, LLC. I assisted with Neighborhood Realty from 2002 to 2008. Neighborhood Realty partnered with the developer of three developments in Beaufort County known as Polowana Island, Battery Point, and Wright's Point. I currently own Fripp Island Neighborhood, LLC, which assists with the care of multiple rental properties on Fripp Island located in Beaufort County, South Carolina. I created Fripp Island Neighborhood, LLC in 2023 and it continues through the present. Fripp Island Neighborhood, LLC and I work with FrippVacation and Homevergence LLC, both of which are owned by a third-party.

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.

Yes. I own Fripp Island Neighborhood, LLC. I handle guest services for about thirty rental properties located on Fripp Island and handle the financial records for this business. My LLC is a single member LLC and I am the sole owner.

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;
- (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.

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.

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.

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: _____