



## JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION PERSONAL DATA QUESTIONNAIRE 2025

1. Judicial placement for which you are applying:

Court: Family Court

Circuit or Position: Eleventh Circuit

Seat: 4

2. Are you currently serving in some capacity as a judge (to include municipal, magistrate, etc.)?

No. If so, state the position. If part-time, please indicate.

### Personal

3. Name: Mr.

Mrs.

Ms. Elnora Jones Dean

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

Home Address: [Redacted]

County of Residence: Lexington

Business Address: 2113 Park Street, Columbia, SC 29201

E-Mail Address: [Redacted]

Telephone Number: (home): [Redacted]  
(office): 803-733-1800  
(cell): [Redacted]

4 Date of Birth: [Redacted], 1970

Place of Birth: Union, 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? No 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.

8. Family Status:

- (a) State whether you are single, married, widowed, divorced, or separated.
- (b) If married, state the date of your marriage and your spouse's full name and occupation.
- (c) If widowed, list the name(s) of spouse(s).
- (d) If you have ever been divorced or are in the process of obtaining a divorce, state the date, name of the moving party, court, and grounds.

Family Status: Divorced

Divorced on September 30, 2013, Eleventh Circuit Family Court, State of South Carolina, One year continuous separation – no fault. Elnora J. Dean was the moving party.

- (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. James Madison University, attended August 1988 to May 1992, earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree
- b. University of South Carolina School of Law, attended August 1993 to May 1996; earned a Juris Doctor degree.

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. Member of the Black Law Student Association for 3 years. Served as parliamentarian for at least one year. Served as a delegate for the regional convention as a 2L.
- b. Student Bar Association member

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. 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) South Carolina Bar Association; House of Delegates member from 2020-2024

(b) South Carolina Black Lawyers Association; annual conference committee member 2022-2023)  
(c) Lexington County Bar Association  
(d) Richland County Bar Association  
(e) South Carolina Association for Justice

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) Facebook – [Redacted]  
(b) Instagram – [Redacted]  
(c) X (Twitter) - [Redacted]  
(d) 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? My social media sites would not be affected if I serve in a judicial capacity because I rarely post anything.

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) Brookland Baptist Church  
(b) Brookland Federal Credit Union Board of Directors  
(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.  
I have been practicing law for more than 28 years. Most of my practicing experience has been in Family Courts. I have been civil in my interactions with clients, attorneys, judges and court personnel. I try to treat all participants the way that I want to be treated. If selected, I plan to be a judge who displays the same demeanor every day as I have done as a practicing attorney and one who seeks to be fair, just and equitable in all decisions. All of the above contribute to the type of judge that I believe I will be.

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) Charles B. Jackson, Sr.,  
Senior Pastor of Brookland Baptist Church  
[Redacted]
- (b) Nancy Barton  
[Redacted]
- (c) Michelle S. Gorski  
[Redacted]
- (d) Shannon D. Chandler, Esquire  
[Redacted]
- (e) Jane Waters, 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.
  - (a) I am admitted to practice law in the State of South Carolina.
  - (b) I was admitted to practice law in January 1997. I took the bar exam once. South Carolina is the only state where I have taken the bar exam.
- 18. Describe chronologically, since graduation from law school, your legal experience. Please include a list of all positions held in which you worked in a legal capacity. Describe the general character of your practice and divide it into periods with dates if its character changed over the years. Please also describe the extent to which you were involved with the administrative and financial management of each of these entities, including management of trust accounts.
  - (a) SC Administrative Law Judge Division, Administrative Assistant, Columbia, SC – February 1996 – April 1997;
    - Assisted Judge Alison Lee with administrative matters needed to maintain her court docket.
    - Performed legal research, answered telephones, drafted documents and addressed public inquiries.
    - Drafted documents regarding state regulations and statutes.
  - (b) Richland County Public Defender's Office, Assistant Public Defender, Columbia, SC April 1997 – April 1999

- Represented indigent juveniles charged with state criminal offenses.
- Conducted criminal trials.
- Negotiated plea bargains.

(c) Eleventh Circuit Solicitor's Office, Assistant Solicitor, Lexington, SC – April 1999 – April 2000

- Prosecuted criminal cases against juvenile defendants in Edgefield, McCormick and Saluda Counties.
- Negotiated final dispositions for defendants.
- Assisted with criminal prosecution of adult defendants.
- Conducted trials.

(d) SC Department of Juvenile Justice, Family Relations Manager, Columbia, SC – April 2000 - Nov. 2001

- Served as a mediator between the agency and the parents/families of the children who received services.
- Developed policies and procedures to address parent concerns and complaints.
- Managed a staff of 5 coordinators/advocates in the Juvenile & Family Relations Division

(e) Law Office of Elnora J. Dean, P.A., Attorney, Columbia, SC – Nov. 2001 - Present

- Represents clients primarily in the areas of domestic and criminal law in state and federal courts.
- Drafts memoranda, briefs, motions and pleadings, manages law practice and supervises staff.
- Provides consultation to clients and prospective clients
- Handle all money matters

(f) Sistercare, Inc., Family Court Attorney, Cayce, SC – March 2017 – present

- Represents victims of domestic abuse in order of protection cases
- Represents client in divorce actions
- Trains staff on domestic abuse laws, client management and court procedures

**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.

Divorce and equitable division of property – I have represented client in divorce case involving equitable distribution of property for more than 20 years. I am in family court multiple times each week. Most of my divorce cases involved equitable division of property. I have experience representing clients in all aspects of marital litigation from the initial separation to the final divorce hearing. These experiences have prepared me to preside over such matters as a Family Court judge.

Child Custody – I have represented many clients in custody disputes for more than 20 years. I have also served as a *Guardian ad litem* for minor children in custody cases for several years. I appear in Family Court multiple times per week. These experiences have prepared me to preside over custody cases as a Family Court judge.

Adoption – I have represented many clients in contested and non-contested adoptions. My experience in adoption cases has prepared me to preside over adoption cases as a Family Court judge.

Abuse and neglect – I have represented many clients who were accused of abuse and/or neglect of a child. These experiences have prepared me to preside over abuse and neglect cases as a Family Court judge.

Juvenile cases – I represented juveniles exclusively for 2 years while working for Richland County Public Defender's Office. At the Eleventh Circuit Solicitor's Office, I prosecuted juveniles for one year. I have represented juveniles throughout my time in private practice. These experiences have prepared me to preside over juvenile cases as a Family Court judge.

(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: 3-4 days each 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: 5%

(b) criminal: 25%

(c) domestic: 70%

(d) other:

22. During the past five years:

(a) What percentage of your practice was in trial court, including cases that settled prior to trial? approximately 98%

(b) What number of cases went to trial and resulted in a verdict? 5 - 7

(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? 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) Mansoor Watson v. Tyneshia Brooks, 2019-DR-40-4051 – This was a contested modification of custody case. I represented the Plaintiff- Father. This was the second action I filed on his behalf for custody of the parties' minor daughter. Our complaint alleged parental alienation. At a supplemental temporary hearing, Father was granted primary custody of the

minor child. Prior to delivering the minor child to Father, Mother left the State of South Carolina with the child and evaded law enforcement and the courts for more than two months. The U.S. Marshals were able to recover the minor child in the State of Georgia and Mother was arrested. After a contested merits hearing, Father was granted sole custody of the minor child. This case was significant because Father had been fighting for visitation and/or custody of the minor child for more than 10 years. This case made the national news and was featured on Netflix.

(b) [Redacted] v. [Redacted], [Redacted] – This was a contested adoption case. I represented the Plaintiff-Mother and her husband. The Defendant was the biological father of the minor child. The presiding judge ruled in favor of Mother. This case was significant for me for a couple of reasons. One, it was my first contested adoption case. Also, this case involved a non-custodial parent who was visiting, however the visitation was sporadic and who had provided financial support for most of the child's life and stopped providing after Mother got married. Father's parental rights were terminated.

(c) SCDSS v. [Redacted] et al., 2012-DR-40-3398 – This was a merits case where I represented the Defendant. SC Department of Social Services (SCDSS) filed an abuse case against him. SCDSS alleged that the Defendant sexually assaulted his stepchild who he had recently adopted. The presiding judge ruled in my client's favor after the contested trial. This case was significant because the Defendant was a 25-year Army service member and the ruling in the family court case would impact his military career. He also had criminal charges pending for Criminal Sexual Conduct Towards a Child in General Sessions Court and the Family Court ruling would affect the criminal trial. The Defendant's life and career were at stake.

(d) Tameeka Wallace v. Brandon Tyson, 2018-DR-40-1702 - This was a modification of custody case that began as a 2014 abuse and neglect action with SC Department of Social Services. I represented the Plaintiff-Mother. In the SCDSS case, the Defendant-Father was granted custody of the minor child. Mother was granted supervised visitation with the minor child once per month in the State of Louisiana where the Father resided. In this case, we sought to modify custody and visitation based upon a change in circumstances. Mother was granted custody of the minor child and Father was granted a standard visitation schedule. This case was significant because I fought with Mother to help her obtain a fair and equitable result for four years. It is also significant because I have never seen a parent with very minimal finances fight so hard and follow every provision of multiple court orders so she could ultimately be awarded custody of a child.

(e) In the Interest of [Redacted], 2011-JU-40-0552 – I represented the Defendant in the juvenile criminal matter. He was charged with Strong Arm Robbery. He was found guilty after a trial in Family Court. This case was significant because this was the first Family Court trial I had where my client was adjudicated under the “hand of one, hand of all” doctrine. It was also one of the first trials where I felt that I would have gotten a different verdict if he had a jury trial.

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. N/A  
(a)  
(b)  
(c)  
(d)  
(e)

25. List up to five criminal appeals you have personally handled. Give the case name, the court, the date of decision and the citation if the case was reported. N/A  
(a)  
(b)  
(c)  
(d)

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.  
a. South Carolina – January 7, 1997  
b. U.S. District Court, District of South Carolina – June 18, 2003

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 attachment.

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 attachment.

- (a) Kierra Johnson v. Desmond Louis, 2020-DR-40-1237, Memorandum of Law, South Carolina Family Court, 2020
- (b) Tameeka Wallace v. Brandon Tyson, 2018-DR-40-1702, Final Order, South Carolina Family Court, 2019

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? No Have you ever been a named party (personally or professionally) in or had a pecuniary interest in any civil or criminal proceedings? If so, give details, including, but not limited to, dates, and resolutions.

- a. Isaac Smith, Jr. v. Richland County, South Carolina, et al., 2022-CP-40-05246 - I was named a Defendant in a civil lawsuit in circuit court filed by a client's son who alleged that I was representing her without her permission in a probate matter. The case was dismissed by the circuit court on February 16, 2024.
- b. Elnora J. Dean v. Russell C. Dean, 2020-CP-40-04103 - I was the Plaintiff in a partition action against my ex-husband in Richland County Common Pleas Court. We settled the matter prior to any court hearings.
- c. Elnora J. Dean v. Marinell H. McClellan, 2022CV4010501760 - I was the Plaintiff in a breach of contract action against the Defendant in Dutch Fork Magistrate Court. The Defendant entered a contract with me to build a deck on my home but did not build it to

South Carolina's standards. I was awarded a judgment against the Defendant in the amount of \$1800.

37. If you are in private practice, are you covered by malpractice insurance and, if so, how long have you carried malpractice insurance? I have had malpractice insurance since 2002. 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? No. 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. N/A

## **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. See attachment.
  - (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? Yes. If no, please provide details.
- (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.

I cannot remember if I had a delinquent tax. I do remember that South Carolina state taxes were paid at a real estate closing in either 2004 or 2013 when I was married.

(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.

Same response as in (b) above.

42. Have you ever defaulted on a student loan? No. If so, please provide details.
43. Have you ever filed for bankruptcy? No. If so, please provide details, along with proof of satisfaction of any liens or defaults.

## **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? No. If so, give details, including dates.
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. N/A
47. Are you now an officer or director or involved in the management of any business enterprise? Explain the nature of the business, your duties, and the term of your service.

I am a member of the Board of Directors for Brookland Federal Credit Union in West Columbia, South Carolina. It is a federally chartered credit union. I, along with other members of the Board of Directors, make policy and establish procedures for the credit union. Each term of service is 2 years. I have been on the Board of Directors for 4 years.

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. N/A
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? No. If so, please specify the item or items you received, the date of receipt, and the lobbyist or lobbyist's principal involved.

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? N/A

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.

(a) I made a \$250 contribution to Senator Tameika Isaac Devine's campaign for SC Senate.  
(b) I made a \$200 contribution to Senator Tameika Isaac Devine's campaign for Mayor of Columbia.  
(c) I made a \$200 contribution to Senator Overture Walker's campaign for Richland County Council.  
(d) I made a \$200 contribution to Senator Overture Walker's campaign for SC Senate.

52. Have you or anyone acting on your behalf solicited or collected funds to aid in the promotion of your candidacy? No. If so, please specify the amount, solicitor, donor, and date of the solicitation.

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. N/A

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; n/a  
(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; n/a or  
(c) which was sold, leased, or rented to a state or local public agency in South Carolina. N/A

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; n/a  
(b) nature and value of any public improvements; n/a and  
(c) South Carolina state or local public agency which purchased or is leasing or renting such property. n/a

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.  
N/A

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? No. 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? No. 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. N/A
61. Are you familiar with the 12 days' rule as provided by Section 2-19-70, 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: \_\_\_\_\_