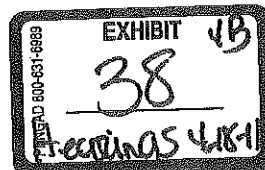


**JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION
PERSONAL DATA QUESTIONNAIRE**

Court, Position, and Seat # for which you are applying:
Master-in-Equity, Dorchester County

1. NAME: Mr. William H. Sloan
BUSINESS ADDRESS: 1055-F North Main St.
Summerville, SC 29483
Post Office Box 85
Summerville, SC 29484
TELEPHONE NUMBER: (office): 843-873-7531
2. Date of Birth: 1971
Place of Birth: Louisville, Kentucky
3. 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
5. Family Status: Married on August 11, 2001, to Julie Renee Henson. Never divorced; one child.
6. Have you served in the military? NO
7. 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) College of Charleston 1989-93, B.A., Political Science;
(b) Trident Technical College, 1994-95, Paralegal Certificate;
(c) Cumberland Law School, Samford University, Birmingham, AL 1998-2001, J.D.
I did not attend any school and did not receive a degree.
8. 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. If you took the bar exam more than once in any of the states listed, please indicate the number of times you took the exam in each state.
South Carolina- 2001. I took and passed the SC bar exam on the first try.
I have taken no other bar exams.
9. List the significant activities in which you took part during your attendance at college, graduate, and law school. Give the dates you were involved in these activities and list any leadership positions you held.
Law School- Federalist Society all 3 years of law school, Secretary 2nd year
Also, I competed in the Negotiation Competition and Client Counseling Competition at law school.
10. Describe your continuing legal or judicial education during the past five years. Include only the title and date of any continuing legal or judicial education course completed.



Note: As an attorney involved with real estate transactions, many of my seminars were with Chicago Title, (whom I used to be affiliated with), Stewart Title and First American Title (whom I am still an agent for). I list the TIPS seminar as given by Stewart Title to clearly show that it is a program for title insurance and real estate issues.

- (a) Stewart Title's TIPS Seminar 10/5/06;
 - (b) Chicago Title's Annual Seminar,
Claims and Underwriting 11/15/06;
 - (c) Handling a Social Security, NBI 6/21/07;
 - (d) Stewart Title's TIPS Seminar 11/2/07;
 - (e) Collection Law from Start to Finish 12/7/07;
 - (f) Civil Court Mediator Course. 5-day, 40-hour course April 2008;
 - (g) Stewart TIPS Seminar 11/17/08;
 - (h) First American Title's Real Estate Title Insurance
course-Seminar 10/9/09;
 - (i) Stewart's Annual Professionals Seminar 11/9/09;
 - (j) Searches, Starters, Subordinations, Satisfactions and Surveys,
a real estate course put on by Stewart Title 5/18/10;
 - (k) Foreclosure Seminar with April Charney 8/5/10;
 - (l) Stewart Title's TIPS Seminar 11/15/10.
11. Have you taught law-related courses or lectured at bar association conferences, educational institutions, or continuing legal or judicial education programs? No
12. List all published books and articles you have written and give citations and the dates of publication for each.

Note: I have written no articles for the SC Bar or law journals. I have written many articles published by Triond.com, and they publish the articles on various Internet sites. This is the only writing I have done that has been published related to legal issues. The hyperlinks link to the articles as they only appear on these various internet sites. I have intended to link these articles to my internet site, but I have done so yet.

These articles are not meant to be scholarly, but to appeal to the target audience of an average member of the public.

- (a) "Three Day Right to Cancel on Re-finance: Good or Bad?"
<http://socyberty.com/law/three-day-right-to-cancel-on-refinance-good-or-bad/>
Published May 27, 2008;
- (b) "Fighting and Negotiating Short Sales at the Same Time: Short Sales, Modifications"
<http://gomestic.com/personal-finance/fighting-and-negotiating-foreclosures-at-same-time-short-sales-modifications/>
Published May 11, 2010;
- (c) "Foreclosure Defense-Civil Procedure Lesson- Show Me The Note"
<http://socyberty.com/law/foreclosure-defense-civil-procedure-lesson-show-me-the-note/>

- Published December 18, 2009;
- (d) "Foreclosure Defense in South Carolina- Speak to Lawyer ASAP"
<http://bizcovering.com/investing/foreclosure-defense-in-south-carolina-speak-to-lawyer-asap/>
 Published October 26, 2009;
- (e) "Owning Title and the Importance of Wills in South Carolina"
<http://bizcovering.com/real-estate/owning-title-and-the-importance-of-wills-in-south-carolina/>
 Published March 4, 2009;
- (f) "Be sure to Apply for 4% Taxes In South Carolina Real Estate"
<http://bizcovering.com/real-estate/be-sure-to-apply-for-4-taxes-in-south-carolina-real-estate/>
 Published March 24, 2009;
- (g) "Buying Foreclosed Properties in the Charleston, SC Area"
<http://bizcovering.com/real-estate/buying-foreclosed-properties-in-the-charleston-sc-area/>
 Published March 27, 2009;
- (h) "Attorneys Should Supervise Refinances of Mortgages"
<http://socyberty.com/law/attorneys-should-supervise-refinances-of-mortgages/>
 Published May 2, 2009.
13. 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) Admitted to practice before the SC State Courts, November 13, 2001;
- (b) Also admitted to practice before the Federal District Court of South Carolina in December 2001.
14. Describe chronologically your legal experience since graduation from law school and include a list of all law firms with which you have been associated. Describe the general character of your practice and divide it into periods with dates if its character has changed over the years.
- (a) Steadman Law Firm, North Charleston, SC 2001-02
 Practiced in bankruptcy (almost all debtor, all consumer), real estate closings and wills and estates;
- (b) Likens and Blomquist, Columbia-North Charleston 2002
 Practiced exclusively in real estate closings;
- (c) Forquer, Green & Lattimore, North Charleston, SC 2002-03
 Practiced exclusively in real estate closings;
- (d) Davidson, Bennett and Wigger (nka Weeks, Foti, Irvine, etc), 2003,
 North Charleston, SC Worked solely in real estate closings;
- (e) Dallis Law Firm, Charleston and Summerville, SC 2003-06
 Worked in real estate closings, corporate formation, and wills, trusts-estates;
- (f) Sloan Law Firm, Summerville, SC 2006-date

Practice in real estate closings, real estate litigation (partitions, foreclosures, foreclosure defense, tax sale cases,) corporate formations, wills-trusts-estates, collections, collection defense. I began working in foreclosure defense and foreclosures in the second half of 2009.

If you are a judge and are not seeking a different type of judgeship, the following questions are inapplicable:

- (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.

Handled a suit to quiet title to confirm tax deed- The most important issue was did the county follow all the procedures in making the sale valid with notices? Was the property to be sold described correctly at the RMC? Did all parties receive notice as this was "heirs property" with no deeds in the history of Dorchester County, only the name of a man who paid the taxes on the property from 1983 to 2000. I have only handled one such case to this point. If I do not get this position, I anticipate more cases with the same client. I also defended a case where a person lost his property by tax deed. I negotiated a settlement with the other party prior to the matter going to Court.

Partitions by sale- Handled partitions by persons who bought houses with finances prior to marriage when the other party left prior to the parties getting married. The issues were contributions by my client vis a vis the other party at the time of purchase and after the purchase. Who was entitled to the equity in the property? I negotiated a settlement early in one action and got a court Order in another case to sell the property. This client is now one of my foreclosure defense clients. I have handled two such cases.

Partitions in kind- I am also handling cases for partition with family members dealing with vacant land, "heirs property." In one case, my client wants a jury trial and I argued in favor of that even though Judge Goodstein ruled against my client. I argued the 7th Amendment of the US Constitution in this issue. In the same case we are dealing with contributions by other parties, e.g. taxes, surveys, etc. There is also a half-sibling in this case and an issue in this case is whether she is estopped from claiming an interest in the property.

In another case, we are dealing with formulating an accurate family tree and timber cut down on the property by a non-client. These are the only two cases I am handling on these type matters at this time.

Foreclosures, Plaintiff- In one case, the other party filed an Answer and I won the case on Summary Judgment. In another case, the case was contested by a party that was on title with a lease-option purchase and

tried to argue my client had a partnership with the party that he loaned money to. We settled the case just before the trial to the satisfaction of my client.

I have also handled a routine, default case for my bank, NBSC.

I am also handling a foreclosure for two sisters that had sold business property to a company and took back a second mortgage.

I have handled approximately six foreclosures representing the Plaintiff.

Foreclosure Defense- In representing these clients, I am contesting standing to sue, questioning the validity of MERS (Mortgage Electronic registration Systems) assignments, as well as separation of the title of the Note and Mortgage because of MERS assignments as MERS appears on no notes. I contest whether a securitized mortgage trust followed their own rules on accepting mortgages in many cases, especially mortgages that were assigned after the borrower went into default. The key issue in this case is to file a Motion to Compel and force the Plaintiff to deliver the Pooling and Servicing Agreement to see if this mortgage is validly owned by the Plaintiff.

I am going to try a case where two witnesses did not attend the closing and my client alleges the mortgage was fraudulently witnessed.

In another case, I am arguing Wachovia vs. Coffey (Opinion 4685) (SC Court of Appeals 2010) to see if a closing is invalid (the note and mortgage) if the attorney did not attend the signing ceremony of a closing with a borrower.

In one case, I got a judgment and sale overturned because the client did not receive an offer of modification that they would have accepted that the lender attempted unsuccessfully to mail to my clients. (The sale had already taken place, but Judge Watts had not signed the Deed. For that reason, a bankruptcy colleague of mine advised me that he could not help these people). The mortgage servicer fraudulently induced this client to not defend themselves in the court action.

In other cases, I have filed counterclaims for violation of Attorney Preference, Truth in Lending Act, and Fair Debt Collection Practices Act. I argue for the right of all Defendants to have a trial by jury regardless of whether they have a compulsory counterclaim. I contest a Mandatory Order of reference before I have filed an Answer.

I have handled about 25 cases in foreclosure defense. Almost all of them are in Greenville, Dorchester, Berkeley and Beaufort counties.

15. What is your rating, if any, by any legal rating organization, such as, Best Lawyers, Chambers, Legal 500, Martindale-Hubbell, Who's Who Legal, Super Lawyers, etc.? If you are currently a member of the judiciary, list your last available rating, if any. I am unaware of any such rating I may have.
16. What was the frequency of your court appearances during the past five years?
 - (a) federal: 1%;

- (b) state: 99%.
17. What percentage of your practice involved civil, criminal, domestic, and other matters during the past five years?
- (a) civil: 10%;
- (b) criminal: 1% (this is limited to DUI's (2), minor traffic violations and appointed work);
- (c) domestic: 1% (this is appointed work only, except for one adoption);
- (d) other-non court matters: 88%
(this includes real estate closings, mediations, corporate formation and wills-trusts-estates).
18. What percentage of your practice in trial court during the last five years involved matters that went to a jury, including those that settled prior to trial?
- (a) jury: 2%;
- (b) non-jury: 98%.
- Did you most often serve as sole counsel, chief counsel, or associate counsel in these matters?
- Almost all cases I have worked are as sole counsel.
19. List five of the most significant litigated matters you have personally handled in either trial or appellate court or before a state or federal agency. Give citations if the cases were reported and describe why these matters were significant. This list is not in any particular order.
- (a) Wells Fargo vs. Berns, 2010-CP-23-4119 I was able to have this case dismissed for a faulty MERS assignment that purported to assign the Note and Mortgage when MERS never appeared on the Note. The dismissal was altered, but the Plaintiff was forced to add the original creditor because of the faulty mortgage assignment. This case is pending. This case is significant because it goes to the issue of whether MERS can validly assign a Mortgage and whether a mortgage that involves MERS can be foreclosed since the Note and Mortgage have been separated in ownership.
- (b) Wells Fargo vs. Hayes, 2010-CP-18-0052 I was not retained on this case until after the sale had taken place, but before Judge Watts signed the deed. I argued that Wells Fargo committed fraud because they induced the Hayes' not to defend themselves in the foreclosure case promising them a modification and that they failed to follow the Administrative Order of 2009. Wells Fargo furnished an offer of modification that they allegedly sent the Hayes' two months before the sale. This was an offer that the Hayes' would have accepted had they received it. Wells Fargo could not show that they sent the offer. Judge Watts ruled that Wells Fargo had to re-make this offer to the Hayes. The Hayes' were able to comply with the offer, and they were able to keep their house.
- (c) Chase vs. Dean 10-CP-15-588, Mr. Dean was a former client of mine. When Chase re-financed him in 2008, they violated Attorney Preference

and he was forced to use someone other than me for the closing when I would have done it for free. I used this counterclaim as leverage to force Chase into making Mr. Dean a modification that was satisfactory to all.

- (d) BAC Home Loans Servicing fka Countrywide Home Loans Servicing vs. Ward. 09-CP-18-1239. This was another case with a MERS assignment. I argued that the assignment was invalid without a Power of Attorney from the original creditor to MERS to assign the Mortgage to Plaintiff. Judge Watts ruled verbally that a Power of Attorney had to be recorded from original creditor to MERS to assign the Mortgage. Ms. Ward and Plaintiff eventually reached a settlement in the case. This case, as with the Berns case, is significant for the MERS issue. MERS has been condemned in other states including Florida, Kansas, Arkansas, Missouri as well as by bankruptcy courts around the country.
- (e) Bank of New York Mellon, as Successor Trustee vs. Howell, 09-CP-23-10135, Ms. Howell did not hire me until after she fell into default. The case involved an Amended Summons and Complaint which allows only 15 days to respond under the Rules of Civil Procedure. However, Plaintiff's Amended Summons gave Mrs. Howell 30 days to respond. Once I brought this to the Court's attention, Judge Simmons granted my client's Motion for Relief from Default. This case is still pending and is bogged down in the discovery problems that I have mentioned earlier. This case is significant since the Plaintiff's counsel could not grant an extra 15 days to answer a Complaint, then withdraw it. This case will also be significant with standing to sue, proper ownership of the legal documents tied in with discovery to see the Pooling and Servicing agreement for mortgage trusts to see if a borrower's mortgage is validly part of the Trust. Also, in the discovery matter, is there insurance which has paid the loan off already? Foreclosures these days are not simple contract disputes.
20. 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. If you are a candidate for an appellate court judgeship (please attach one copy of briefs filed by you in each matter).
(I have none. I anticipate that I will be dealing with appeals in cases involving foreclosure matters if I do not get this judgeship, especially the MERS issue I have discussed here, whether MERS has the authority to assign a mortgage.
21. List up to five criminal appeals that you have personally handled. Give the case name, the court, the date of decision and the citation if the case was reported. None
22. Have you ever held judicial office? No
24. 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? No
25. 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
26. Have you ever been an unsuccessful candidate for elective, judicial, or other public office? No
27. 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?

I have had no work outside the practice of law since 1994, the year after I graduated from college. This includes working as a paralegal from 1995 to 1998 after I graduated from paralegal school.

I worked for Piggly Wiggly Warehouse through, Tempo, Inc, an employment service from 1993-1994 between college and paralegal school.

I also worked for Tempo, Inc. in various manual labor jobs between 1993-4.

I worked for Vegetable Bin, a grocery store, in 1992 while in college as a cashier.

I also worked as a cashier for F.W. Woolworth from 1989-91 in high school and college as a cashier.

28. Are you now an officer or director or involved in the management of any business enterprise? No
29. A complete, current financial net worth statement was provided to the Commission.
30. 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. Explain how you would resolve any potential conflict of interest. None.
31. 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 federal law or regulation, state law or regulation, or county or municipal law, regulation, or ordinance, or any other law, including another country's law?
- (a) 1989- arrested for reckless driving- Paid a \$237 fine in Charleston, SC;
- (b) 1996- arrested for "scalping" tickets. Attempted to sell \$32 tickets to a Carolina Panthers game in Charlotte, NC, to an undercover police officer for \$40. The charges were dropped and I paid court costs;
- (c) I may have had another minor traffic violation(s) which I paid a fine greater than \$125, but I do not remember.
32. Have you, to your knowledge, ever been under federal, state, or local investigation for possible violation of a criminal statute? No

33. Has a tax lien or other collection procedure ever been instituted against you by federal, state, or local authorities? Have you ever defaulted on a student loan? Have you ever filed for bankruptcy? No
34. Have you ever been sued, either personally or professionally, that is, have you ever been named as defendant or respondent in any court of law?
 Personally- I was sued in 1999 for a traffic accident that occurred in 1997. The case was settled prior to trial. I do not remember the Plaintiff. The case was filed in state court, in Charleston County.
 Professionally- I was named as a Defendant in a federal case in Greenville filed in 2004. The Plaintiff was ALPS, who writes attorney liability insurance. The Defendants were former employer Forquer, Green & Lattimore and partners and associates of the law firm. ALPS sued to cancel a liability policy that was in effect during a time after I left the firm. I crossed-claimed against the law firm for being forced to defend myself in the action. I reached a confidential settlement with the law firm and its partners. I was dropped as a defendant from the lawsuit, to the best of my memory, by ALPS since I would have no claim against them. I am not certain how the case came out with ALPS and the law firm.
36. 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? No
37. Are you now or have you ever been employed as a "lobbyist," as defined by S.C. Code § 2-17-10(13), or have you acted in the capacity of a "lobbyist's principal," as defined by S.C. Code § 2-17-10(14)? No
38. 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 § 2-17-10(1) from a lobbyist or lobbyist's principal? No
39. S.C. Code § 8-13-700 provides, in part, that "[n]o public official, public member, or public employee may knowingly use his official office, membership, or employment to obtain an economic interest for himself, a member of his immediate family, an individual with whom he is associated, or a business with which he is associated." Please detail any knowledge you have of any formal charges or informal allegations against you or any other candidate for violations of these provisions. None
40. S.C. Code § 8-13-765 provides, in part, that "[n]o person may use government personnel, equipment, materials, or an office building in an election campaign." Please detail any knowledge you have of any formal charges or informal allegations against you or any other candidate for violations of these provisions. None
41. 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.

February 15, 2011- Spent \$10 to get fingerprints from Dorchester Sherriff to send to SLED.

February/March 2011- estimated \$10 for postage

42. List the amount and recipient of all contributions made by you or on your behalf to members of the General Assembly since the announcement of your intent to seek election to a judgeship. None
43. 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? 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? No
44. Have you requested a friend or colleague to contact members of the General Assembly on your behalf? Are you aware of any friends or colleagues contacting members of the General Assembly on your behalf? No.
45. Have you or has anyone acting on your behalf solicited or collected funds to aid in the promotion of your candidacy? No
46. Have you or has anyone acting on your behalf contacted members of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission about your candidacy or intention to become a candidate? No
47. 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.

In the recent past, I have been a member of the Dorchester County Bar Association and the Real estate Section of the South Carolina Bar. - I do not think I am still an active member of either.

48. 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, any professional honors, awards, or other forms of recognition received and not listed elsewhere.
- (a) Kiwanis Knightsville, 2006-2008,
Treasurer, 2008;
 - (b) Kiwanis Summerville, 2007-date,
Vice-President, 2008-9
President-Elect 2009-10,
President, 2010-and currently.

49. 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.

I believe that a Plaintiff in a foreclosure should be required to produce the original note before they can proceed in a foreclosure action.

I do not believe that my lack of judicial experience should be a major factor in the decision of the Commission. I believe that my experience with issues that will come before the Equity Court are more important. This

especially includes my work in foreclosures for Plaintiffs and Defendants. Non-judges, as recently as Elena Kagan, have been seated to the US Supreme Court.

As a member of the Federalist Society in law school, my decisions will be based on my interpretation of the law as I understand it. I will not "legislate from the bench."

50. References:

- (a) Denise Orvin,
banker, National Bank of South Carolina
2701 Mall Dr.
North Charleston, SC 29406
843-529-2030
- (b) Bishop M. Bruno
pastor, Holy Family Catholic Church
Post Office Box 462
Summerville, SC 29484
843-873-9568
- (c) George Ryan
Client
505 North Gum St.
Summerville, SC 29483
1003 Island Crossing Dr.
Hanahan, SC 29406,
843-729-3324
- (d) Diana Johnson
realtor, Carolina One Real Estate
900 North Main St.
Summerville, SC 29483
843-345-6485
- (e) Sherriff L.C. Knight
Sherriff Dorchester County and fellow Kiwanis member.
212 Deming Way
Summerville, SC 29483
843-832-0300

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: William H. Sloan

Date: March 8, 2011