

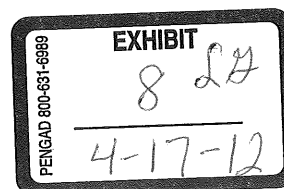
**JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION
PERSONAL DATA QUESTIONNAIRE**

Court, Position, and Seat # for which you are applying:

Georgetown County Master in Equity

1. NAME: Mr. Joe M. Crosby
BUSINESS ADDRESS: 405 Dozier Street
Georgetown, SC, 29440
TELEPHONE NUMBER: (office): 843-546-3103
2. Date of Birth: 1969
Place of Birth: Charleston, SC
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 12, 1995, to Elise Townsend Freeman.
Never divorced; three children.
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) The Citadel, 1987-91 BA;
 - (b) University of South Carolina School of Law, 1991-94, J.D.
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.
I am admitted in South Carolina only. I took and passed the Bar exam in 1994 on my first attempt.
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.
The Citadel
 - (a) Cadre-1989, 1990;
 - (b) Senior Year Officer (Academic Officer);
 - (c) 1990-91, Sailing Team member, 1987-91, Captain 1990.
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.

<u>Conference/CLE Name</u>	<u>Date(s)</u>
(a) South Carolina Judicial Conference	8/2011;
(b) Master in Equity Bench Bar	10/2011;
(c) Horry County Bar Family Court Seminar	12/2011;
(d) Master in Equity Bench Bar	10/2010;



- (e) Make up CLE for Master in Equity 10/2010;
- (f) Horry County Family Court Seminar 12/2009;
- (g) Master in Equity Bench Bar 10/2009;
- (h) Representing Volunteer Guardian ad litem 3/2008;
- (i) Master in Equity Bench Bar 10/2008;
- (j) South Carolina Judicial Conference 8/2008;
- (k) Family Court Procedural Update 10/11/07;
- (l) Tort Law Update 10/26/07;
- (m) Torts and Insurance Practice 1/28/06;
- (n) Family Law Intensive Workshop 11/2/06.

11. Have you taught law-related courses or lectured at bar association conferences, educational institutions, or continuing legal or judicial education programs?

Yes. 2006 SC Bar Convention; Children's Law Committee; Handling DSS Abuse and Neglect Cases- *Guardian ad Litem* Perspective. I spoke on a panel regarding the roles, duties, and obligations of the various parties (Judicial, *Guardian ad Litem*, Parents, Department of Social Services) in an abuse and neglect case. I spoke of the importance of qualified Guardians and the significance they have on the outcome of a case. I also spoke regarding the role of the attorney for the Guardian and the effect the attorney has on the case.

12. List all published books and articles you have written and give citations and the dates of publication for each.

The materials I prepared for the SC Bar Convention, January 26, 2006, were included as printed material.

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) SC Bar, November, 1994;
- (b) United States District Court for SC, November 1995;
- (c) Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals, June 1997;
- (d) United States Supreme Court, October 1998.

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.

After graduation I worked as a law clerk for the Honorable David H. Maring, Sr., Circuit Court Judge, 15th Judicial Circuit from 1994-1995. I was married in August 1995 and moved to Charleston to join my wife who was employed in the 9th Circuit Solicitor's Office. I worked for the Anastopoulo Law Firm in Charleston for seven months in a personal injury practice after which I moved to Smith, Cox and Associates and worked there until November 1996 in a business-focused practice. In November 1996 my wife and I

returned to Georgetown, SC. I began work as an Associate for William Stuart Duncan in a plaintiff's practice in which I was referred all Family Court cases. I continued in this capacity until 2000 when we moved the practice and we became Duncan and Crosby, P.A. In 2004 Robert Maring joined as a partner so we became Duncan, Crosby and Maring, LLC. Since 1996 my family court practice has expanded. It has changed in that the nature of the family court cases I take are more complex. However, I have appeared literally hundreds of times in the Georgetown County Family Court. Although I have been involved in federal litigation on issues ranging from the Fair Labor Standards Act to religious freedom, my main focus and practice has been family court since 1996. In 2007 my wife and I formed the Crosby Law Firm. We have been in a general practice since that time.

15. What is your rating in Martindale-Hubbell? If you are not listed in Martindale-Hubbell, state the reason why, if known. If you are currently a member of the judiciary, list your last available rating.

I do not have a rating and have never sought a rating.

22. Have you ever held judicial office?

Yes. I am the Master in Equity. My term ends in 2013. I have jurisdiction to hear all common pleas non-jury matters.

23. If the answer to question 22 is yes, describe or attach 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.

- (a) Litchfield vs. Cerasaro- Issue was drawing of Community Association setback lines on front beach.
- (b) 1st Citizens vs. McClary- issue involved cross-collateralization of loans.
- (c) BB&T vs. Lomax- issues involved motion by plaintiff to set aside sale after appeal expired.
- (d) BB&T vs. Ger issued involved a motion to set aside a sale by Debtor.
- (e) 1st Cit v. Worthy- issue involved authority of a receiver to pay rents to Debtor.

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?

I was an elected member of the Georgetown County School Board in November 2000. I served a four-year term as a member and ran for the Chairman position in 2004. I served in that capacity from November 2004 until I resigned to be Master in Equity. I was late filing a quarterly report in early 2001. The fine was \$100.00 and was paid. There have been no other late filings.

25. List all employment you have 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.

My judicial position is only part-time. Therefore, I am an employee of the Crosby Law Firm.

26. Have you ever been an unsuccessful candidate for elective, judicial, or other public office?

Yes. I ran for Family Court Judge in 2006.

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? No.

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 that 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.

Aside from the potential conflict with my current law partner, I do not have such potential conflicts.

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?

Yes, for DUI when I was 18 (1987). I paid the fine which was more than \$125.00.

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?

Yes. I have been sued by an individual I prosecuted but was never served. I have been sued as a judge by a litigant (Robert Jolly) I ruled against. Both cases were dismissed by the presiding court.

36. 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.

37. Have you ever been investigated by the Department of Social Services? Has your name ever been enrolled on the Central Registry of Child Abuse and Neglect? 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. None to date.
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.
- (a) SC Bar;
 - (b) Georgetown County Bar;
 - (c) Family Law Section, SC Bar.
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) Georgetown County School Board, Chairman;
 - (b) Winyah Indigo Society;
 - (c) Prince George Episcopal Church.
49. Provide any other information which 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.
50. References:
- (a) Helen Hodges, Esq.
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 - (b) Ernest Jarrett
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Kingstree, SC, 29556
Phone Number- (843) 355-2000
 - (c) Bank of America
1306 Highmarket Street
Georgetown, SC 29440
Phone Number- (843) 546-8000.
 - (d) John Prosser
P.O. Box 779
Johnsonville, SC 29555
(843)386-2825
 - (e) Harold Mathisen
172 North Shelmore
Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464,
Phone Number- (843) 577-5859.

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: Joe Crosby

Date: March 2, 2012