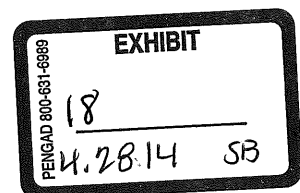


**JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION  
PERSONAL DATA QUESTIONNAIRE**

Court, Position, and Seat # for which you are applying:  
Circuit Court, Sixteenth Circuit, Seat 2

1. NAME: Mr. Daniel Dewitt Hall  
BUSINESS ADDRESS: Moss Justice Center  
1675-1E York Highway  
York, SC 29745  
TELEPHONE NUMBER: (office): 803-818-5852
2. Date of Birth: 1954  
Place of Birth: York, SC
3. Are you a citizen of SC? Yes  
Have you been a resident of this state for at least the immediate past five years?  
Yes.
5. Family Status: Married on February 26, 1977, to Cathleen McCreight Hall. Never divorced.  
Four 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) Clemson University 1972-76 BS Animal Science;  
(b) Campbell University School of Law 1985-88 JD.
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.  
(a) SC - 1988;  
(b) NC - 1988.
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.  
(a) Clemson University Animal Science Club  
1972-76 President, Treasurer;  
(b) Campbell University School of Law  
Christian Legal Society 1985-88 President, Vice-President  
National Trial Team - Spring 1988  
Member Law School Dean Search Committee – Spring 1988.
10. Describe your continuing legal or judicial education during the past five years.

<u>Conference/CLE Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
(a) 2013 SC Public Defender's Conference	September 23-25, 2013;
(b) 2012 SC Public Defender's Conference	September 24-26, 2012;
(c) 2011 SC Public Defender's Conference	September 26-28, 2011;
(d) 2010 Annual Solicitor's Association Conference	September 27-29, 2010;



- (e) 2009 Annual Solicitor's Association Conference September 27-30, 2009.
11. Have you taught law-related courses or lectured at bar association conferences, educational institutions, or continuing legal or judicial education programs?  
None.
12. List all published books and articles you have written and give citations and the dates of publication for each.  
Clergy Confidentiality: A Time to Speak and a Time to Be Silent, by Lynn Buzzard and Dan Hall, 1988 Christian Management Association.
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 State Courts-November 16, 1988;  
(b) NC State Courts-August 19, 1988.
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) Sixteenth Judicial Circuit Solicitor's Office Assistant Solicitor, 1988-90  
(b) Sole Practitioner 1991-99;  
(c) General practice with focus on personal injury, worker's compensation and criminal defense;  
(d) Sixteenth Judicial Circuit Solicitor's Office Assistant Solicitor, 1999 - June, 2011;  
(e) Sixteenth Judicial Circuit Public Defender's Office Assistant Public Defender, June 2011 to present.

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, whether you represent plaintiffs or 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 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.

I am currently an Assistant Public Defender and represent indigent defendants in General Sessions court. I was an Assistant Solicitor from 1999-2011. I have prosecuted and defended most every type of General Sessions criminal cases. I have no experience in civil matters in the past five years. I was in private practice from 1991-99 and had a limited experience in the court of common pleas. My practice included criminal defense, personal injury, probate and some limited litigation in common pleas. I took and passed the NC and SC Bar exams during the same week in 1988. I believe that I have the intellectual ability to quickly develop the necessary skills to preside in common pleas court.

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.?  
None.
16. What was the frequency of your court appearances during the past five years?  
(a) federal: 0%;  
(b) state: 100%.
17. What percentage of your practice involved civil, criminal, and domestic matters during the past five years?  
(a) civil: 0%.  
(b) criminal: 100%.  
(c) domestic: 0%.  
(d) other 0%.
18. What percentage of your practice in trial court during the past five years involved matters that went to a jury, including those that settled prior to trial?  
(a) jury: 10%;  
(b) non-jury: 90%.  
Did you most often serve as sole counsel, chief counsel, or associate counsel in these matters?  
Sole counsel
19. List five of the most significant litigated matters that 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.  
(a) State v. Bobby Hawkesworth 2013 GS 46 4160  
Represented defendant charged with Armed Robbery and Use of Weapon During Violent Crime. This was a two-day jury trial in which defendant was found not guilty;  
(b) State v. Russell Holley 2002 GS 46 0698  
Murder trial in which boyfriend stabbed girlfriend to death in a rage of domestic violence. Defendant was sentence to life without parole;  
(c) State v. Aaron Williams 2003 GS 46 2745  
Burglary First Degree trial in which a seventy year old widow's home was invaded while she was alone. Victim was physically attacked. Defendant was sentence to a thirty year prison sentence;  
(d) State v. Edward Miller 2003 GS 46 0557  
Defendant was charged with murder. The case was trued billed by the grand jury. In preparing for trial and investigating this case evidence was discovered absolving this defendant of the murder. The defendant had been wrongfully charged. I dismissed this case;  
(e) State v. Penny Sue Price 1994 GS 46 2784  
I defended at trial an indigent, mentally handicapped defendant charged with threatening public housing officials. The defendant was found not guilty at trial.
20. List up to five civil appeals you have personally handled.  
None.
21. List up to five criminal appeals that you have personally handled.  
None.

22. 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.
- Yes. Municipal Judge – City of York, SC – appointed by York City Council. January, 1993–May, 1999. Signed criminal warrants, set bonds and held preliminary hearings for General Sessions criminal matters occurring in the city limits. Presided over plea court, bench trials and jury trials for criminal or traffic charges in the City of York in which the statutory penalty was no greater than 30 days in jail or the fine was not more than \$200.
23. If the answer to question 22 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.
- None.
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?
- Never held public office.
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.
- Self employed attorney – sole practitioner 1991-99. My position as York Municipal Judge required 8-10 hours per week of municipal court duties in addition to my private practice.
26. Have you ever been an unsuccessful candidate for elective, judicial, or other public office?
- Republican Primary candidate for Solicitor, Sixteenth Judicial Circuit, June, 1996;
  - Candidate for Judge, Sixteenth Judicial Circuit Family Court, 1998, withdrew;
  - Candidate for Judge, Circuit Court At-Large, Seat 9, March, 2006  
Qualified but not nominated;
  - Candidate for Judge, Circuit Court At-Large, Seat 6, January, 2009  
Qualified and nominated, withdrew prior to February election;
  - Candidate for Judge, Circuit Court At-Large, Seat 8, January, 2010  
Qualified but not nominated;
  - Candidate for Judge, Circuit Court At-Large, Seat 9, January, 2011  
Qualified and nominated, withdrew prior to February election;
  - Candidate for Judge, Circuit Court At-Large, Seat 16, January, 2012  
Qualified and nominated, withdrew prior to February election.
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?
- Goodson Farms, Inc. – Turkey, NC, 1976-78, Cattle Manager;
  - Farmer’s Meat Center – York, SC, 1978-83, Meat business, supervisor;
  - York County Credit Bureau, Inc. – York, SC, 1983-85, Owner and Manager.
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.  
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?  
Yes, Hunting Deer over Bait. October 13, 2006. Found guilty at bench trial paid court costs.
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?  
Yes, during my employment as York Municipal Judge, I was a named defendant in a federal lawsuit filed by a disgruntled criminal defendant. He named every elected official and judge in York County in the lawsuit.
36. 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.
37. If you are in private practice, are you covered by malpractice insurance and, if so, how long have you carried malpractice insurance?  
Not Applicable.
38. Are you active on or a member of a social media or Internet site or have you, to your knowledge, been featured or depicted on a social media or Internet site, such as, Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, etc.?  
Video of being attacked by a client in General Sessions court October 2, 2012, was widely circulated over many internet sites. I am not a member of any social media or internet sites.
39. 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.
40. 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.
41. 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.

42. 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.

43. 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.

44. 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.

45. 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.

46. Have you requested a friend or colleague to contact members of the General Assembly on your behalf?

No.

47. Have you or has anyone acting on your behalf solicited or collected funds to aid in the promotion of your candidacy?

No.

48. 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.

49. 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) York County Bar Association-Treasurer, 1992;

(b) SC Bar Association;

(c) NC Bar.

50. 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) Filbert Presbyterian Church-Clerk of Session;

(b) York County Beekeepers Association;

(c) National Cutting Horse Association.

51. 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.

Having grown up in a rural environment learning farm work and land surveying from my father, I continued to do farm work, textile mill work and land surveying through high school and college. Prior to attending law school, I managed a cattle operation, worked in a meat processing business and operated a local credit reporting and collection business. In these years, I married my wife of now thirty-seven years and we had three small children. Having read and seen the need for attorneys with integrity to fill the ranks of our justice system, I then made the decision to attend law school. I began law school as a thirty year old father to three small children and my wife and I had our fourth child during the law school years. I took and passed the SC and North Carolina bar exams in July, 1988.

Since my time as a lawyer, my family has now grown to four married children, their spouses and ten grandchildren. I have deeply enjoyed my work as a public servant as a private attorney, municipal judge and an assistant solicitor in the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit Solicitor's office.

My life experiences give me a deep understanding and appreciation for people from all walks of life. I have been privileged to work with men and women from a broad variety of social and economic backgrounds. The courtrooms of this state belong to such people, and circuit court judges serve those as well the professionals that conduct the business of the courts. I believe I am prepared and have the ability to serve as a circuit court judge with both common sense and experienced knowledge of the law. My commitment to justice and serving the common man has well suited me to be a circuit court judge. I would be honored to serve.

52. References:

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT MY ANSWERS ARE TRUE AND COMPLETE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

Signature: Daniel D. Hall  
Date: February 18, 2014