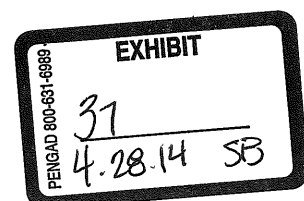


JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION
Sworn Statement to be included in Transcript of Public Hearings

**Master-in-Equity
(New Candidate)**

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1. Do you plan to serve your full term if appointed?
Yes
2. If appointed, do you have any plans to return to private practice one day?
No
3. Have you met the Constitutional requirements for this position regarding age, residence, and years of practice?
Yes
4. What is your philosophy regarding ex parte communications? Are there circumstances under which you could envision ex parte communications being tolerated?
Only under extreme emergency situations as allowed by the rules or for scheduling purposes only.
5. What is your philosophy on recusal, especially in situations in which lawyer-legislators, former associates, or law partners are to appear before you?
As to former associates or law partner I would notify all parties and offer to recuse myself. As to Lawyer-Legislators that would be a case by case basis.
6. If you disclosed something that had the appearance of bias, but you believed it would not actually prejudice your impartiality, what deference would you give a party that requested your recusal? Would you grant such a motion?
I would likely grant such Motion to avoid the appearance of any impropriety.
7. What standards have you set for yourself regarding the acceptance of gifts or social hospitality?
I would endeavor to not intentionally accept any gifts or social hospitality from persons or entities that would likely or even possibly appear before me.
8. How would you handle a situation in which you became aware of misconduct of a lawyer or of a fellow judge?
Depending on the severity of the misconduct, I would personally approach the offending person and notify Court Administration, if necessary.



9. Are you affiliated with any political parties, boards or commissions that would need to be evaluated if you are appointed?
No
10. Have you engaged in any fund-raising activities with any political, social, community, or religious organizations?
I am currently involved in a fund raising effort for the ARK and the Alzheimer's Association.
11. If appointed, how would you handle the drafting of orders?
Routine matters, I would prepare the Orders. In complicated matters wherein both parties are represented, I would provide general instructions to the prevailing party advising them to prepare a draft Order with copies to the adverse party. Thereafter, I would finalize the Order myself.
12. If appointed, what method would you use to ensure that you and your staff meet deadlines?
Establish and monitor computer and paper calendaring systems.
13. What is your philosophy on "judicial activism," and what effect should judges have in setting or promoting public policy?
I feel my role is to enforce the existing laws fairly, efficiently and in an unbiased manner. It would not be my role to create law or to promote or create public policy from the Bench.
14. Canon 4 allows a judge to engage in activities to improve the law, legal system, and administration of justice. What activities do you plan to undertake to further this improvement of the legal system?
Legal education by speaking at seminars and teaching to lay persons and the Bar.
15. Do you feel that the pressure of serving as a judge will strain personal relationships (i.e. spouse, children, friends, or relatives)? How would you plan to address this?
I do not anticipate that my service would strain any personal relationships.
16. Are you involved in any active investments from which you derive additional income that might impair your appearance of impartiality?
No.
17. Would you hear a case where you or a member of your family held a de minimis financial interest in a party involved?
No.
18. Do you belong to any organizations that discriminate based on race, religion, or gender?
No.
19. Have you met the mandatory minimum hours requirement for continuing legal education courses?
Yes.
20. What do you feel is the appropriate demeanor for a judge?
Courteous, calm and attentive.

21. Do the rules that you expressed in your previous answer apply only while you are on the bench or in chambers, or do these rules apply seven days a week, twenty-four hours a day?
Twenty-four (24) hours a day, Seven (7) days a week
22. Do you feel that it is ever appropriate to be angry with a member of the public appearing before you? Is anger ever appropriate in dealing with attorneys or a pro se litigant?
I cannot image a situation where it would be appropriate to express anger at an attorney, litigant or pro se litigant.
23. How much money have you spent on your campaign? If the amount is over \$100, has that been reported to the House and Senate Ethics Committees?
None.
24. If you are a sitting judge, have you used judicial letterhead or the services of your staff while campaigning for this office?
No.
25. Have you sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to this date?
No.
26. Have you sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by any legislator pending the outcome of your screening?
No.
27. Have you asked any third parties to contact members of the General Assembly on your behalf before the final and formal screening report has been released? Are you aware of any friends or colleagues contacting members of the General Assembly on your behalf?
No.
28. Have you contacted any members of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission?
No.
29. Are you familiar with the 48-hour rule, which prohibits a candidate from seeking pledges for 48 hours after the draft report has been submitted?
Yes.

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

s/Dale E. Van Slambrook

Sworn to before me this 17th day of March, 2014.

Paul L. Blodge

Notary Public for S.C.

My Commission Expires: 7/29/2019