



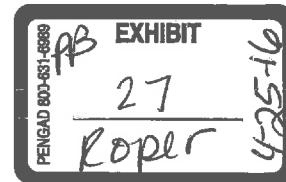
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RE: Amendment to Personal Data Questionnaire

Dear Ms. Brogdon:

Please accept the following as an amendment to my answer to question #35 on the Judicial Merit Selection Commission Personal Data Questionnaire submitted on March 3, 2016:

35. **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? If so, give details, including, but not limited to, dates and resolution.**

In 2002, I was named as a defendant in the matter of Jimmy G. Blakely v. Elizabeth G. Patterson, Ms. Faith Lee, Ms. Tunishia Gary, Ms. Jane E. Stewart, Ms. Karen Roper, Ms. Kimberly Pryor, Ms. Carolyn R. Nicholson, Ms. Gayle Cromer, Co-Conspirator, Kimberly T. Sullivan and the Administrator of Pelham Road Elementary School, case number 2002-CP-23-00451. This action was filed in the Greenville County Court of Common Pleas by an SCDC inmate, seeking damages under various allegations of libel, slander, false imprisonment, violation of due process, destruction of a family unit, and physical and mental cruelty, as a result of a DSS case involving his children. Mr. Blakely filed this action against me in my capacity as attorney with Greenville County DSS, as well as several other employees of Greenville County DSS and the state director of DSS at the time. This action was never served upon me, and I did not have knowledge of this lawsuit until informed of its existence as a result of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission background check. This case was dismissed by Judge Edward Miller on December 30, 2003, whereupon Mr. Blakely filed an appeal, which was subsequently dismissed by the South Carolina Court of Appeals on April 1, 2004.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Karen S. Roper