

JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION
PERSONAL DATA QUESTIONNAIRE



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

1. Name: The Honorable Donald Wayne Beatty

Name that you are known by if different from above
(Example: A Nickname): Don

Are you currently serving in some capacity as a judge? Yes, Associate Justice,
Supreme Court
(Includes Municipal, Magistrate, Etc.)

Home Address: [REDACTED]

Business Address: 180 Magnolia Street, Spartanburg, South Carolina 29306

E-Mail Address: [REDACTED]

Telephone Number: (home): [REDACTED]
(office): (864) 596-3450

2. Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 1952
Place of Birth: Spartanburg, South Carolina
Social Security Number: [REDACTED]

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.

4. SCDL# or SCHD#: [REDACTED]
Voter Registration Number: [REDACTED]

5. Family Status: Married on February 23, 1985 to Angela Chestnut Beatty.
Divorced on September 14, 1981, Richland County, S.C. Family Court, Wanda H. Beatty
was the moving party, One Year's Continuous Separation.
Three children.

[REDACTED]

6. Have you served in the military? If so, give the dates, branch of service, highest rank
attained, serial number, present status, and the character of your discharge or release.

I served in the United States Army from 1974 to 1976. [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED]. My highest rank was Second Lieutenant, and I was honorably discharged. I also served in the Army Reserves from 1976 to 1981. My highest rank was Captain, and I was honorably discharged.

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) 1976 – 1979 University of South Carolina School of Law; J.D., 1979
 - (b) 1970 – 1974 South Carolina State University; B.A. (cum laude), 1974

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) South Carolina, 1979

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) While attending college, I was a tutor for children of migrant workers.

10. Describe your continuing legal or judicial education during the past five years.

I have attended numerous judicial education symposiums, conventions and seminars including the following:

<u>Conference/CLE Name</u>	<u>Date(s)</u>
(a) South Carolina Bar Convention	01/19/11;
(b) Judicial Symposium on Civil Judicial Issues	03/28/11;
(c) “J. Waites Waring and the Dissent”	05/19/11;
(d) “The Jury Trial Implosion: The Decline of Trial By Jury and its Significance for Appellate Courts”	07/09/11;
(e) “Applied Science and the Law: 21st Century Technology in the Court”	07/14/11;
(f) National Bar Association 86th Annual Convention	07/28/11;
(g) Annual Judicial Conference	08/17/11;
(h) Southern Region High Court Conference	09/15/11;
(i) South Carolina Bar Convention	01/19/12;
(j) “Research Fundamentals”	07/11/12;
(k) “Class Actions and Aggregate”	07/13/12;

(l)	“Current Issues in the Law”	08/12/12;
(m)	Annual Judicial Conference	08/22/12;
(n)	South Carolina Defense Trial Attorneys Association Annual Meeting	11/08/12;
(o)	“The War on the Judiciary: Can Independent Judging Survive?”	07/20/13;
(p)	South Carolina Association for Justice Annual Convention	08/01/13;
(q)	Annual Judicial Conference	08/21/13;
(r)	South Carolina Bar Convention	01/24/14;
(s)	National Foundation for Judicial Excellence Annual Judicial Symposium	07/18/14;
(t)	“Forced Arbitration and the Fate of the 7th Amendment: The Core of America’s Legal System at Stake?”	07/26/14;
(u)	South Carolina Association for Justice Annual Convention	08/07/14;
(v)	Annual Judicial Conference	08/20/14;
(w)	South Carolina Bar Convention	01/22/15;
(x)	“Judicial Transparency and the Rule of Law”	07/11/15;
(y)	“Judicial Analysis of Unclear, Incomplete, or Obsolete Statutes”	07/17/15;
(z)	Annual Judicial Conference	08/20/15;
(aa)	“Economics and Law of Public Pension Reform”	10/04/15;
(bb)	Appellate Judges Educational Institute 2015 Summit	11/12/15;
(cc)	South Carolina Bar Bridge the Gap	01/04/16;
(dd)	South Carolina Bar Convention	01/21/16.

11. Have you taught law-related courses or lectured at bar association conferences, educational institutions, or continuing legal or judicial education programs? If so, briefly describe each course or lecture.

- (a) In 1994, as an adjunct professor at Limestone College in Gaffney, South Carolina, I taught Business Law.
- (b) On April 19, 2006, I was the discussion-group facilitator during the South Carolina Conference on Justice for Children, sponsored by the South Carolina Children’s Law Center at the University of South Carolina and the South Carolina Supreme Court. The focus was on the perceived problems facing children in South Carolina and potential solutions.
- (c) From 2007 to 2014, I was involved with the “National Center for State Courts’ Justice Case Files” with the National Center for State Courts. As part of this program, I made presentations about the judicial process to youth groups in South Carolina.
- (d) I was a presenter at the 2008 University of South Carolina Black Law Students Association Conference. The seminar focused on South Carolina criminal and civil law updates.
- (e) I was a presenter at the Charleston School of Law 2008 Appellate Practice and Ethics Continuing Legal Education seminar. The seminar focused on issues involving appellate review and attorney discipline.
- (f) I was a presenter at the 2008 Spartanburg County Bar Association’s Appellate Practice Continuing Legal Education seminar. The seminar focused on issues involving appellate review.

- (g) On November 29, 2008, I was a moderator during the National Bar Association's Ethics Judicial Panel. I moderated a panel discussion on ethics.
- (h) On January 15, 2009, I was a panelist at the University of South Carolina Black Law Students Association's Martin Luther King, Jr. Annual Legal Symposium. I participated in a discussion about Martin Luther King.
- (i) On September 18, 2009, I was a panelist during the American Board of Trial Attorneys James Otis Lecture Series. I participated in a panel discussion about the United States Constitution.
- (j) On February 12, 2010, I was a panelist at the Greenville County Bar Association's Year-End CLE. I participated in the discussion on diversity in the legal profession in South Carolina.
- (k) On March 28, 2013, I spoke to the University of South Carolina Black Law Students Association.
- (l) On September 23, 2013, I delivered a presentation on the "Power of the Solicitor," at the South Carolina Solicitor's Association Conference.
- (m) On September 25, 2013, I spoke at the South Carolina Association of Clerks of Courts and Registers of Deeds Fall Conference.
- (n) On September 27, 2013, I spoke at the Jonathan Jasper Wright Marker Unveiling. I was one of multiple speakers who were assigned to speak on a different segment of Justice Wright's life.
- (o) On September 29, 2013, I gave a presentation on the topic of election law, section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 at the South Carolina Black Lawyers Association Annual Retreat.
- (p) On January 4, 2016, as a panelist at the South Carolina Bar "Bridge the Gap" Continuing Legal Education Seminar, I participated in a discussion regarding appellate procedure.
- (q) On January 29, 2016, as a panelist at the Legal Services Corporation Board Meeting, I participated in a discussion regarding the Access to Justice Commission.

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

None.

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) South Carolina, 1979;
- (b) United States District Court for the District of SC, 1987.

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) From 1979 to 1981, I worked with the Neighborhood Legal Assistance Program (NLAP). The work at NLAP was exclusively civil. I gained experience in family law, social security, landlord tenant, and public benefits. I appeared in court on a weekly basis.

My private practice primarily consisted of family law, criminal defense, and personal injury law. I was also on retainer for several businesses for which I drafted and negotiated contracts, provided litigation defense, and performed regulatory work on an as-needed basis. During the last ten years of my practice, I concentrated on personal injury cases and family law. I still maintained my professional relationship with my business clients.

- (b) 1981 – 1989
Beatty Law Firm (now defunct)
Spartanburg, South Carolina
Solo Practitioner
- (c) 1989 – 1990
Beatty, Vick and Tullis (now defunct)
Spartanburg, South Carolina
Partner
- (d) 1990 – 1995
Beatty Law Firm (now defunct)
Spartanburg, South Carolina
Solo Practitioner
- (e) 1995 – 2003
Circuit Court Judge, Seventh Judicial Circuit
- (f) 2003 – 2007
Judge, South Carolina Court of Appeals
- (g) 2007 – Present
Associate Justice, South Carolina Supreme Court

15. Please answer the following (if you are a judge and are not seeking a different type of judgeship, this question is inapplicable):

- (a) If you are a candidate for Family Court, please provide a brief written description of your experience within each of the following Family Court practice areas: divorce and equitable division of property, child custody, adoption, abuse and neglect, and juvenile justice. Include information about cases you have handled in each of these practice areas, or if you have not practiced in an area, describe how your background has prepared you to preside over such matters as a Family Court Judge.

- (b) 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.
- (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.
- (d) If you are a candidate for Administrative Law Judge, please provide a brief written description of your experience before an Administrative Law Judge, including any issues discussed and the frequency of your appearances before the Administrative Law Judge Court.

16. 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 not aware of having a rating with any of these organizations; however, I have received The American Bar Association's highest rating, "unanimously well qualified."

*** Retired justices/judges and justices/judges applying for reelection to their current position may omit Questions 17–22. If a candidate is seeking a judgeship different than his or her current position, Questions 17-22 should be answered based on experience prior to serving on the bench.**

17. What was the frequency of your court appearances during the past five years?

The percentages provided are reflective of court appearances prior to my service on the bench.

- (a) federal: 0%
- (b) state: 100%

18. What percentage of your practice involved civil, criminal, domestic, and other matters during the past five years?

- (a) civil: 60%
- (b) criminal: 10 %
- (c) domestic: 30%
- (d) other:

19. 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: 20%
- (b) non-jury: 80%

Did you most often serve as sole counsel, chief counsel, or associate counsel in these matters?

Chief Counsel.

20. 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.

Since May 1995, I have not practiced law as I have served as a Circuit Court judge, a judge with the South Carolina Court of Appeals and currently as an associate justice on the South Carolina Supreme Court. I closed my law firm in 1995, and after seven years all records were destroyed as is the practice in South Carolina. Given this significant lapse of time and the lack of readily available records regarding matters that I personally litigated, I have listed four of the most significant cases that I can recall. I do not recall the dates of these cases or who the attorneys were that represented the State. It has been more than 20 years since these cases were litigated and there has been tremendous personnel turnover in the solicitors' offices.

- (a) State v. Bates. In the Court of General Sessions for Union County, South Carolina, I represented a mentally challenged man who was indicted for multiple drug offenses stemming from an accusation that he was the leader of a drug-dealing ring. After a lengthy trial, a jury acquitted the defendant of all indicted offenses.
- (b) State v. Cunningham. In the Court of General Sessions for Spartanburg County, South Carolina, I represented a defendant who was indicted for the armed robbery of a motel. The judge granted my challenge to the line-up identification as being tainted by the investigating detective and excluded that evidence. The jury acquitted the defendant of the indicted offense.

- (c) State v. Frazier. In the Court of General Sessions for Spartanburg County, South Carolina, I represented a defendant who was indicted with a co-defendant in a drug-trafficking case. My client was implicated in the case when he unknowingly interacted with a family involved in drug activities. My motion for severance of the trial was granted and the defendant was ultimately acquitted.
 - (d) Harris v. Pentex. Before the South Carolina Worker's Compensation Commission, I represented a claimant who had been persuaded by his employer not to file a worker's compensation claim. The employer, in turn, moved to have the claim barred by the applicable statute of limitations. I was able to successfully challenge that motion and procure benefits for the claimant.
21. 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.
- (a) None.
 - (b)
 - (c)
 - (d)
 - (e)
22. 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.
- (a) None.
 - (b)
 - (c)
 - (d)
 - (e)
23. 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.

- (a) May 2007 to present, Associate Justice, South Carolina Supreme Court. I was elected by the South Carolina General Assembly. The Supreme Court has both original and appellate jurisdiction. In general, the Supreme Court acts only in its appellate capacity, which includes cases on certiorari from the Court of Appeals and seven classes of appeals directly from the Circuit Court and the Family Court. The Supreme Court also has rulemaking authority for the unified judicial system, including ethics regulations for judges and controlling the admission to and disciplining of the South Carolina Bar.
- (b) May 2003 to May 2007, I served as a judge on the South Carolina Court of Appeals after being elected by the South Carolina General Assembly. The Court of Appeals hears most appeals from the Circuit Court and the Family Court except when the

appeal has been certified for determination by the Supreme Court or if the appeal falls within any of the seven classes directly appealed to the Supreme Court.

- (c) May 1995 to April 2003, I served on the South Carolina Seventh Judicial Circuit Court after being elected by the South Carolina General Assembly. The Circuit Court is the State's court of general jurisdiction. As a circuit court judge, I presided over cases in civil court and criminal court. The Circuit Court also has limited appellate jurisdiction over appeals from the Probate Court, Magistrate's Court, and Municipal Court.
24. If the answer to question 23 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.
- (a) McHam v. State, 404 S.C. 465, 746 S.E.2d 41 (2013);
- (b) Limehouse v. Hulsey, 404 S.C. 93, 744 S.E.2d 566 (2013);
- (c) Wilson v. Dallas, 403 S.C. 411, 743 S.E.2d 746 (2013);
- (d) Bell et al. v. S.C. Dep't of Corrs., 397 S.C. 320, 724 S.E.2d 675 (2012);
- (e) State v. Green, 397 S.C. 268, 724 S.E.2d 664 (2012).
25. 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? If so, give details, including dates.
- (a) 1991 – 1995: I served three two-year terms as an elected member of the South Carolina General Assembly for District 31. Reports were timely filed.
- (b) 1988 – 1991: I served two two-year terms as an elected member of City Council for District 5 of the City of Spartanburg, South Carolina. Reports were timely filed.
26. 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.
- None.
27. Have you ever been an unsuccessful candidate for elective, judicial, or other public office? If so, give details, including dates.
- No.
28. 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? If so, give

details, including a description of your occupation, business, or profession, the dates of your employment, and the name of your business or employer.

From 1974 to 1976, I was an active duty officer in the United States Army. My duties included personnel management and administration. From 1976 to 1981, I was an officer in the Army Reserves.

29. Are you now an officer or director or involved in the management of any business enterprise? Explain the nature of the business, your duties, and the term of your service.

No.

30. Provide, **as a separate attachment**, a complete, current financial net worth statement that itemizes in detail:

- (a) the identity and value of all financial assets held, directly or indirectly, including, but not limited to, bank accounts, real estate, securities, trusts, investments, and other financial holdings; and
- (b) the identity and amount of each liability owed, directly or indirectly, which is in excess of \$1,000, including, but not limited to, debts, mortgages, loans, and other financial obligations.

See attached.

(Your response to this question may state “see attached”).

(A net worth statement is provided with this questionnaire and you must use this format for submission of your financial statement.)

NOTE: The Commission may require written confirmation that financial obligations have been satisfied or that the parties have agreed upon a payment schedule.

31. 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.

I own a small amount of stock in Duke Energy, Spectra Energy, BB&T Bank, First South Bank, and Duff and Phelps. I recuse in cases involving these companies.

32. 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? If so, give details but do not include traffic violations for which a fine of \$125 or less was imposed.



33. Have you, to your knowledge, ever been under federal, state, or local investigation for possible violation of a criminal statute? If yes, explain.

No.

34. 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? If so, give details.

Approximately 21 years ago, I had four tax liens filed against me related to my South Carolina taxes. The amounts ranged between \$57.39 and \$1,759.67. The great majority of the amounts due were penalty and interest. The liens resulted from disputed adjustments made to my tax returns. Each of the liens was satisfied more than 20 years ago. South Carolina law requires that the liens be extinguished upon satisfaction. The liens were extinguished. I have never defaulted on a student loan nor have I ever filed bankruptcy.

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.

Yes.

- (a) Security Federal Credit Union v. Beatty, et al., Case No. 83-CP-42-1021, Court of Common Pleas, Spartanburg, South Carolina. This case was initially filed in Bexar County, Texas and a default judgment was granted against my brothers and me. Efforts were made to collect the judgment in South Carolina. The case involved a loan that my brother obtained from Security Federal Credit Union. Another brother and I initially agreed to co-sign the loan, but I changed my mind. One of my brothers signed my name on the loan documents. The loan went into default. The case was settled and dismissed on February 29, 1984.
- (b) Citizen & Southern National Bank v. Willie Ellis, Glenn Moose d/b/a Southern Realty & Auction Co., Donald Beatty, Mattox Investment, Inc., Case No. 1986-CP-42-91, Court of Common Pleas, Spartanburg County, South Carolina. This case involved a subrogation claim by the bank as a result of the bank's disregard of a stop payment order on a check that I wrote. I hired Willie Ellis to replace the roofs and other carpentry work on property that I owned. Our agreement was that I would buy the materials, so I gave Mr. Ellis my check in the amount of \$9,000.00 for materials. A friend and co-worker of Mr. Ellis informed me that Mr. Ellis intended to divert my money to use as a down payment to purchase real estate. I immediately stopped payment on the check. Mr. Ellis gave the check to Mr. Moose who in turn cashed it at the bank. The bank paid the check notwithstanding the timely stop payment order. The bank attempted to recover its money by claiming a right to subrogate.

Subsequently, the bank abandoned its claim against me and settled with the other defendants.

- (c) Citibank v. Beatty, Case No. 1982-TR-4200327, Court of Common Pleas, Spartanburg County, South Carolina. This case involved the collection of a credit card debt. When my first wife and I separated and divorced, my wife kept the credit card. At some point, the account went into default and precipitated this suit. I do not recall being served with the complaint in this action; however, I paid the debt as soon as I was made aware of the judgment.
- (d) Wanda H. Beatty v. Donald W. Beatty, #127827, Family Court, Richland County, South Carolina. This was a divorce action. The divorce was granted on the grounds that we had been separated for more than one year.

36. Have you ever, in South Carolina or any other jurisdiction, as a lawyer, judge, or other professional, been sanctioned or disciplined for lawyer, judicial, or other professional misconduct or has any jurisdiction found that you committed any misconduct? If so, give the details and describe any final disposition.



37. 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? If so, give the details.

No.

38. If you are in private practice, are you covered by malpractice insurance and, if so, how long have you carried malpractice insurance? If applicable, have you ever been covered by a tail policy? If so, please explain when you were covered by a tail policy. Also, if applicable, indicate your coverage and deductible for your current malpractice policy.

N/A

39. 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.? If so, how would your use of social media or other similar types of Internet sites be affected if you were serving in a judicial capacity?

I have never been active on a social media site; however, I do have a LinkedIn account that I do not use. I believe the better practice is to refrain from the use of social media.

40. 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)? If so, give the dates of your employment or activity in such capacity and specify by whom you were directed or employed.

No.

41. 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? If so, please specify the item or items you received, the date of receipt, and the lobbyist or lobbyist's principal involved.

No.

42. 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. Include the disposition, if any, of such charges or allegations.

None.

43. 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. Include the disposition, if any, of such charges or allegations.

None.

44. 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.

\$10.00 for postage, 02/26/2016.

45. 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.

46. 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? If so, give details.

Note: Attached are (1) Section 2-19-70(c); (2) JMSC Rule 24, and (3) informal opinions and letters concerning pledging prohibitions, with which third parties acting on your behalf, as well as you, must comply.

No.

47. Have you requested a friend or colleague to contact members of the General Assembly on your behalf? If so, give details. Are you aware of any friends or colleagues contacting members of the General Assembly on your behalf? If so, give details.

No.

48. Have you or has anyone acting on your behalf solicited or collected funds to aid in the promotion of your candidacy? If so, please specify the amount, solicitor, donor, and date of the solicitation.

No.

49. 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.

50. 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) American Bar Association (2010 – Present)
- (b) American Law Institute (2015-Present)
- (c) South Carolina Bar Association (1979 – Present)
- (d) South Carolina Black Lawyers Association (1983 – Present)
- (e) South Carolina Commission on Continuing Legal Education (June 2014 – Present)
Appellate Court Member
- (f) South Carolina General Sessions Docket Management Study Committee (January 2014 – Present)
Chairperson
- (g) South Carolina Sentencing Reform Commission (2010 – Present)
Workgroup 1
- (h) Task Force on Access to Public Information (2008 – Present)

51. 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) Mount Moriah Baptist Church (2000 – 2012)
Trustee
- (b) Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated (1971 – Present)
Chapter President (1990)
- (c) Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated (2008 – Present)
- (d) South Carolina Association for Justice Portrait Award (2013)
- (e) South Carolina Black Lawyers Association’s Matthew J. Perry Award for
Community Service (2013)
- (f) South Carolina State University Stellar Alumni Award (2012)
- (g) Seventh Circuit Solicitors’ Service Award (2010)
- (h) Urban League of the Upstate Humanitarian Award (2009)
- (i) National Bar Association Superior Achievement Award (2008)
- (j) Spartanburg County Bar Association Portrait Award (2008)
- (k) Benedict College Profile in Leadership Award (2007)
- (l) NAACP Living Legend Award (2007)
- (m) Honorary Doctor of Laws, South Carolina State University (2007)
- (n) City of Spartanburg Achievement Award (2007)
- (o) Epsilon Nu Chapter, Omega Psi Phi Man of the Year Award (2006)
- (p) South Carolina Business Network Vision Award (1996)
- (q) Spartanburg Progressive Men’s Club Community Service Award (1996)

52. 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. This information may include how your life experiences have affected or influenced the kind or type of judge you have been or plan to be.

None.

53. List the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of five (5) persons, including your banker, from whom you are providing references. Also, provide the Commission with **original letters** of recommendation from each person listed herein, including their signature (preferably in blue ink). **The Commission will not accept a photocopy or electronic submission of a letter of recommendation and failure to include all five (5) original letters of recommendation in your packet when you submit it will render your packet incomplete.** Please **do not** have references mail your reference letters to the Commission directly.

- (a) Pat Knie; PO Box 5159, Spartanburg, South Carolina 29304; (864) 582-5118
- (b) Albert Smith; PO Box 5866, Spartanburg, South Carolina 29304; (864) 585-8174
- (c) Gary Poliakoff; PO Box 1571, Spartanburg, South Carolina 29304; (864) 582-5472
- (d) Larry Smith; PO Box 192, Columbia, South Carolina 29202; (803) 576-2139

(e) Anita Griffin; BB&T Bank, 380 East Main Street, Spartanburg, South Carolina 29306; (864) 341-8700

54. Describe any interest you or a member of your immediate family has in real property:
- (a) in which there is a potential conflict of interest with your involvement in a South Carolina state or local public agency;
 - (b) in which there have been public improvements of \$200 or that adjoins property in which there have been public improvements of \$200; or
 - (c) which was sold, leased, or rented to a state or local public agency in South Carolina.

None.

List the interest you hold and the value and location of the property. Identify as applicable the:

- (a) nature of any potential conflict of interest;
- (b) nature and value of any public improvements; and
- (c) South Carolina state or local public agency which purchased or is leasing or renting such property.

Attach a copy of any contract or agreement.

55. Identify any personal property interest you or a member of your immediate family sold, leased, or rented to a South Carolina state or local public agency. Identify the property, its amount or value, and the name of the agency. Attach a copy of any contract or agreement.

None.

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: Donald W. Zeeley

Date: 3/5/16