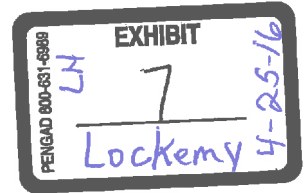


JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION  
PERSONAL DATA QUESTIONNAIRE



Court, Position, and Seat # for which you are applying: Court of Appeals, Chief Judge, Seat 5

1. Name: The Honorable James E. Lockemy

Name that you are known by if different from above  
(Example: A Nickname): None.

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

Home Address:

[REDACTED]

Business Address:

P.O. Box 750  
Dillon, SC 29536

E-Mail Address: [REDACTED]

Telephone Number:

(home): [REDACTED]  
(office): (843) 774-4166

2. Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 1949  
Place of Birth: Dillon, SC  
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#: SCDL# [REDACTED]  
Voter Registration Number: [REDACTED]

5. Family Status: Divorced.  
Divorced on September 1994, Florence County, S.C. Family Court, Ellen Lockemy was the moving party, One Year's Continuous Separation.  
Two children.



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.

(a) December 1974-October 1977, United States Army, Active Duty, Captain, (Dept. of Defense ID [REDACTED], Honorable Discharge.

(b) February 1978-December 2004, South Carolina National Guard, Colonel, (Dept. of Defense [REDACTED], Honorable Discharge.

(c) February 2005-Present, South Carolina Military Department, Joint Services Detachment, Commander, Major General.

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, 1967-68, left after marriage.

(b) Coastal Carolina University, Fall 1968, transferred.

(c) University of North Carolina at Pembroke, Spring 1969-71, B.A. History.

(d) University of South Carolina School of Law, 1971-74, J.D.

(e) The Citadel, Spring 2007-12, Graduate School, M.A. History.

(f) University of South Carolina, current Ph.D. candidate, History.

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.

South Carolina, 1974.

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.

College:

(a) Member, Alpha Theta Mu fraternity, 1968-71. Parliamentarian and Pledge Chief.

(b) Team member, run from Pembroke to Raleigh to change Pembroke College to Pembroke State University, 1971.

- (c) Worked as a bag boy and cashier at A&P Store and Lockemy's Grocery, delivered Charlotte Observer newspapers, and owned a number of peanut machines in several locations, all in Dillon, SC to help pay for education and family expenses, 1968-71.

Law School:

- (a) Honor Council, 1973-74.
- (b) Phi Alpha Delta Legal Fraternity, Chief Justice (President), 1973-74.
- (c) Worked on weekends at A&P Food Store and Lockemy's Grocery, 1971-73.
- (d) Law Library employee, 1972-74.
- (e) Rogers, McDonald, McKenzie, and Fuller, Law Clerk, Columbia, SC, 1973-74.

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

<u>Conference/CLE Name</u>	<u>Dates</u>
(a) Annual Judicial Conference	2010-2015
(b) American Bar Association Annual Meeting	2010-2015
(c) The Annual Symposium on Judicial Independence	2010-2015
(d) The Appellate Judges' Educational Institute	2013-2015
(e) South Carolina Bar Civil and Criminal Law Update	2010-2015
(f) The Pound Institute	2011-13, 2015
(g) National Forum on Judicial Excellence	2012, 2014
(h) Appellate Practice Seminar (panel member)	February 2016

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) I have lectured at several South Carolina Bar CLE programs and American Bar Association conferences.
- (b) I have also lectured innumerable times on military legal subjects.
- (c) I was the moderator for the Appellate Judges' Education Institute annual summit program on legal ethics in Washington, D.C. in November 2015. The program was entitled "Reel Appeal: Legal Ethics and the Movies." I will repeat this program for the Chicago Appellate Lawyers Association in April 2016.

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

- (a) "Judging in Kosovo, When Duty Calls" Summer 2006 Edition of The Judges' Journal.

- (b) "Bumper Sticker for the People: Marbury vs. Madison" 50 The Judges' Journal 2011.
- (c) "The National Conference of State Trial Judges" Video Production 2008.
- (d) "The Appellate Judges' Conference of the ABA" Video Production 2014.
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, November 15, 1974.
- (b) U.S. Court of Military Appeals, June 13, 1975.
- (c) U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, October 3, 1975.
- (d) U.S. Supreme Court June 18, 1979 (Nominated and presented by US Senator Strom Thurmond).
- (e) U.S. District Court for the District of S.C., November 2, 1983.
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) 1974-1977, United States Army Judge Advocate General's Corps.
- (b) 1978-2004, South Carolina Army National Guard, Judge Advocate General's Corps.
- (c) 1977-January 1978, Associate, A. Glenn Greene, Jr., Latta, SC, general practice.
- (d) 1978-September 1979, Legislative Assistant, U.S. Senator J. Strom Thurmond. Minority Counsel, Senate Judiciary Committee's Subcommittee on Antitrust.
- (e) Sept 1979-1989, Partner, Greene, Lockemy and Bailey, Dillon, SC, general practice.
- (f) June 1989-2008, Judge, South Carolina Circuit Court, At-large Seat 6.
- (g) 2009-present, Judge, South Carolina Court of Appeals, Seat 9.
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.

N/A.

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.

No known rating.

**\* 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?

Before becoming a judge in 1989:

- (a) federal: 10%
- (b) state: 90%

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

Before becoming a judge in 1989:

- (a) civil: 50%
- (b) criminal: 30%
- (c) domestic: 20%
- (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?

Before becoming a judge in 1989:

- (a) jury: 65%
- (b) non-jury: 35%

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

Trial Court:

1. State v. James Cain (1980s)---Mr. Cain was a known criminal in Dillon County with almost all of his offenses involving some sort of theft or fights with others. In this case he was charged with the break-in and theft of a storage building as well as the attempted break-in of a vehicle. I was appointed as his attorney. We negotiated a plea that would result in probation in return for a guilty plea. The inexpensive items in the storage building had been recovered and there was only minor damage to the vehicle which an insurance company had covered after receiving the police report. Surprisingly, Mr. Cain refused to accept the offer because he would not admit to the attempted break-in of the vehicle. He stated that although they arrested him at the trunk of the vehicle where the scratches were, he was only there hiding from the police, not attempting to break-in to the vehicle and that the damage on the vehicle was already there. I explained to him that if convicted he would receive a substantial number of years in prison and that conviction was likely since he was admittedly guilty of the break-in of the storage building. He stated that although he was a thief, he was not a liar and would not lie to the court and had faith in the jury.

We tried the case. He admitted on the stand his guilt to the storage building crime but denied the car entry attempt. During the course of the case, we were able to enter evidence that the damage to the car was very old. I cross examined the purported victim and Mr. Cain testified. The jury acquitted him on the charge. The judge acknowledged that he had admitted his guilt to the other charge and expressed his admiration for the determination and truthfulness of Mr. Cain while facing a difficult situation. He sentenced him to very minimal probation. TO my knowledge, Mr. Cain changed his criminal activity after that experience. As a lawyer, my faith in our judicial system grew

both for the jury and the judge roles in that system. The impression has never left me during my years as a trial judge and as an appellate judge. It also made me aware not to treat cases too hastily because we are dealing with individuals and every aspect of their case is important to them even though we may want to just get a case completed and off of a docket.

2. Bethea vs. a young Vietnam wife----since this case occurred over 25 years ago, I cannot find the specifics with name and date of case. It was a family court case involving child custody. I represented the Vietnam lady who was married to an American who had been assigned to her country during the war. Their marriage was breaking up and they had one small child that had been living with her for a long time while they were separated. The husband brought the action. She did not contest the action and did not ask for any property or alimony or even child support. All that she requested was custody of her young child. This was a hotly contested matter because it was clear that the family of the husband wanted the child maybe more than the father did. Moreover, they did not want the child to reside with a Vietnamese. In the end, the court granted my client custody although it was the unpopular thing to do in this rural county. In addition, my representation of the lady brought threats to me and promises of defeating me the next time I ran for reelection to the State House of Representatives. The results of this case though solidified my drive to do what is right under the law and to not let the personal consequences sway my pursuit of justice. In addition, I really appreciated the role of a judge to do justice in the face of clear popular protest against his actions. He also lived in that community. To this day, his example still lingers in my mind as I approach matters that may not be popular but are necessary to uphold justice.
3. Turner vs. United States---once again this case was over 25 years ago and I cannot find the specifics or a case number. It was a case involving Social Security. My client had been on disability for over a decade due to an accident while working for the Highway Department when a vehicle crashed into the trailer in which he was riding picking up orange cones from a road under repair. He had been in his early 40s at the time of the accident and very vibrant and active. The accident disabled him substantially. Although he regained the ability to walk eventually, his body was torn up badly inside. He could not control bodily functions and had no teeth. He weighed only around 100 pounds at the time I began to represent him. The Social Security Administration had begun reviewing cases and for some reason terminated his benefits. Without these benefits he had no source of income and could not work with his limited physical ability. In addition by this time he was in his middle 50s and could not read or write.

When he came to see me, he was living in a car and taking handouts from family and friends. In fact, it was his family that asked me to help him because of their concern for his welfare. He was despondent and thought there was nothing he could do. We filed again to reinstate his disability but it was denied. We asked and received a hearing. I did the best I could do at the hearing and thought with the evidence presented and his personal appearance, he would certainly be reinstated. Surprisingly, we lost. By this time, he had been without benefits for over a year and I was fearful for his life. I was not

familiar about the process to appeal a Social Security judge's decision and he told me to forget about it. I almost did but on the last day, I contacted a friend of mine who was familiar with the filing procedure and asked him to do it. This hero promptly filed the documents that day and we beat the deadline by a few minutes. Eventually, the federal court granted our petition and the case was won. Mr. Turner received a great deal of money in back benefits and although he has since passed away, he was able to live his last days in dignity and some comfort. This case taught me that even when your client wants to give up, you need to continue to encourage his/her pursuit for justice. This especially true where he has been so deprived of what is deserved. In addition, I appreciate fellow members of the bar that are willing to help on a moments notice when they realize that someone is in need of assistance. This hero had no idea he would ever receive compensation but knew the action he was doing was necessary in the interest of justice. Today, that hero is also a colleague of mind on the Court of Appeals and I am still impressed with Paul Short's pursuit of justice.

Appellate Court:

4. Ammons vs. Hood, 288 S.C. 278 (1986)---This case involved a person who had lost their job and was due back wages. We received a judgment at the trial level and the defendant appealed. At the Court of Appeals, we succeeded in the action. The business was insolvent and the judgment was not very large. We still pursued collection efforts for a long time. The defendant's business was well connected to a lot of important people and my efforts did meet with some disfavor. In the end, we were never able to collect anything of substantial value. I felt that I had not provided any benefit to my client and yet endured criticism from former friends. At my lowest point of defeat, however, my client came to see me. He stated that he never thought he would ever get someone to represent him on the case due to the popularity of the business he sued. Although, all our efforts were unsuccessful, he wanted me to know how much he appreciated me and his renewed faith in the honesty of the legal profession. He stated his experience and to see the hard pursuit of his case was worth more than the money he sought. My spirits and determination to be a good lawyer and steward of justice rose from despair. It is with me today.
5. Mohasco Corporation vs. Rising, 289 S.C. 130 (1986)----This case involved to elderly ladies who had spent their life working at a factory. When they became disabled, they were denied workmen compensation. I was asked by their family to assist them as they had given up. I took the case and won at the single commissioner level. It was appealed to the full commission. I brought more experienced counsel, Kenneth Suggs, and we went to the full commission hearing. I argued a portion of the case. We won at the full commission level. This was the first case of brown/black lung in South Carolina. The company appealed to the Court of Appeals. We were reversed there. We then went on the state Supreme Court. For some reason, my name was left off of the case at the Supreme Court. We won at the Supreme Court and the ladies finally received their much deserved compensation. They have now passed away but their families still remind



me of the happiness of these two ladies who were finally recognized for the injury they received while working hard for their employers for over 20 years.

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.

See Ammons and Mohasco above.

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.

I have never handled any criminal appeals.

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.

- (a) South Carolina Circuit Court, 1989-2008, elected by the General Assembly.
- (b) South Carolina Court of Appeals, 2009-present, elected by the General Assembly.

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) State v. Young, No. 2015-UP-345, 2015 WL 4275973 (Ct. App. July 15, 2015).
- (b) State v. Moore, 404 S.C. 634, 746 S.E.2d 352 (Ct. App. 2013).
- (c) Fairchild v. S.C. Dep't of Transp., 385 S.C. 344, 683 S.E.2d 818 (Ct. App. 2009) aff'd, 398 S.C. 90, 727 S.E.2d 407 (2012).
- (d) Holst v. KCI Konecranes Int'l Corp., 390 S.C. 29, 33, 699 S.E.2d 715, 717 (Ct. App. 2010).
- (e) State v. Hinson. I was involved as the trial judge in this case from 2007. In Hinson, the defendant was charged with kidnapping two teenaged girls, keeping them in a dungeon, and raping them. The jury found the State had not proven guilt by a reasonable doubt and acquitted the defendant. This case received national news coverage.

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.

Yes. Member, South Carolina House of Representatives, 1982-1989. Elected. Timely filed State Ethics Commission reports.

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.

- (a) Adjunct Professor of American History and American Government, Horry-Georgetown Technical College, 2012-present.
- (b) South Carolina National Guard, 1978-2004.
- (c) South Carolina Military Department, Commander of Joint Services Detachment, volunteer, 2005-present. Appointed to the rank of Major General by the Governor and Adjutant General.

27. Have you ever been an unsuccessful candidate for elective, judicial, or other public office? If so, give details, including dates.

Ran unsuccessfully for the Court of Appeals, Seat 6 in the fall of 2007. I was found qualified but not nominated.

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.

None, other than those listed above. I was also employed as a private investigator for Investigations Unlimited during the summer and fall of 1974.

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.

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

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.

None.

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.

No.

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, in 1993 I was involved in a traffic accident that resulted in a lawsuit. The suit was settled by the parties and insurance companies.

In addition, over the years, I have been named with many other public officials as a party in lawsuits by prisoners incarcerated in South Carolina correctional facilities that have all been dismissed.

The only one of these cases that I can find with specifics is Bentley Collins vs. County of Dillon, et. al., case #2010CP4003585 initially filed in Richland County. In this case a prison inmate sued several entities including the Sheriff of Dillon County, the Circuit Judge (me) and others regarding the decision to put his dogs to sleep. He had been convicted of negligent homicide due to these dogs killing a child. I had not been involved in his criminal trial but was petitioned by the county sometime afterward with a request put the dogs down that were at a county facility. I signed the order and a veterinarian carried out the process. Later on he brought the civil suit herein referenced. I was very quickly dismissed from the suit by Circuit Judge George James, Jr. on January 11, 2011. When the case was eventually was sent to Dillon County on a change of venue motion and given the new case # 2011CP1700027, my name may have inadvertently been left on the case when in fact I had already been removed. The entire case was dismissed on March 9, 2015 with no favorable action to Mr. Collins.

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 am not a member of any social media or internet sites. I do not think I have been featured or depicted on any social media or internet sites.

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.

To my knowledge there are no such formal charges or informal allegations.

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.

To my knowledge there are no such charges or allegations, and a basis does not exist for such charges and allegations.

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.

No expenditures.

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) South Carolina Bar Association

- (b) Judge Advocates Association
- (c) American Bar Association:
  - (i) Executive Committee, National Conference of State Trial Judges, 2008.
  - (ii) Executive Committee, Appellate Judges' Conference, 2011-present.
  - (iii) Secretary, Appellate Judges' Conference, 2014-present.
  - (iv) Co-Chair Editorial Board, The Judges' Journal, 2015-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) Dillon Kiwanis Club, President 1986, Youth Baseball Coach since 1980.
- (b) Dillon County Theater Board, President (about 12 years ago)
- (c) Florence Theater Guild
- (d) Dillon County Veterans' Committee, Co-Chair, 1988-present.
- (e) Kappa Alpha Fraternity

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.

Growing up working in a country grocery store provided me with an opportunity to meet many people from different racial, ethnic, and economic backgrounds. Sharing with these amazing individuals illuminated a perspective of life that has been invaluable to me. In addition, the long periods between customers gave me an opportunity and desire to read book after book which led to my interest in history and the law. From these readings, I formed an appreciation of our country as well as the importance of justice and the rule of law in a democratic-republic such as ours. With this background, I have served my country, my state, and the interest of justice to the best of my ability.

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) Ray Stephens

Market Executive/Senior Vice President, First Citizens  
406 Highway 301 North  
Dillon, SC 29536  
(843) 774-3360

(b) Lynne C. Davis  
806 Virginia Lane  
Dillon, SC 29536  
(843) 496-6942

(c) Brigadier General (Ret.) F. Eli Wishart  
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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: 

Date: 