

**JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION
PERSONAL DATA QUESTIONNAIRE**



Court, Position, and Seat # for which you are applying: Family Court, Richland County, Seat 1

1. Name: Mrs. Laurel Eden Harvey Hendrick

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

Are you currently serving in some capacity as a judge? If part-time, please note.
(Includes Municipal, Magistrate, Etc.)
I have never served as a judge in any capacity.

Home Address: [REDACTED]

Business Address: 1701 Main Street, Columbia, SC 29201

E-Mail Address: [REDACTED]

Telephone Number: (home): [REDACTED]
(office): 803-576-1889
(cell): [REDACTED]

2. Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 1980
Place of Birth: Columbia, 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. Have you served in the military? If so, give the dates, branch of service, highest rank attained, serial number (if applicable), present status, and the character of your discharge or release. Please provide a copy of your DD214 concerning your discharge.
I have never served in the military.

6. Family Status: In the space below, (a) state whether you are single, married, widowed, divorced, or separated; (b) if married, state the date of your marriage and your spouse's full name and occupation; (c) if you have ever been divorced or are in the process of obtaining a divorce, state the date, name of the moving party, court, and grounds; and (d) state the names of your children and their ages. If your children are old enough to work, include the occupation of each child.

Family Status: Married on December 6, 2006 to Matthew Richard Hendrick
Never divorced, two children.



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) University of Georgia, Honors Program, Bachelor of Arts in Journalism, 1998-2002, Magna Cum Laude
 - (b) University of South Carolina, School of Law, Juris Doctorate, 2002-2005

8. List the significant activities in which you took part during your attendance at law school. Give the years you were involved in these activities and list any leadership positions you held.
 - (a) Student Bar Association 2002-2005
 - (b) Palmetto Legal Society 2002-2005

9. 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. Please indicate the number of times you took the exam in each state.

I was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in the Fall of 2005. I only took the bar exam once.

10. Describe chronologically, since graduation from law school, your legal experience. Please include a list of all positions held in which you worked in a legal capacity. Describe the general character of your practice and divide it into periods with dates if its character has changed over the years. Please also describe the extent to which you were involved with the administrative and financial management of each of these entities, including management of trust accounts.
 - (a) From November 2005 through February 2007, I worked in the Fifth Judicial Circuit Solicitor's Office, Richland County Family Court Division handling adjudication, disposition, detention, review and waiver hearings.
 - (b) From February 2007 through September 2010, I worked in the Fifth Judicial Circuit Solicitor's Office in both General Sessions and Family Court. During that time, I managed a case load of approximately 400 cases of non-violent and violent crimes. I was also part of a team that specialized in prosecuting Driving Under the Influence cases in both Magistrate Court and General Sessions. I was the liaison between the General Sessions and Family Court divisions in Richland County, handling the majority of the violent juvenile cases and all the waiver eligible cases. During this time I participated in several felony jury trials including Armed Robbery, Murder and Burglary First Degree. During 2010, I also handled all juvenile cases in Kershaw County as well as my duties in Richland County.
 - (c) From September 2010 through March 2013 I was the Staff Attorney for the Foster Care Review Board Division of the Governor's Office of Executive Policy and Programs (now part of the Department of Administration). With this position, I had the

opportunity to travel the State, appearing in almost every Judicial Circuit to represent the Foster Care Review Board advocating permanency for children in Foster Care. I worked with both Department of Social Service lawyers and private attorneys, representing birth parents, foster parents and prospective adoptive parents. I networked with all stake holders in the child welfare system, with the goal of improving outcomes for child in foster care.

- (d) From March 2014 to May 2014, I was a county attorney for the Department of Social Services in Richland County representing the agency in Abuse and Neglect and Vulnerable Adult hearings. I managed approximately seventy (70) cases at a time; appearing in Family Court a minimum of two (2) days per week for multiple hearings each day. I also drafted pleadings, orders, and motions in addition to responding to discovery. I also participated in daily staffings with case workers and attended Multidisciplinary Team Meetings (“MDT”), a bimonthly meeting including representative of Children Advocacy Centers and law enforcement.
- (e) From May 2014 through January 2015, I was the Managing Attorney for the Department of Social Services in Fairfield and Chester Counties; I was responsible for all legal actions involving the agency and direct management of two (2) paralegals.
- (f) Currently, I am the team leader and prosecutor for the Richland County Family Court Division in the Fifth Judicial Circuit. I oversee the handling of all juvenile cases in Richland County to include all criminal cases and all cases diverted to Juvenile Pre-trial Diversion, Treatment Courts and Youth Arbitration. My staff includes three (3) paralegals, two (2) additional attorneys, a social worker, and a victim advocate. I also work closely with the directors of the diversion programs. For the past five (5) years, this division disposed of approximately one thousand (1,000) petitions per year. I appear in Court, on average, four (4) times a week for multiple hearings each day. This caseload includes all status offenses, non-violent offenses and violent offenses. Also part of my duties is to be on call at all times to provide curtesy legal advice to law enforcement about all issues and specifically about detaining juveniles in secure facilities and coordinating the statutorily required detention hearing with in forty-eight (48) hours.

Justices/judges applying for re-election to their current position may omit Questions 11–17. If you are a full-time judge seeking a judgeship different than your current position, Questions 11-17 should be answered based on your experience prior to serving on the bench.

- 11. Please answer the following:
 - (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 and procedural knowledge has prepared you to preside over such matters as a Family Court Judge. Please also indicate the frequency of your appearances before a Family Court Judge within the past five years.

Divorce and Equitable Division of Property: Because the majority of my career is focused on juvenile justice and child welfare cases, my comparative level of expertise in this area is modest. I have observed several contested divorces, non-contested divorce and temporary hearings. I have has interpreted numerous divorce decrees and temporary orders if the situation related to either abuse and neglect of juvenile justice cases. Recently, I attended Continuing Legal Education Courses specifically in this area. I will dedicate the time and the attention necessary to ensure that I have a full understanding of all pertinent statutes and case law. I am confident that I will quickly gain the knowledge and experience necessary to handle cases in this area.

Child Custody: My primary experience in this area is when child custody litigation occurred concurrently with Department of Social Services abuse and neglect cases. The outcome of the abuse and neglect case would often impact the private custody case and vice versa. This afforded me the opportunity to collaborate with private guardian ad litem and the attorneys representing the parents. While private child custody cases are different from abuse and neglect cases, there are many overlapping issues. Department of Social Services abuse and neglect cases often end with granting custody to a third party, which requires setting visitation schedules with parents and addressing many similar matters as private child custody cases. I have prosecuted status offenses (incorrigible, runaway, truancy) when there is a simultaneous custody litigation. Understanding the details of the custody situation provides insight into the child's behavior. During a juvenile cases it is often necessary for a child not remain in custodial parent's home and it is essential as the prosecutor that I have a full understanding of the current custody situation before making such a recommendation to the Court.

Adoption: As the Staff Attorney for the Foster Care Review Board, I worked closely with attorneys representing foster parents who filed private actions for termination of parental rights and adoption. This provided me the opportunity to collaborate with skilled adoption practitioners across the state. Also, during my tenure as the Foster Care Review Board Staff Attorney, I had the especially gratifying experience of attending several "Adoption Days". This is a special day in Court with the Judge dedicates the entire docket to foster care adoptions. I fondly remember the Family Court Judge's comments that these are special days because of the happiness and encouragement the finalization of adoption provides to the parties and agencies involved.

Abuse and Neglect: From September 2010 to January 2015 I practiced exclusively in this area. As the Staff Attorney for the Foster Care Review Board, I participated in various types of abuse and neglect hearings across the state. During this time, I attended stake holder meetings and interacted with child welfare professionals including lawyers, social workers, volunteer Foster Care Review Board members, volunteer guardians, foster parents and various treatment providers. While at the Foster Care Review Board, I conducted research on the public policy goals of child

welfare law and monitored local and national legislation dealing with children's issues.

As a Department of Social Services County Attorney, I represented the agency in all hearings and drafted all pleadings and orders associated with those cases, including termination of parental rights actions. While at Richland County, I appeared in Court at least two (2) times per week handling between ten (10) and fifteen (15) cases, while responsible for approximately seventy (70) cases. As part of managing abuse and neglect cases, I was responsible for ensuring hearings were scheduled and conducted within the statutory time frames, all parties had proper notice of each hearing and that all pleadings, orders and other documents and appropriate paperwork were properly filed with the Court. I was tasked with responding to all discovery requests including depositions. I worked daily with social workers volunteer guardians, attorneys and numerous pro se litigants. While representing the Department of Social Services, it was imperative to ensure the agency's recommendations were in accordance with the law, based on the evidence and in the best interest of the child.

Juvenile Justice: I have extensive criminal law experience. I have prosecuted cases in Magistrate, General Sessions and Family Court. The vast majority of my experience in Family Court. Prosecuting cases in General Sessions and Family Court has afforded me the ability to compare and contrast the policy goals of each system. This grants me the unique perspective on the criminal justice system that would be beneficial as a Family Court Judge. I have conducted over ten (10) waiver hearings, some lasting multiple days. For the past four (4) and half years, I have been the manager of the Richland County Family Court Division, four (4) years of which I was also the only prosecutor in Richland County Family Court. I have prosecuted the entire spectrum of cases from status to violent offenses, truancy to murder. On average, Richland County Family Court disposes over a thousand (1,000) juvenile petitions each year. A substantial percentage of those petitions are referred to diversionary programs. As leader of the Family Court Division, I coordinate with Juvenile Pretrial Intervention Program, the Youth Arbitration Program, Juvenile Drug Court, Juvenile Mental Health Court and the Department of Juvenile Justice to ensure that each juvenile is referred to a program best suited to meet the rehabilitative goals for that juvenile. By being a part of Juvenile Mental Health Court and Juvenile Drug Court, I have witnessed the transformation of many juveniles through these programs. I believe treatment courts are an essential component to the rehabilitative goals of the juvenile justice system.

As a prosecutor in in the Family Court Division, I represent the State in every case and in every hearing including detention, review, adjudication, dispositional hearings and trials. Juvenile cases are allotted two (2) days of Court time each week along with the ability to schedule emergency hearings as needed. I supervise the staff responsible for providing notice and drafting orders for every hearing. My duties extend to being on call at all times to provide curtesy legal advice to law enforcement about all issues and specifically about detaining juveniles in secure facilities and coordinating the statutorily required detention hearing with in forty-eight (48) hours. This position requires continuous interaction with social

workers, law enforcement, educators, counselors, victims, witness, psychologists and lawyers.

Since becoming a prosecutor over fourteen (14) years ago, I have experienced many transformations within the juvenile justice system. With the advancement in technology and modifications in the law, each case now includes the possibility of reviewing body wearable cameras, video-taped interviews and social media posts. Furthermore, the Court's approach to balancing the needs of children with the safety of the community has changed. Often the resolution of a case requires the involvement of the Department of Juvenile Justice, Department of Social Services, Department of Mental Health, Department of Disabilities and Special Needs, Continuum of Care and the Probate Court. Unfortunately, I have also prosecuted over fifty (50) criminal sexual conduct type cases that can have life long consequences for juveniles beyond the Family Court's jurisdiction, due to the sex offender registry laws. These are challenging cases because of the sensitive nature of the offense, the impact of the victim, and the often close relationship between the victim and offending juvenile. As a prosecutor, I have learned that what seems to be the correct course of action or the easiest solution is often not what is right for a particular situation.

- (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 and procedural knowledge 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. Please also indicate the frequency of your appearances before a Circuit Court Judge within the past five years.
- (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 or a Circuit Court Judge within the past five years.
- (d) If you are a candidate for Administrative Law Court, 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 or Circuit Court within the past five years.

12. What was the frequency of your court appearances during the past five years or in the five years prior to your election to the bench?
 - (a) federal: 0
 - (b) state: 100%

13. What percentage of your practice involved civil, criminal, domestic, and other matters during the past five years or in the five years prior to your election to the bench?
 - (a) civil: 0
 - (b) criminal: 80%
 - (c) domestic: 15%
 - (d) other: 5%

14. What percentage of your practice in trial court during the past five years or in the five years prior to your election to the bench involved matters that went to a jury, including those that settled prior to trial?
 - (a) jury: 0
 - (b) non-jury: 100%

During the past five years, did you most often serve as sole counsel, chief counsel, or associate counsel? Sole Counsel

15. 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.

(a) State v. Terrance Jennings, 2010-UP-054 – This was a lengthy and complicated Armed Robbery and Murder trial of a seventeen (17) year old that shot and killed a good Samaritan that offered him and his friends a ride. One of the co-defendants was juvenile who only turned fourteen (14) just weeks before the incident. The State moved to waive the juvenile's case to General Sessions due to the seriousness of the charge. I handled the waiver hearing in Family Court. The Family Court denied the motion to waive jurisdiction to General Sessions because of his young age and minimal prior record. After the waiver hearing, the juvenile became a cooperating witness and testified against Mr. Jennings. Mr. Jennings was also charged with Attempted Armed Robbery and Assault and Battery with Intent to Kill in which he shot a cab driver. After pre-trial hearings, the Court allowed the victim of the Attempted Murder and Assault with Intent to Kill to testify in the Murder trial. The jury found Mr. Jennings guilty of Armed Robbery and Murder and he was sentenced to life in prison. The juvenile was eventually adjudicated in Family Court to Accessory After the Fact to Armed Robbery and Murder sentenced to serve an indeterminate amount of time at the Department of Juvenile Justice not to exceed his twenty-first (21st) birthday. I handled all of the Family Court hearings and was second seat in the General Sessions trial. This case was significant to me because the juvenile and Mr. Jennings were only 3 years apart in age and participated in the same incident, but the end result for each of these teenagers was drastically different. In 2019, Mr. Jennings was resentenced to forty (40) years after an Aiken v. Byers hearing.

(b) South Carolina Department of Social Services v. C.S., et. al – This was a termination of parental rights action involving six (6) minor children with same mother and four (4) different fathers. The first issue in this case was properly serving all the fathers. Only one of the fathers was able to served by certified mail and the others had to be served by publication. When I took over the case, the termination of parental rights action had been pending for over six (6) months with none of the fathers served. I was able to direct the case workers to comply with the statutory requirements to obtain Orders for Publication and properly serve all of the parties. This family had been involved with the Department of Social Services for over ten (10) years and this was the third (3rd) indicated case against the Mother. At the time of the termination of parental rights action, all of the children had been in foster care for thirty-two (32) consecutive months. The guardian ad litem agreed that termination of parental rights was in the best interest of the five (5) youngest children, but not for the oldest child who was sixteen (16) years old and did not wish to be adopted. After a trial, including testimony from the Mother, the court terminated the parental rights of the parents to the five (5) youngest children and agreed with the guardian ad litem in regards to the oldest child. The five (5) younger siblings have been adopted. This case was significant to me because I was able to accomplish the legal steps necessary to provide the children with opportunity for a permanent home and to exit foster care with a positive outcome.

(c) In the Interest of C.C. – In this case a fifteen (15) year old juvenile was charged with two (2) counts of Criminal Sexual Conduct with a Minor in the First Degree. The allegations in this case involved the juvenile sexually assaulting his younger half-siblings. In this case, the Father of the victims was also the Father of the juvenile respondent. The Father wanted his son held responsible for his actions but also to receive rehabilitation services. The Father did not believe his son should be on the sex offender registry for life and wanted to avoid the younger siblings having to testify against their older brother. I was able foster a solution that would prevent a young children from testifying and defer the issue of the sex offender registry to the presiding Judge. This allowed the Judge to review two (2) separate sex offender risk assessments and a full psychological evaluation before ruling on the issue of sex offender registry. As a prosecutor, I felt strongly that the juvenile needed in-patient sex offender specific treatment and should remain detained in a secure facility until the Department of Juvenile Justice could obtain such placement. The Court was concerned that the juvenile had already been detained for several months and was not receiving treatment. I respected and gave deference to the Judge's decision. In collaboration with the defense attorney and the Department of Juvenile Justice, it was arranged for the juvenile to be placed in a group home near the inpatient facility so that outpatient treatment services could begin immediately and continue until bed space became available at the inpatient facility. The juvenile successfully completed inpatient treatment and was not placed on the sex offender registry. To my knowledge, this juvenile has not reoffended. Unfortunately, this is only one example of the many cases I prosecuted dealing juveniles sexually assault younger family members or friends. This case is an example of the prosecutor, defense attorney and the Department of Juvenile Justice cooperating to accomplish a fair and just resolution for all parties involved.

(d) Department of Social Services v. B. G., et al. – This child entered foster care at birth because the Mother abused drugs while pregnant. The child has a severe heart defect and

while in foster care had complications during surgery causing a leg to be amputated. The Mother was successful with drug treatment but had difficulty securing stable housing and employment. To further complicate matters, the Mother's boyfriend/fiancée failed court ordered drug screens. Through the case, the agency was concerned about the Mother's ability to care for her child's special medical needs. Over the course of the case, the child left and reentered foster care three (3) times. The abuse and neglect case was finally closed two (2) years with the child being reunited with her family. Nearly every hearing in this case was contested, and I was responsible for drafting very lengthy and complicated pleadings and orders due to the multiple actions, hearings and changes in custody. I was not the attorney when the case was initiated or closed; however, I did handle the majority of the litigation. Working very diligently with the case workers, medical providers, defense attorney, and the guardian ad litem, I ensured the agency followed the law and treated the Defendants fairly while never compromising the safety or welfare of the child. This case is remarkable because after three (3) entries in foster care the child was successfully reunited with her family.

(e) State v. Antonio Barnes and Devion Jenkins – When Mr. Barnes and Mr. Jenkins were fifteen (15) years old, they went to an apartment complex in search of a rival gang member. While they stood at the top of a hill looking into the apartment complex, Mr. Barnes encouraged Mr. Jenkins to shoot into the apartment complex at the rival gang member. They did not hit their intended target and another person was shot and killed. Both were charged with Murder in Family Court. Both juveniles had history with the Department of Juvenile Justice and after separate waiver hearings, the Family Court waived jurisdiction of both juveniles to General Sessions. After much negotiation, both entered a guilty plea to voluntary manslaughter and were sentenced to twenty-three (23) years. Although they were not convicted of murder, the victim's family was very appreciative of the effort it took to ensure they would have adult convictions and serve significantly longer sentences that if the case remained in Family Court. I handled every aspect of this case from the initial forty-eight (48) hour detention hearing in Family Court to the final sentencing in General Sessions. I believe this was a fair result because they were held accountable as adults but their young age was also considered in sentencing.

16. 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) In re Diamond D.
17. List up to five criminal appeals 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 personally handled and appeals.
18. 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.
I have never held judicial office.

19. If the answer to question 18 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)
 - (b)
 - (c)
 - (d)
 - (e)
20. 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.
State Courts in South Carolina – November 2005
21. 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) 2012-2014 Presented at Department of Social Services Continuing Legal Education Conferences on topics such as Foregoing Reasonable Efforts and the Role of the Foster Care Review Board in the Child Welfare System
 - (b) August 2015 Presented at the Richland County Sheriff's Department School Resource Officers Back to School Training
 - (c) Fall 2015 Conducted Training for the City of Columbia Police Department School Resource Officers
 - (d) Fall 2015 Guest Lecturer for the Juvenile Justice Clinic at the University of South Carolina School of Law
 - (e) Fall 2015 presented an overview of the Juvenile Justice System during the train for the volunteer arbitrators in the Richland County Youth Arbitration Program
 - (f) Spring 2016 Guest Lecturer for the Children's Law Office Course at the University of South Carolina School of Law about the Juvenile Justice System
 - (g) Spring 2016 was the Attorney Supervisor for an extern through the University of South Carolina School of Law Extern Program – Students are required to spend at least 104 hours with their Attorney Supervisor and are evaluated at the end of the semester
 - (h) August 2016 Presented at the Richland County Sheriff's Department School Resource Officers Back to School Training
 - (i) Fall 2016 Conducted Training for the City of Columbia Police Department School Resource Officers
 - (j) Fall 2016 Guest Lecturer for the Juvenile Justice Clinic at the University of South Carolina School of Law
 - (k) February 2017 Served as the Moderator for the "Family Court Prosecutors' Workshop" Continuing Legal Education Program
 - (l) Spring 2017 was the Attorney Supervisor for an extern through the University of South Carolina School of Law Extern Program – Students are required to spend at least 104 hours with their Attorney Supervisor and are evaluated at the end of the semester

- (m) August 2017 Presented at the South Carolina Association for Justice Annual Conference in the Family Court Session about the “Terrible Teens”
 - (n) August 2017 Presented at the Richland County Sheriff’s Department School Resource Officers Back to School Training, specifically on How the Science of Adolescent Brain Development Influenced Supreme Court and South Carolina Case law
 - (o) Fall 2017 Conducted Training for the City of Columbia Police Department School Resource Officers
 - (p) Fall 2017 Guest Lecturer for the Juvenile Justice Clinic at the University of South Carolina School of Law
 - (q) Fall 2017 trained new recruits for the City of Columbia Police Department on the Juvenile Justice System and Juvenile Procedures
 - (r) Spring 2018 Guest Lecturer for the Children’s Law Office Course at the University of South Carolina School of Law about the Juvenile Justice System
 - (s) Spring 2018 Presented on the Juvenile Justice System and Juvenile Procedures at the Fifth Circuit Solicitor’s Office Quarterly Update
 - (t) August 2018 Presented at the Richland County Sheriff’s Department School Resource Officers Back to School Training, specifically on the elements of common crimes and preservation of evidence
 - (u) Fall 2018 Conducted Training for the City of Columbia Police Department School Resource Officers
 - (v) Fall 2018 Guest Lecturer for the Juvenile Justice Clinic at the University of South Carolina of South Carolina School of Law
 - (w) Winter 2019 Presented at the Annual Criminal Practice Continuing Legal Education Program about The Raise The Age Legislation in South Carolina
 - (x) Spring 2019 was the Attorney Supervisor for an extern through the University of South Carolina School of Law Extern Program – Students are required to spend at least 104 hours with their Attorney Supervisor and are evaluated at the end of the semester
22. Provide, as a separate attachment, your continuing legal or judicial education report from the past five years.
Please see attached reports and list of attended courses.
23. List all published books and articles you have written and give citations and the dates of publication for each.
I have not published any books or articles.
24. Please furnish as a separate attachment, two examples of legal articles, briefs, orders, or other legal writings for which you can claim sole or primary authorship. If you cannot claim sole authorship, please explain the extent to which you are the primary author, to include a description of the other authors and their contributions. The writing samples are for the Commission’s use only and will not be published. (If you are a judge and are not seeking a different type of judgeship, this question is inapplicable.)

(a) Attached is the redacted Memorandum to the Court of Appeals. I was the primary author, but it was proof read by colleagues before submitted.

(b) Attached is the redacted Waiver Order. I was the primary author, but the Order was circulated to opposing counsel before submitted to the Court.

25. What is your rating or membership status, if any, by any legal rating organization, such as, Best Lawyers, Chambers, Legal 500, Martindale-Hubbell, Who's Who Legal, Super Lawyers, Million Dollar Advocates Forum, etc.? If you are currently a member of the judiciary, list your last available rating, if any.

I have never sought rating or membership in any such organization.

26. 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) Richland County Bar Association

27. 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.

I have never held public office.

28. For sitting or former judges, 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.

N/A

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

I was a candidate for Family Court At-Large, Seat 8 for election in 2017. I was not elected.

30. 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.

I have never been engaged in any occupation, business or profession that did not involve the practice of law.

31. 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.

I have never been an officer or director or involved in the management of any business.

32. 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.

I have never been employed as a lobbyist.

33. 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.

(A net worth statement form 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.

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.

I have no tax liens or other collection procedures instituted against me.

35. 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.

I have not accepted anything of value since filing my letter of intent.

36. 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. If you have spent over \$100, have you reported your expenditures to the House and Senate Ethics Committees?

I have not spent any expenditures on behalf of my candidacy.

37. List the recipient and amount of all contributions made by you, a member of your immediate family, or by a business with whom you are associated, to members of the General Assembly within the past four years.

I have not nor has any member of my immediate family made any contribution to a member of the General Assembly in the past four (4) years.

38. 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.

I have not nor has anyone acted on my behalf solicited or collected any funds in promotion of my candidacy.

39. 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 or currently hold. Explain how you would resolve any potential conflict of interest.
I do not have any financial arrangements or business relationships that would be a conflict of interest.

40. 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 more that adjoins property in which there have been public improvements of \$200 or more; or
 - (c) which was sold, leased, or rented to a state or local public agency in South Carolina.
- I do not have an interest nor does any member of my immediate family in real property in any of the categories above.

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.

41. 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.
I do not nor does any member of my immediate family have personal property interest in any of the categories above.
42. For sitting judges, if you currently hold an interest in stock or other securities or have held such an interest, list each stock you currently own or owned during the prior calendar year. If you prefer, you may attach broker or account records containing the requested information instead of listing it here.
43. For sitting judges, have you ever accepted anything of value from an attorney or litigant in a matter currently or previously before you or your court? If so, please give the details, including the name of the attorney or litigant and the thing of value you received.
44. For sitting judges, have you used the services of your staff, for which you did not pay, while campaigning for this office?
45. 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 which are subject to a penalty of \$125 or less. You must include any and all arrests, including, but not limited to, offenses for driving under the influence or similar traffic offenses. Include all arrests that resulted in expungement, which will be redacted. If you have questions regarding whether to include an offense, please contact the Commission.

[All answers have been received and considered by the Commission, and as noted above, any expunged matters are redacted from the record.]

46. Have you, to your knowledge, ever been under federal, state, or local investigation for possible violation of a criminal statute? If yes, explain.
To my knowledge I have never been under investigation by a law enforcement agency.
47. Have you ever been sued by a client? Have you ever been a named party (personally or professionally) in or had a pecuniary interest in any civil or criminal proceedings? If so, give details, including, but not limited to, dates, and resolutions.
To my knowledge I have never been named in a party in any law suit.
48. 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
49. 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. Include any and all confidential and public sanction, discipline, or finding of misconduct of any kind.

[Yes and no responses are redacted for all candidates unless there is a public discipline.]

50. 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.
To my knowledge, I have never been investigated by the Department of Social Services.

Note: The flash drive with your application materials contains (1) Section 2-19-70(c); (2) JMSC Rule 24, (3) Memo of Guidance, and (4) informal opinions and letters concerning pledging prohibitions, with which third parties acting on your behalf, as well as you, must comply.

51. 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 or have you been offered a conditional pledge of support by any legislator pending the outcome of your

screening? 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.

I have not done any of the above.

52. Have you requested any third parties to contact members of the General Assembly on your behalf before the final and formal screening report has been released? Describe the campaigning you have done for this election and include a list of those individuals you have asked to campaign on your behalf and, to the best of your knowledge, those who have campaigned for you on their own initiative.

I have not done any of the above.

53. Are you familiar with the 48-hour rule, which prohibits a candidate from seeking pledges until after the draft report becomes final, which occurs on the day and time specified on the Commission's published screening schedule?

Yes, I am familiar with the rule.

54. Since submitting your letter of intent to become a candidate, have you or has anyone acting on your behalf contacted any member of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission about your candidacy or intention to become a candidate? If so, give details.

Since submitting my letter of intent to become a candidate I have not contacted any member of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission and I am not aware of anyone doing such on my behalf.

55. List the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of five (5) persons 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. *You must return the five (5) original letters of recommendation to the Commission with your application packet.*

(a) J. Paige Green

Executive Director of Richland County Court Appointed Special Advocates

[REDACTED]

(b) Byron Gipson

Solicitor, Fifth Judicial Circuit

[REDACTED]

(c) Kenneth M. Matthews

Law Offices of Kenneth M. Matthews

[REDACTED]

- (d) Marion M. Moses
The Law Offices of Marion M. Moses, LLC

[REDACTED]

- (e) Joel Lourie
Lourie Life & Health

[REDACTED]

56. 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 no active social media accounts and I do not plan to join any or create any in the future.

57. 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) Recipient of the 2016 Ernest F. Hollings Award for Excellence in State Prosecution in Family Court
- (b) Member of Forest Lake Elementary School PTO
- (c) Member of Beth Shalom Synagogue
- (d) Member of the Children's Justice Act Task Force
- (e) Participant in the United Way of the Midlands Resilient Richland Initiative
- (f) Participant in The Council of State Government Justice Center: The Impact of Juvenile Probation on Educational Outcomes for Youth Research Study
- (g) Participant in the University of South Carolina Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice: Family Court Intake Structures Research Study

58. 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.

My father is a member of the South Carolina Bar with a practice concentrated in criminal defense. My mother is a licensed therapist who works with children and families. Growing up, I realized that both my parents were constantly helping and guiding people through difficult and emotional situations. This led me to choose a career serving others. For almost fifteen years, I have been involved in Family Court in various capacities. This has granted me countless opportunities to witness how the Family Court operates and how the Family Court process impacts the lives of the litigants and children involved. I have great respect for those who serve as Family Court Judges. Family Court Judges have an enormous responsibility of making difficult decisions in an emotional environment where the future of families, children and lives are at stake.

My experiences as a prosecutor in both Family Court and the Court of General Sessions, together with years of practicing in child welfare law, have equipped me with knowledge, perspective, and insight to serve on the Family Court Bench. Furthermore, with the implementation of “Raise the Age” and the expanded jurisdiction of the Family Court in juvenile justice cases, my expertise in criminal law will be a valuable asset. This legislation allows the Family Court to adjudicate and rehabilitate more youth without the collateral consequences of an adult conviction. Given the opportunity, I will make a positive impact and substantial contribution to Family court Bench.

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: _____

Sworn to before me this ____ day of _____, 2019.

(Notary Signature)

(Notary Printed Name)
Notary Public for South Carolina
My Commission Expires: _____