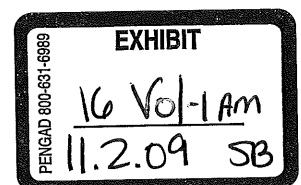


JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION  
PERSONAL DATA QUESTIONNAIRE

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

1. NAME: Mr. Paul E. Short, Jr.  
BUSINESS ADDRESS: 158 Main Street, Room 107  
Post Office Box 1006  
Chester, South Carolina 29706  
E-MAIL ADDRESS: pshort@sccourts.org  
TELEPHONE NUMBER: (office): (803) 581-5011
2. Date of Birth: 1947  
Place of Birth: Gastonia, North Carolina
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
5. Family Status: Married on June 14, 1968, to Linda Huffstetler Short. Never divorced. Two children.
6. Have you served in the military?  
U.S. Army, June 1968; entered active duty August 1971; discharged from active duty November 1971; served S.C. National Guard until 1973; discharged U.S. Army Reserve 1974; highest rank attained was 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant; Present Status, Inactive Reserve; Honorably Discharged as Captain. Serial number: XXX-XX-XXXX
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; 1964-1968; B.A. Political Science
  - (b) University of South Carolina Law School; 1968-1971; Juris Doctorate
  - (c) University of Nevada/Reno; Summers 1998-2001 (All course work for Master in Judicial Studies completed)
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; 1971
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.  
The Citadel: Assistant Manager, Basketball Team, 1964-65; ROTC, 1964-68; Squad Sergeant, 1966, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Corps of Cadets, 1968; member Senior Class Board of Directors



University of South Carolina School of Law: Phi Delta Phi Legal Fraternity; Law Clerk of Attorneys Betty Sloan and Claud Sapp, 1969-71

10. Describe your continuing legal or judicial education during the past five years. Include only the title and date of any continuing legal or judicial education course completed.

<u>Conference/CLE Name</u>	<u>Date(s)</u>
(a) 4 <sup>th</sup> Annual Judicial Symposium	07/11/08;
(b) Judicial Conference	08/20/08;
(c) Post-Conviction Relief Seminar	12/05/08;
(d) 7 <sup>th</sup> Annual Civil Law Update	01/23/08;
(e) 24 <sup>th</sup> Annual SC Criminal Law Update	01/23/08;
(f) NC/SC Appellate Judges' Conference	03/01/07;
(g) Annual Judicial Conference	08/22/07;
(h) The Law Clerk & Staff Code of Conduct	12/19/07;
(i) 4 <sup>th</sup> Annual Civil Law Update	01/27/06;
(j) 21 <sup>st</sup> Annual Criminal Law Update	01/27/06
(k) EIJ/Economics Institute for Judges	03/20/06;
(l) NJC/Essential Skills for the Appellate	07/01/06;
(m) NYUSCP/Appellate Judges Seminar	07/10/06;
(n) CLO/Mini Summit on Justice for Children	08/22/06;
(o) Annual Judicial Conference	08/23/06;
(p) NJC/South Carolina Judges/Journalists	09/28/06
(q) Crawford: A Hearsay Chimera	04/15/05;
(r) Post Conviction Relief Seminar	06/09/05;
(s) Annual Judicial Conference	08/24/05;
(t) Ethics 2005 Seminar	09/21/05;
(u) SCDTAA Annual Meeting	11/03/05;
(v) Appellate/Federal Judges Conference	05/26-27/05;
(w) 19 <sup>th</sup> Annual Criminal Law Update	01/23/04;
(x) 2 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Civil Law Update	01/23/04;
(y) SCCA Judicial Conference	08/19/04;
(z) Revised Lawyer's Oath CLE	07/28/04;
(aa) Judicial Oath of Office	08/19/04.

11. Have you taught law-related courses or lectured at bar association conferences, educational institutions, or continuing legal or judicial education programs?

- (a) I have made presentations to Circuit Court Judges on the Court of Appeals at the Circuit Court Judges' Conference.
- (b) I spoke on the topic Case File Development and Review, A View from the Judiciary at the South Carolina Solicitors' Conference.
- (c) I have served as a Group Facilitator with the faculty for a General Jurisdiction Course at the National Judicial College/Reno, Nevada for new Judges leading group discussions four hours each day on a wide variety of legal topics.

- (d) I was instructor for a Seminar for South Carolina Legal Secretaries Association on the topic of Rules of Civil Procedure.
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 Supreme Court; September 21, 1971
- (b) United States District Court of South Carolina; October 30, 1972
- (c) United States Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals; September 12, 1974
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.
- I began the general practice of law in November 1971, in Chester, South Carolina, with Mr. Fred H. Strickland and Mr. E. K. Hardin, who later became Probate Judge of Chester County.
- In late 1972, I became a partner in the firm and in approximately June 1973, Mr. Strickland was tragically killed in a house fire and I became senior partner at the age of 26. Mr. William C. Keels graduated from law school in June 1973, and he and I began practicing law together at that time.
- I was honored to have been elected to the South Carolina Circuit Court At-Large Seat #8 on February 1, 1991, and served continuously until February 1999, when I was elected Resident Judge of the Sixth Judicial Circuit.
- I was elected to the South Carolina Court of Appeals in May 2004.
15. What is your rating in Martindale-Hubbell? A.V.
22. Have you ever held judicial office?
- YES
- July 1991-February 1999; South Carolina Circuit Court at Large, Seat #8
- February 1999-June 2004; Resident Judge, Sixth Judicial Circuit
- July 2004-Present; South Carolina Court of Appeals, Seat #1
23. If the answer to question 22 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) Cannon v. SCDPPPS, 361 S.C. 425, 604 S.E.2d 709 (Ct. App. 2004); 371 S.C. 581, 641 S.E.2d 429 (2007)
- (a) Gillman v. City of Beaufort, 368 S.C. 24, 627 S.E.2d 746 (Ct. App. 2006)
- (c) Lukich v. Lukich, 368 S.C. 47, 627 S.E.2d 754 (Ct. App. 2006) 379 S.C. 589, 666 S.E.2d 906 (2008)
- (d) Vortex Sports & Entertainment, Inc. v. Ware, 378 S.C. 197, 662 S.E.2d 444 (Ct. App. 2008)
- (e) State v. Singley, 2009 WL 1313243 (Ct. App. 2009)

24. Have you ever held public office other than judicial office?  
YES; All reports were timely filed with the State Ethics Commission.  
South Carolina House of Representatives, elected, 1982-91  
Chester County Airport Commission, appointed, 1978-80  
Chester County Attorney, appointed, 1980-82
25. 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
26. Have you ever been an unsuccessful candidate for elective, judicial, or other public office?  
I withdrew from the South Carolina Court of Appeals, Seat #6 on February 4, 2003, after having been selected one of the three candidates selected by the Judicial Merit Selection Committee.
27. 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?  
(a) Textiles, Inc., Gastonia North Carolina  
(b) Textile employee during summers while in college; 1964-68
28. Are you now an officer or director or involved in the management of any business enterprise? NO
29. A complete, current financial net worth statement was provided to the Commission.
30. 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
31. 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?  
NO
32. Have you, to your knowledge, ever been under federal, state, or local investigation for possible violation of a criminal statute? NO
33. 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? NO
34. 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?  
YES I was sued as a member of the Chester County Legislative Delegation by a tax payer who demanded that the Delegation, rather than the Chester County School Trustees, set the school tax millage. The Circuit Court later ruled that the Chester County Board of School Trustees had the taxing authority.

After becoming a Circuit Court Judge, I was also sued by a prisoner acting Pro Se. The case was filed in United States District Court and the Civil Action Number was 4:92-2623-3BD and was entitled: Priest Gerald Garner, #170960 v. Charles Molony Condon, Solicitor; Lee E. Berlinsky, Asst. Solicitor; Paul E. Short, Jr., Judge; Det. Guy R. Vanhorn; Det. Frazier; Det M. Benton; Det. Kay Colleton; and William L. Howard, Judge. I was dismissed from the case by Order dated August 26, 1993, which was duly signed and executed by Judge Ross Anderson.

I was also sued by another prisoner, Mark Steven Fortier. This case was entitled Mark Steven Fortier v. Medlock, et.al., Civil Action Number 3:920 C.V.-33121. This case was filed in U.S. District Court by Mr. Fortier against the Attorney General for South Carolina, me, as Circuit Court Judge, and several other officials. Mr. Fortier was the first State Wide Grand Jury case involving pornography. I was sentencing Judge and Mr. Fortier was apparently unhappy with his sentence. I was subsequently dismissed from the case by United States District Judge.

I was also sued by Mr. Reco Cauthen, although I was never served with process as required by the S.C. Rules of Civil Procedure. I presided over Mr. Cauthen's trial of Grand Larceny, Kidnapping, Possession of a Weapon during the Commission of a Violent Crime, Armed Robbery and Burglary 1<sup>st</sup> Degree in November 2003 in Chester, South Carolina. During the trial, Mr. Cauthen was allegedly placed in a holding cell with two of his co-defendants who had turned State's evidence. The suit arose out of an alleged fight which ensued.

36. 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)? NO
37. 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? NO
38. 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. NONE
39. 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. NO

40. 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. NONE
41. 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
42. 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? NO
43. Have you requested a friend or colleague to contact members of the General Assembly on your behalf? Are you aware of any friends or colleagues contacting members of the General Assembly on your behalf? NO
44. Have you or has anyone acting on your behalf solicited or collected funds to aid in the promotion of your candidacy? NO
45. 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?  
YES I have contacted my Representative to advise him that I would be a candidate for the South Carolina Court of Appeals, Chief Judge, Seat #5.
46. 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) Chester County Bar Association
  - (b) South Carolina Bar Association
  - (c) Appellate Judges Association
47. 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) Purity Presbyterian Church; former Deacon, Elder
  - (b) Sertoma International, Life Member
  - (c) Chester Shrine Club
  - (d) Chester Masonic Lodge
  - (e) American Legion
  - (f) Chester Men's Golf Association
  - (g) Phi Delta Phi
48. 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.

While I was practicing law, I had the pleasure to serve and to gain valuable experience on the Board of Commissioners on Grievances and Discipline.

49. References:

- (a) Mrs. Brenda T. McBrayer  
Vice President, First Citizens Bank  
Post Office Box 490  
Chester, South Carolina 29706  
(803) 377-7151
- (b) Ms. Ann Campbell  
117 Main Street  
Chester, South Carolina 29706  
(803) 377-4162
- (c) Mr. Daniel R. Settana, Jr.  
Post Office Box 7217  
Columbia, South Carolina 29202  
(803) 256-4645
- (d) Mr. Marvin Waldrep  
129 Church Street  
Chester, South Carolina 29706  
(803) 581-6222
- (e) Dr. Bill Johnson  
Post Office Box 278  
Chester, South Carolina 29706  
(803) 377-8175
- (f) Judge Ralph King Anderson, Jr.  
Post Office Box 1562  
Florence, South Carolina 29503  
(843) 665-3039

Staff must request reference since he is a sitting Judge.

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: Paul E. Short, Jr.

Date: July 28, 2009