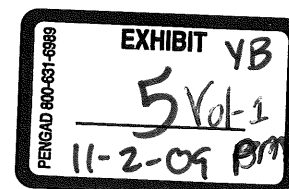


JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION
PERSONAL DATA QUESTIONNAIRE

Court, Position, and Seat # for which you are applying:
Circuit Court At-Large Seat # 8.

1. NAME: Mr. Jeffrey P. Bloom
BUSINESS ADDRESS: 1911 Pickens St.
Columbia, S.C. 29201
E-MAIL ADDRESS: JPBloom803@aol.com or Jeff @JPBloomlaw.com
TELEPHONE NUMBER: (office): (803) 256-7001
2. Date of Birth: 1956
Place of Birth: Rochester, N.Y.
3. Are you a citizen of South Carolina? Yes (since 1983).
Have you been a resident of this state for at least the immediate past five years? Yes
5. Family Status: Divorced on May 25, 2007, Richland County Family Court. One year's separation. Two children.
6. Have you served in the military? No
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) Columbus School of Law, Catholic Univ., Washington, D.C.; 8/80-5/83; Juris Doctor
 - (b) State University College at Geneseo, N.Y.; 8/75-5/78; B.A. – Political Science.
8. List the states in which you have been admitted to practice law and the year of each admission. Also list any states in which you took the bar exam but were never admitted to the practice of law. If you took the bar exam more than once in any of the states listed, please indicate the number of times you took the exam in each state.
 - (a) S.C. – 1985.
 - (b) N.C. – 1983.
9. List the significant activities in which you took part during your attendance at college, graduate, and law school. Give the dates you were involved in these activities and list any leadership positions you held.
 - (a) Law school: Student intern, U.S. Senate Committee on American Indian Affairs, 1982-1983; Student intern, Catholic U. Center for Political Studies 1981-82; Student radio – disc jockey.
 - (b) College: Political Science Club, 1975-78; Literary Club, 1976-78; Student Intern, National Assn. of Native American Affairs, Wash., D.C. Fall 1977.



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>Dates(s)</u>
(a) Federal Practice Seminar (registered; pending)	10/29/09
(b) Federal Advocacy Training	10/6/08
(c) Federal Criminal Practice	10/16/08
(d) Federal Criminal Practice	11/1/07
(e) Victim Outreach Training	3/24-25/07; 4/14-15/07
(f) 21st Annual Criminal Law Update	1/27/06
(g) 4th Annual Civil Law Update	1/27/06
(h) Restorative Justice	5/8-5/12/06
(i) 27th Annual Capital Punishment	7/21-7/23/06
(j) Habeas Institute	6/2/05
(k) Capital PCR Training	10/14-15/04
(l) Mental Health Concerns for Attys	12/10/04

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

(a) Adjunct Professor, USC College of Criminal Justice, 1998-1999.
Taught: Constitutional Law; and American Criminal Court System.

Also have taught or lectured as follows:

- (b) "Arizona v. Gant (U.S. Sup. Ct. decision, April 21, 2009) and its Impact on Law Enforcement Automobile Searches," Presentation to the First Circuit Law Enforcement Assn., June 4, 2009.
- (c) "Updates in Psychiatry and the Law," Psychiatry and the Law Seminar for Graduate Fellows, University of South Carolina School of Medicine, Wm. S. Hall Psychiatric Institute, Columbia, S.C., March 2009.
- (d) "Mitigation and Forensic Psychiatry" Psychiatry and the Law Seminar for Graduate Fellows, University of South Carolina School of Medicine, Wm. S. Hall Psychiatric Institute, Columbia, S.C., March 2007; March 2008.
- (e) "A Case Study of *Rompilla* and the Role of Mitigation: *Wiggins* revisited," Psychiatry and the Law Seminar for Graduate Fellows, University of South Carolina School of Medicine, Wm. S. Hall Psychiatric Institute, Columbia, S.C., March 2006.
- (f) "The Habeas Institute: Teaching the Art of Advocacy," National Institute for Trial Advocacy, Georgia State University College of Law, Atlanta, Georgia, June 2- 5, 2005.
- (g) "A Case Study of *State v. Von Dohlen* and the Role of Mitigation," Psychiatry and the Law Seminar for Graduate Fellows, University of South Carolina School of Medicine, Wm. S. Hall Psychiatric Institute, Columbia, S.C., March 24, 2005.
- (h) "Changing the Theme of Your Capital Post-Conviction Case," N.C. Center for Death Penalty Litigation, Chapel Hill, N.C., October 2004.

- (i) "*Wiggins* and the Forensic Social Worker," Psychiatry and the Law Seminar for Graduate Fellows, University of South Carolina School of Medicine, Wm. S. Hall Psychiatric Institute, Columbia, S.C., March 25, 2004.
- (j) "The Application of *Ring* to S.C. Law," S.C. Public Defender Assn. Conference, Charleston, S.C., October 1, 2003.
- (k) "Diagnosing Mental Retardation and its Impact," Psychiatry and the Law Seminar for Graduate Fellows, University of South Carolina School of Medicine, Wm. S. Hall Psychiatric Institute, Columbia, S.C., February 2003.
- (l) "Voir Dire in Capital Jury Selection", and "Team-Building in Capital Cases," Virginia Death Penalty College, Richmond, VA., January 31, 2003.
- (m) "Psychiatric Issues and Jury Selection in Capital Cases," Psychiatry and the Law Seminar for Graduate Fellows, University of South Carolina School of Medicine, Wm. S. Hall Psychiatric Institute, Columbia, S.C., March 28, 2002.
- (n) "Psychiatric Issues & Mitigation in Capital Cases," Psychiatry and the Law Seminar for Graduate Fellows, University of South Carolina School of Medicine, Wm. S. Hall Psychiatric Institute, Columbia, S.C., January 31, 2001.
- (o) "Understanding Juries in Capital Cases," S.C. Public Defender Assn., Myrtle Beach, S.C., October 2000.
- (p) "Use of Mock Trials/Focus Groups in Preparing Capital Cases," N.C. Academy of Trial Lawyers, Raleigh, N.C., September 2000.
- (q) "Jury Selection in Capital Cases," Georgia Indigent Defense Council Seminar, Atlanta, Georgia, July 2000.
- (r) "Use of Mock Trials/Focus Groups in Preparing Capital Cases," NAACP Legal Defense Fund Capital Litigation Seminar, Virginia, August 1999.
- (s) "Prosecutorial Conduct and Witnesses", Lecture delivered to the S.C. Judicial Conference, August 22, 1997.
- (t) "Caseloads, Ethics, and Remedies" S.C. Public Defender Assn. Seminar, Sept. 30, 1996.
- (u) "Obtaining Adequate and Effective Resources in Capital Cases," S.C. Assn. of Criminal Defense Attorneys, February 1996.
- (v) "Court Appointments in Conflict Cases," S.C. Bar Continuing Legal Education Seminar, University of South Carolina, School of Law, December 15, 1995.
- (w) "Psychiatry and The Law" University of South Carolina, School of Medicine Seminar, December 16, 1994.
- (x) "The Ethics of Dealing With Difficult Clients & Difficult Issues: Confronting Race & Gender," S. C. Public Defender Association Conference, September 30, 1994.

- (y) "Family Court Criminal Law Seminar: Search and Seizure and Schmerber," Dept. of Juvenile Justice, August 19, 1994.
 - (z) "Constitutional Law," Magistrate Training Seminar, S.C. Criminal Justice Academy, July 28, 1994.
 - (aa) "Mock Trial Demonstration: Insanity Issues," University of South Carolina, School of Medicine, May 25, 1994.
 - (bb) "Criminal Practice in South Carolina: The Fifth & Sixth Amendments," S.C. Bar Continuing Legal Education Seminar, University of South Carolina, School of Law, November 12, 1993.
 - (cc) "Panel Discussion on Indigent Defense: Practical and Ethical Problems and Solutions," S.C. Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, October 8, 1993.
 - (dd) "Opening Statements, Final Arguments, and Jury Dynamics – Including Batson and Edmonson Issues (Panel Discussion of Jury Selection and Dynamics)," S.C. Bar Continuing Legal Education Seminar, University of South Carolina, School of Law, April 2, 1993.
 - (ee) "Death Penalty Litigation: Getting Funds and Experts," S.C. Public Defender Association Conference, October 1993.
 - (ff) "Ethics in Criminal Defense: What To Do, What Not To Do, And Changing Rules," S.C. Bar Continuing Legal Education Seminar, University of South Carolina, School of Law, September 3, 1992.
 - (gg) "Ethics: Conflicts of Interest in Criminal Law," S.C. Bar Continuing Legal Education Seminar, University of South Carolina, School of Law, 1991.
 - (hh) "Criminal Defense and Investigation," S.C. Association of Legal Investigators, May 11, 1990.
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) All state courts of S.C.: 1985.
 - (b) All state courts of N.C.: 1983.
 - (c) Federal U.S. District Court of S.C.: 1993.
 - (d) Federal U.S. District Court of N.C., Western Dist.: 2004.
 - (e) Federal Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit: 2006.
 - (f) U.S. Supreme Court: 2007.
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) 1984 – Brunswick County, N.C.; Juvenile Court
 - (b) 1985 – Neighborhood Legal Aid Assn., Conway, S.C.: Civil and Family Court.
 - (c) 1985-92 – Horry County Public Defender Office, Conway, S.C.

- (d) Began as an Assistant Public Defender. Served as Chief Public Defender 1988-92.
- (e) 1992-99 – Richland County Public Defender Office, Columbia, S.C. Served as Chief Public Defender.
- (f) 1999-Present. Private Practice. I have handled capital trial, appellate, and post-conviction cases. In February 2006, I began accepting appointments and assisting the Calhoun County Public Defender Office, St. Matthews, S.C. I have also handled pro bono cases in civil court, including bankruptcy, landlord-tenant, magistrate court, workers compensation, and similar cases. I continue to donate more than 100 hours pro bono services annually.

If you are a judge and are not seeking a different type of judgeship, the following questions are inapplicable:

- (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.

I have handled complex criminal cases for more than 20 years (representing defendants) as a Public Defender in two counties, Horry and Richland. I have also, since 2006, begun handling criminal appointments and pro bono criminal cases in Calhoun County (please contact, for any references in this regard, Calhoun County Public Defender Martin Banks: P.O. Box 243, St. Matthews, S.C., 29135; # 803-874-2100). This includes the trial level, appellate, and post-conviction stages. Beginning about 2004, I began handling federal criminal cases, too. Cases handled in the last 5 years include numerous complex capital cases and numerous criminal cases, such as: *State v. (Rita) Bixby*, 373 S.C. 74, 644 S.E.2d 54 (2007). This case set the precedent in that a defendant charged as an accessory before the fact to murder cannot be subject to capital punishment as a principal. Other issues in such cases have involved constitutional questions such as due process, search and seizure, effective assistance of counsel, and related issues. Similar case examples can be listed if necessary.

In civil cases, I have handled numerous capital post-conviction cases, which operate under the rules of civil procedure and are treated as such by the court. Case examples include: *Charping v. Ozmint*, Mem. Op. 2006-MO-024 (S.C. July 3, 2006) and *Von Dohlen v. State*, 360 S.C. 598, 602 S.E.2d 738 (2004). I have also handled pro bono cases in civil court representing mainly defendants, including bankruptcy, landlord-tenant, magistrate court, workers compensation, and similar cases. While I have not handled numerous civil litigation-type cases, my experience with the civil rules and procedures in the numerous aforementioned cases have exposed me to the arena of civil law.

15. What is your rating in Martindale-Hubbell? Not rated (to my knowledge).

Retired judges/justices and judges/justices applying for reelection to their current position may omit Questions 16-21. If a candidate is seeking a judgeship different than his or her current position, Questions 16-21 should be answered based on experience prior to serving on the bench.

16. What was the frequency of your court appearances during the last five years?

- (a) federal: more than 35;
- (b) state: more than 70.

17. What percentage of your practice involved civil, criminal, and domestic matters during the last five years?

- (a) civil: 50%; (including capital PCR cases which are treated as civil cases)
- (b) criminal: 50%;
- (c) domestic: none.

18. What percentage of your practice in trial court during the last five years involved matters that went to a jury?

- (a) jury: 25%;
- (b) non-jury: 75%.

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

19. List five of the most significant litigated matters that 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. Do NOT attach a separate list.

- (a) State v. (Rita) Bixby, 373 S.C. 74, 644 S.E.2d 54 (2007). This case set the precedent in that a defendant charged as an accessory before the fact to murder cannot be subject to capital punishment as a principal.
- (b) Kelly v. Ozmint, 7th Cir. Court of Common Pleas and S.C. Sup.Ct.; 5/24/06, cert. den., affirming Circuit Court's grant of relief (no reported decision). This case established a number of significant constitutional claims, including the constitutional mandate that *race* cannot play any part of the prosecutorial decision to seek the death penalty.
- (c) Von Dohlen v. State, 360 S.C. 598, 602 S.E.2d 738 (2004). First S.C. Supreme Court case which adopted, interpreted and applied the U.S.

Supreme Court recent precedent of *Wiggins v. Smith*, 539 U.S. 510 (2003).

- (d) U.S. v. Reid, 523 F.3d 310 (4th Cir. 2008). I represented defendant at trial. While the appeal was unsuccessful for the defendant, it established important sentencing principles in federal court.
 - (e) Blakeney v. Branker, 314 Fed. Appx. 572, 2009 U.S.App.LEXIS 4509 (4th Cir. 2009). Appeal in 4th Circuit Court of Appeals; petition for certiorari pending in the U.S. Supreme Court. This was a complicated capital post-conviction case in U.S. District Court in N.C. involving race issues in jury selection, ineffective assistance of counsel at sentencing, and discovery issues.
20. List up to five civil appeals that you have personally handled. Give the case name, the court, the date of decision, and the citation if the case was reported. If you are a candidate for an appellate court judgeship (please attach one copy of briefs filed by you in each matter).
- (a) Charping v. Ozmint, Mem. Op. 2006-MO-024 (S.C., July 3, 2006), affirming Circuit Court's grant of relief.
 - (b) Kelly v. Ozmint, 7th Cir. Court of Common Pleas and S.C. Sup.Ct.; 5/24/06, cert. den. On appeal by the State, affirming Circuit Court's grant of relief.
 - (c) Von Dohlen v. State, 360 S.C. 598, 602 S.E.2d 738 (2004). See # 19 above.
 - (d) Lawrence v. State, 1st Circuit Court of Common Pleas and S.C. Sup. Ct.; 8/08, cert. den., affirming Circuit Court's grant of relief. (handled appeal pro bono)
 - (e) Credell v. State, appeal dismissed. (appeal handled pro bono)
21. 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. Please attach one copy of briefs filed by you in each matter. Do NOT attach a separate list.
- (a) State v. (Rita) Bixby, 373 S.C. 74, 644 S.E.2d 54 (2007). See # 19 above.
 - (b) State v. Crisp, 362 S.C. 412, 608 S.E.2d 429 (2005). Established the parameters for Circuit Court in accepting a guilty plea in a capital case. (I was appointed by the S.C. Supreme Court and served pro bono in this appeal).
 - (c) State v. Cockerham, 294 S.C. 380, 365 S.E.2d 22 (19988). Established 5th Amendment protections for the defendant as applied to the prosecutor's closing argument. (brief no longer available due to age of case; may be requested from S.C. Supreme Court library if necessary).
22. Have you ever held judicial office? No.
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.

Not Applicable (N/A).

24. Have you ever held public office other than judicial office? 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?

All offices below were appointed. Reports were timely filed with State Ethics Comm., and I was never subject to penalty.

- (a) Commission Member, S.C. Comm. on Indigent Defense: 2006-07.
 - (b) Chair, Appellate Defense Comm.: 1990-98.
 - (c) Commission Member, S.C. Sentencing Guidelines Comm.: 1990-96.
 - (d) Zoning Board of Appeals, City of North Myrtle Beach, S.C.: 1989-92.
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. N/A.
26. Have you ever been an unsuccessful candidate for elective, judicial, or other public office?
Candidate for First Circuit Court Seat # 1 in August 2008 – February 2009.
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? No.
28. 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 (other than my own self-employed law firm since 1999).
29. A complete, current financial net worth statement was provided to the Commission.
30. Describe any financial arrangements or business relationships that 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? No.

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. None.
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? If so, give details. 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? No.
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) S.C. Bar
 - (b) N.C. Bar

- (c) S.C. Assn. of Criminal Defense Lawyers
 - (d) Calhoun County Bar
 - (e) Richland County Bar
 - (f) American Society of Trial Consultants
 - (g) Formerly a member of the S.C. Public Defender Assn., and served as President from 1990-96.
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) Scoutmaster, Boy Scouts of America, Troop 397, Asbury Methodist Church, 2005-Present.
 - (b) Asst. Clinical Professor of Neuropsychiatry and Behavioral Science, USC School of Medicine, 1999-Present. (serve pro bono)
 - (c) Former Board Member, Domestic Abuse Center.
48. Provide any other information which 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.
- (a) I am an Eagle Scout and registered member of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) for over 20 years. I am a member of the honored society in BSA of the Order of the Arrow, as a Vigil Honor member. I have been through adult "Woodbadge" training which centers on group and leader dynamics. Boy Scouts is a very big part of my life, and the Boy Scout Oath and Law guide my life.
 - (b) Awarded Pro Bono Attorney of the Year by the SC Bar (1/26/06) for 2005. I donate more than 100 pro bono hours annually.
 - (c) Moot Court judge at the USC-School of Law for numerous years.
 - (d) Victim Outreach training, along with Restorative Justice training, as noted above, has sensitized me to the needs of victims and victims' families.
 - (e) Served as a Special Master in civil case of Hall v. Murphree (Case No. 08-CP-09-101).
49. References:
- (a) Hon. Ken Hasty
Clerk of Court for Calhoun County
902 South F.R. Huff Drive
St. Matthews, S.C. 29135
(803) 874-3524.
 - (b) Hon. Mark Leiendecker
Chief Public Defender
First Judicial Circuit
107 W. 6th North St
Summerville, S.C., 29483
(843) 851-0072

- (c) Joseph L. Savitz, III
Chief Attorney, Office of Appellate Defense
1330 Lady St., Su. 401
Columbia, S.C., 29201
(803) 734-1330.
- (d) Carl B. Grant, Attorney At Law
P.O. Box 1203
Orangeburg, S.C., 29116
(803) 536-4011.
- (e) Ms. Tracy Smalls
Asst. VP. First Citizens Bank
2600 Rosewood Dr.
Columbia, S.C. 29205
(803) 733-2080.

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: Jeffrey P. Bloom

Date: August 12, 2009

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October 14, 2009

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RE: Circuit Court Seat At-Large # 8

Dear Mr. Gentry,

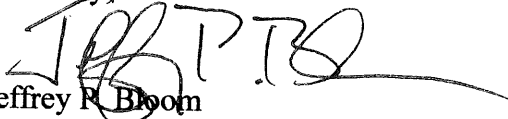
Please amend answer # 34 on my application regarding the above-named seat, as follows:

In my capacity as Chief Public Defender of Richland County, from 1992 - 99, both myself and the office were sued in the case of "Donald Gay v. Richland County Public Defender Office, and Jeffrey Bloom." I also recall a similar federal lawsuit of "Henry v. Richland County Public Defender Office, and Jeffrey Bloom." Both of these actions were brought by former defendants and clients of the Public Defender Office Both suits. Both of the lawsuits were dismissed with prejudice by the court.

I regret any inconvenience this may have caused, and honestly did not remember these lawsuits at the time of preparing my application. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or request for additional information.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,


Jeffrey P. Bloom