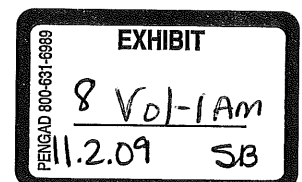


**JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION  
PERSONAL DATA QUESTIONNAIRE**

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

1. NAME: John Cannon Few  
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E-MAIL ADDRESS: jfewj@sccourts.org  
TELEPHONE NUMBER: (office): (864) 467-8448
2. Date of Birth: 1963  
Place of Birth: Anderson, SC
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: Divorced on December 9, 2005. I filed for divorce in Laurens County on the grounds of one years' continuous separation. Three 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) Duke University 1981-85 B.A.;  
(b) USC School of Law 1985-88 J.D.
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 - 1988  
None.  
I took only the South Carolina Bar exam, only once.
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) In college I served as the Duke Blue Devil during my junior year, 1983-84;  
(b) In law school, I served on the Law Review as a Student Works Editor during my senior year, 1987-88.
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.  

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| <u>Conference/CLE Name</u> | <u>Date(s)</u> |
| (a) SC Circuit Judges'     | 05/05/04       |



- (b) Judicial Oath of Office 08/19/04
- (c) Annual SC Solicitors' 09/26/04
- (d) 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Criminal Law Update 01/21/05
- (e) Circuit Court Judges 05/11/05
- (f) Annual Judicial Conference 08/24/05
- (g) SCDTAA Annual Meeting 11/03/05
- (h) Advanced Evidence 09/25/05
- (i) Teaching Evidence 11/14/05
- (j) Fourth Annual Civil Law Update 01/27/06
- (k) 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Criminal Law Update 01/27/06
- (l) 20<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court Judges' 05/10/06
- (m) SCCA Judicial Conference 08/23/06
- (n) 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Criminal Law Update 01/26/07
- (o) 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Civil Law Update 01/26/07
- (p) Circuit Court Judges' 05/16/07
- (q) SCCA Judicial Conference 08/22/07
- (r) 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Criminal Law Update 01/25/08
- (s) 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Civil Law Update 01/25/08
- (t) Circuit Court Judges' 05/14/08
- (u) SCCA Judicial Conference 08/20/08
- (v) 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Criminal Law Update 01/23/09
- (w) Circuit Court Judges' 05/06/09

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

- (a) I have done a good bit of teaching and lecturing at continuing legal education classes since I began practicing law, and I continued doing that after I became a judge. I have spoken at Greenville Bar Association CLE programs several times. I have spoken at numerous South Carolina Bar programs as well. In addition, I am a member of the faculty at the National Judicial College, where I taught a class on evidence to other judges in September 2005, and in August 2007. I am currently scheduled to teach a class on evidence through the National Judicial College in September. I have spoken on at least six occasions to the South Carolina Defense Trial Attorneys Association, three times at their summer meeting at the Grove Park Inn in Asheville, and three at their annual meeting, which is held in a different location each year. I have spoken to the South Carolina Association for Justice Auto Torts seminar in Atlanta. In February 2008 and 2009 I organized and moderated a full day evidence CLE for the South Carolina Bar entitled "It's All A Game: Top Trial Lawyers Tackle Evidence." That program will be presented again in February, 2010. In the summer of 2008 I served as an Adjunct Professor at the Charleston School of Law teaching Advanced Evidence;

- (b) I have a list available of all the CLE presentations I have made in my career, which I have not attached, but will provide upon request.
12. 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 since I became a judge in 2000.
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.
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| (a) | South Carolina                               | 1988; |
| (b) | US District Court, DSC                       | 1989; |
| (c) | US Court of Appeals, 4 <sup>th</sup> Circuit | 1990; |
| (d) | US Supreme Court                             | 1995. |
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.
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| (a) | 1989-97 - Private Civil Practice, in partnership with my father, J. Kendall Few; |
| (b) | 1997-2000 - Private Civil Practice by myself.                                    |
15. What is your rating in Martindale-Hubbell? AV.
- 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?
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| (a) | federal: | At least once a month; |
| (b) | state:   | At least once a month. |
17. What percentage of your practice involved civil, criminal, and domestic matters during the last five years?
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| (a) | civil:    | 100%;                                                        |
| (b) | criminal: | 0;                                                           |
| (c) | domestic: | 0. (I was appointed in 2 or 3 domestic cases over 11 years). |
18. What percentage of your practice in trial court during the last five years involved matters that went to a jury, including those that settled prior to trial?
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| (a) | jury:     | 90%; |
| (b) | non-jury: | 10%. |
- Did you most often serve as sole counsel, chief counsel, or associate counsel in these matters?
- The types of cases I handled while practicing law usually called for more than one lawyer. I almost always served as either chief or associate counsel.
19. 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) Bagwell v. Nissan, US District Court, District of South Carolina.  
This case is significant because I was able to play a major role in enabling a severely disabled quadriplegic, who was otherwise unable to provide for himself financially, to have his basic needs met for the rest of his life;
- (b) Shockley v. Hoechst Celanese, 793 F.Supp. 670 (D.S.C. 1992).  
This case is significant because an Order I wrote at the request of the district judge was published in the Federal Supplement, and has played a significant role in the development of the law of environmental contamination. The appeal of this case is listed in response to question 20;
- (c) Roshto v. Spartanburg Petroleum.  
This Laurens County case was significant in that my co-counsel and I were able to get a settlement for a hotel (the old Holiday Inn at SC 56 and I-26) owner and operator that enabled the business to stay in operation despite the unwillingness of banks to finance the business because of groundwater contamination on the property caused by a gas station on adjoining property
- (d) Shook v. Golden Rule, 1993 WL 18754 (D.S.C. Jan. 7, 1993).  
This case against a medical insurance provider is significant in that my co-counsel and I were able to get medical insurance payments immediately made for a severely disabled accident victim whose insurance had been denied in violation of the terms of the policy;
- (e) Cameron v. General Motors Corp., 158 F.R.D. 581 (1994).  
This case is significant because of the fact that the U.S. District Judge who presided over it was essentially disqualified by the Fourth Circuit, and the case was transferred to a District Judge from West Virginia. The legal issues were substantial, and eventually involved litigation in West Virginia and Detroit Michigan, in addition to South Carolina.

20. 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. If you are a candidate for an appellate court judgeship (please attach one copy of briefs filed by you in each matter).

- (a) Shockley v. Hoechst Celanese Corp., 996 F.2d 1212 (4th Cir. 1993).  
I wrote the brief in this case, but did not personally argue the appeal;
- (b) Ehlies v. Shirley, 2000-UP-250;
- (c) Phillips v. Southland Life Insurance Co.  
This was the first case I ever tried, and the first appeal I ever argued. I don't have the case number of the unpublished opinion. I lost both the trial and the appeal;
- (d) Clark v. Greenville County, 313 S.C. 205, 437 S.E.2d 117 (1993).  
I don't think I actually argued this appeal, but I wrote or substantially wrote the briefs;

- (e) Kelly v. Para-Chem Southern, Inc., 311 S.C. 223, 428 S.E.2d 703 (1993);  
I do not have copies of any of the briefs, nor do I know how I could get them.
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. If you are a candidate for an appellate court judgeship (please attach one copy of briefs filed by you in each matter).  
I have never handled a criminal appeal.
22. Have you ever held judicial office? Describe the jurisdiction of each of the courts and note any limitations on the jurisdiction of each court.  
I have served as a Circuit Judge since July 1, 2000.
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) Dissenting opinion in South Carolina State Ports Authority v Jasper County, 368 S.C. 388, 629 S.E.2d 624 (2006). I was sitting as an Acting Justice by designation;
- (b) Foothills Brewing Concern, Inc., et. al. v. City of Greenville, 06-CP-23-7803 (Order dated March 8, 2007). The Order was reversed. The Foothills Brewing Concern v. City of Greenville, 377 S.C. 355, 660 S.E.2d 264 (2008);
- (c) Dabbs v. Davis, 01-CP-23-7629 (Order dated March 1, 2004);
- (d) Sloan v. Greenville County, 99-CP-23-3022 (Order dated May 7, 2001), 99-CP-23-5004 (Order dated May 7, 2001), 00-CP-23-5354 (Order dated September 14, 2001), aff'd 356 S.C. 531, 590 S.E.2d 338 (Ct. App. 2003);
- (e) Pitts v. Jackson National Life Insurance Co., 352 S.C. 319, 574 S.E.2d 502 (Ct. App. 2002).
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? No.
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.  
I served as Adjunct Professor at the Charleston School of Law in the summer of 2008. I taught one class: Advanced Evidence. It was a part-time position. The dates of the class were every Tuesday and Thursday evening from 6 to 8 from May 27 to July 17, with the exam on July 24. My supervisor was the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, Nancy Zisk, who no longer holds that position. For this work, I was paid a salary and given a per trip expense reimbursement.

26. Have you ever been an unsuccessful candidate for elective, judicial, or other public office?

I ran unsuccessfully for the Supreme Court of South Carolina in 2007, 2008 and 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? 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?

I was sued by Donald Strable in US District Court for the District of South Carolina for \$21 million. The allegations arose out of my having been assigned as administrative judge for all the lawsuits he had filed against other judges. Because the case was filed *pro se*, he was not allowed to serve me without the permission of the Federal Court, and that permission was denied. The case is over.

I was listed as a defendant in Rochester, v. L. Casey Massing, 2004-MC-00008. However, I was never served with a summons and complaint and never participated in the case. I have no idea what the allegations against me were. As far as I know, the case has been dismissed.

A former client of mine, Newco Electrical Supplies, Inc., and one of its owners James H. Vaughn Jr., sued me and my co-counsel in the case. The case was filed in Greenville County, case number 03-CP-23-3354. The case was dismissed on a motion for summary judgment.

I was served with a Petition for a Writ of Prohibition in the Supreme Court of South Carolina in regards to my role as the assigned judge in State v.

Jerry Buck Inman, a death penalty case in Pickens County. The Court assigned the case to another judge in a written Order.

In 2007, I was sent a copy of what appeared to be a pleading filed by Glen Laconey, a defendant in a case before the South Carolina Supreme Court alleging the unauthorized practice of law, in which I had been assigned to be the Special Referee. I do not believe this was a lawsuit, I have no reason to believe it was ever filed, and I was never served with a summons. Otherwise, I do not recall ever being sued.

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? Are you aware of any friends or colleagues contacting members of the General Assembly on your behalf?  
I have not requested anyone to contact a member of the General Assembly on my behalf in regards to this election for the Chief Judge of the Court of

Appeals. Of course, in my initial election into the Circuit Court in 2000, in my reelection bid in 2006, and in my bids for the Supreme Court in 2008 and 2009, I did so after the point in time when the rules allowed me to.

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) South Carolina Bar;
  - (b) Greenville County Bar.
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.
- I serve on the Duke University Alumni Advisory Committee for the upstate. All I do in that capacity is to interview high school seniors who have applied to Duke. I also serve in the unofficial role of President of the Duke Club of the Upstate, which specifically does not involve any fundraising whatsoever. I am simply a contact person for Duke alumni who live in this area, and from time to time I schedule events for Duke alumni in our area.
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.
- I know of none which should be disclosed.
49. References:
- (a) Charles G. Nichols
  - (b) Stephen L. Davis
  - (c) Robert Reeves
  - (d) Kenneth R. Parham
  - (e) Ray Lattimore

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: John Cannon Few

Date: 8/11/09



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**AMENDED ANSWER 49**

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Greenville, SC 29605  
(864) 569-4100
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(864) 229-5211
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Greenville First Bank  
P.O. Box 17465  
Greenville, SC 29606  
(864) 679-9000
- (d) Kenneth R. Parham  
UBS Financial Service Inc.  
17 West McBee Avenue  
Greenville, SC 29601  
(864) 232-5101
- (e) P. Dennis Way  
Morgan Stanley Smith Barney  
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## Jane Shuler

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**From:** John C. Few [JFewJ@sccourts.org]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 27, 2009 5:13 PM  
**To:** Jane Shuler  
**Subject:** Amended PDQ 49  
**Attachments:** Few.PDQFORM.amend 49.doc

Jane,

As we discussed, I have amended my answer to PDQ question 49 to change one of the people submitting letters of recommendation on my behalf. It is my understanding that the letter from P. Dennis Way was submitted by hand delivery today. If you have any questions, please let me know.

John Few

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