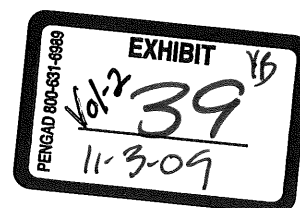


JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION
PERSONAL DATA QUESTIONNAIRE

Court, Position, and Seat # for which you are applying:
Administrative Law Court Seat 6.

1. NAME: Ms. Latonya Dilligard Edwards
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2. Date of Birth: 1970
Place of Birth: Charleston, South 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 August 28, 1999, to Thomas Steven Edwards. Never divorced. 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.
I attended Johnson C. Smith University from August 1988 – December 1991 and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree. I attended The Ohio State University College of Law from August 1993 to May 1996 and I received my Juris Doctor degree.
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.
I was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 1997. I was admitted to the North Carolina Bar in 2003. I took the North Carolina Bar seven times.
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.
While attending Johnson C. Smith University, I was a Peer Editor for the University Magazine. I was a student tutor, a member of the Honors College and an honor society member.
While attending The Ohio State University College of Law, I was a member and Managing Editor of The Ohio State University Journal on Dispute Resolution, a moot court team participant and regional quarterfinalist, and



Chief Justice of the Lawyering Skills Executive Committee (Moot Court Governing Board). I was also a member of the Black Law Student Association.

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) Legal Update	02/18/04;
(b) 2004 Property Rights & Land Use	10/29/04;
(c) 2004 Revised Lawyer's Oath	12/04/04;
(d) Workers' Compensation Update	08/26/05;
(e) 29 th Annual Educational Conference on Workers' Compensation	10/23-26/05;
(f) 2005 Local Government Attorneys' Institute	12/09/05;
(g) SC Workers' Compensation	09/26/06;
(h) SC Black Lawyers' Retreat	09/28/06;
(i) 30 th Annual Educational Conference on Workers' Compensation	10/22-25/06;
(j) Government Law Update	06/20/08;
(k) Dissecting a Workers' Compensation Case	09/05/08;
(l) Judicial Selection in South Carolina	09/17/08.

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

- (a) On September 26, 2006, I spoke to a group of insurance industry professionals about how to perfect a Second Injury Fund reimbursement claim.
- (b) On September 5, 2008, I spoke at a Continuing Legal Education Seminar about the impact of the 2007 Workers' Compensation Reform Act on the SC Second Injury Fund.

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

- (a) While attending Burke High School in Charleston, SC, one of my poems was published by the Charleston County Young Writers' Conference on November 21, 1987.
- (b) While attending Johnson C. Smith University, five of my poems were published in the university magazine from 1990-91.
- (c) In 1999, one of my poems was published in an anthology by Gateway Publishers.
- (d) In 2008, my article entitled, The South Carolina Second Injury Fund Sunrise 1972 - Sunset 2013, was published in the May 2008 edition of the South Carolina Lawyer.

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) Admitted to practice before the State Courts of South Carolina in 1997;
 - (b) Admitted to practice before the Federal District Court (South Carolina) in 1998
 - (c) Admitted to practice before State Courts of North Carolina in 2003
 - (d) Admitted to practice before the Federal District Court (North Carolina) in 2003.
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) August 1996-February 1998: I served as Federal Judicial Law Clerk to Honorable Richard C. Erwin, Senior United States District Court Judge for the Middle District of North Carolina. I drafted memorandum opinions on various federal issues ranging from employment law to criminal law. One memorandum opinion that I drafted involved a securities case of first impression and was discussed in the Wall Street Journal and the local newspapers.
 - (b) May 1998-June 1998: I served as a contract attorney for John R. Harper, Esquire and Hemphill P. Pride, Esquire, where I performed legal research and wrote briefs on employment law and civil rights issues.
 - (c) July 1998-October 1999: I served as Assistant County Attorney for Richland County. I performed legal research, wrote briefs and represented Richland County before Circuit Courts, Federal Court, Master-in-Equity and the Administrative Law Court. I provided legal opinions for the Human Resources Department on employment issues such as the Americans with Disabilities Act, and the Family Medical Leave Act. I also served as counsel to the Zoning Board of Appeals, Planning Commission, and the Procurement Review Panel.
 - (d) October 1999-July 2004: As Chief Legal Counsel for the South Carolina Commission for the Blind, I provided advice and counsel to the Board of Commissioners and agency administration on employment matters, Americans with Disabilities Act, and the Rehabilitation Act. I represented the agency in arbitration and mediation. I successfully defended the agency before the state grievance panel, the South Carolina Human Affairs Commission and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.
 - (e) July 2004-September 2005: Family Medical Leave. During my leave, I attended Continuing Legal Education Courses and performed document review on cases involving insurance and pharmaceutical industries.
 - (f) January 2000-September 2005: As a contract attorney for the consulting company, Karaton Services, I reviewed and drafted various contracts, provided legal advice to the company CEO and performed legal research.

(g) October 2005-present: As General Counsel for the South Carolina Second Injury Fund, I represent the agency before the South Carolina Workers' Compensation Commission, Circuit Courts throughout the state, the Court of Appeals, and the Supreme Court; provide advice to agency administration on various procedural and legal matters; manage the agency's associate counsel program and reduced the departmental budget by 850k in FY 08/09.

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

(d) If you are a candidate for Administrative Law Judge, please provide a brief written description of your experience before an Administrative Law Judge, including any issues discussed and the frequency of your appearances before the Administrative Law Judge Division.

As Assistant County for Richland County, I appeared before the Administrative Law Court on Richland County's Motion to Intervene on a matter brought by the Department of Revenue. I have not appeared before the Administrative Law Court since that time.

15. What is your rating in Martindale-Hubbell? I am not rated in the Martindale Hubbell

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: 1;

(b) state: 3-5 times per year. I also appear before the South Carolina Worker's Compensation Commission in approximately 10-15 cases per month.

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

(a) civil: 100%;

(b) criminal: 0%;

(c) domestic: 0%.

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?

(a) jury: 0%;

(b) non-jury: 100%.

Did you most often serve as sole counsel, chief counsel, or associate counsel in these matters? I served as sole counsel in all court proceedings.

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 matters were significant.

(a) Triton PCS, Inc. v. Richland County Zoning Board of Appeals
United States District Court, Columbia Division, 3:98-2607-19

The Richland County Zoning Board of Appeals denied Triton's request for a special exception to erect a cellular phone tower in an unincorporated area of Richland County. Triton sought relief in the United States District Court under the Federal Telecommunications Act. Judge Dennis Shedd affirmed the decision of the Richland County Zoning Board. The case was significant because it tested the power of county government to promulgate land use rules and regulations that serve the best interest of the county.

- (b) Lillie Harvin d/b/a Secrets II v. SC Department of Revenue
98 ALJ-17-0635-CC

The South Carolina Department of Revenue initiated proceedings to revoke the liquor license of Secrets II, a nightclub adjacent to a residential community. Richland County filed a Motion to Intervene in order to be heard on the significant amount of resources that the Richland County Sheriff's Department had expended responding to complaints of criminal activity occurring at the establishment. Judge John D. Geathers heard and granted Richland County's motion. The liquor license was ultimately revoked and the establishment was closed. The case was significant because it was an excellent example of how county and state entities combined resources to close an establishment that was fostering residential blight.

- (c) Joe Urbanek v. SC Commission for the Blind

United States District Court, Columbia Division, 3:03-1835-22

A blind vendor sued the SC Commission for the Blind because he was not selected as the blind vendor for full food service operations at Fort Jackson. The aggrieved vendor sued alleging that the SC Commission for the Blind's selection of another vendor violated federal law. Judge Cameron Currie held that the SC Commission for the Blind's selection of another vendor was consistent with the Federal Randolph Sheppard regulations and upheld the agency's vendor selection. The case was significant because Fort Jackson was the first federal facility in the state to utilize the Randolph Sheppard Act for its vendor selection.

- (d) Springs Industries v. SC Second Injury Fund

SC Court of Appeals, 2007-CP-46-00475

A self insured carrier appealed the decision of the SC Workers' Compensation Commission and the Circuit Court denying additional reimbursement beyond what was memorialized in the Agreement to Reimburse, which was signed by all parties and approved by the SC Workers' Compensation Commission. Carrier sought to unilaterally amend the agreement to include reimbursement for additional medical costs not contemplated by the parties at the time the agreement was signed. The South Carolina Court of Appeals affirmed the Circuit Court decision denying additional reimbursement. This case is significant

because it clarifies the extent and scope of contracts in the reimbursement context.

(e) Transportation Insurance Company v. SC Second Injury Fund

The South Carolina Second Injury Fund submitted a Petition in the South Carolina Supreme Court's Original Jurisdiction requesting that six Second Injury Fund appeals involving the same issue be transferred from the various Circuit Courts to the Supreme Court for expedited resolution. In May 2009, the SC Supreme Court granted the Second Injury Fund's petition and initial briefs are due in August 2009. This case is significant because an expedited decision will allow the Fund to adequately forecast its liabilities as it approaches the critical winding down period. It will also decide whether a statute of limitations applies to reimbursement cases.

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) A.O. Smith Corp. v. SC Second Injury Fund,
SC Court Appeals 2006-CP-13-089

The Carrier withdrew its appeal on the morning of oral argument.

(b) State Accident Fund v. SC Second Injury Fund

SC Court of Appeals, 2008-96866. This case is still pending.

(c) Overnight Transportation v. SC Second Injury Fund

SC Court of Appeals, 2006-CP-1923.

Carrier's petition for rehearing was denied on January 26, 2009.

(d) Springs Industries v. SC Second Injury Fund

SC Court of Appeals, 2007-CP-46-00475.

On May 5, 2009, the SC Court of Appeals issued an unpublished opinion affirming the lower court's decision denying Carrier's request for additional reimbursement.

(e) Transportation Insurance Company v. SC Second Injury Fund

SC Supreme Court. Initial briefs are due August 2009.

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).

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. N/A

24. Have you ever held public office other than judicial office? 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.
26. Have you ever been an unsuccessful candidate for elective, judicial, or other public office?
Yes. In March 2009, I applied for Administrative Law Court Seat 5. I was found qualified and nominated. However, I withdrew prior to the vote by the General Assembly.
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?
Yes. In 2001, my husband and I briefly owned a travel business, Lettstravel, where we organized cruises. We dissolved the business after approximately two years.
28. Are you now an officer or director or involved in the management of any business enterprise?
Yes. In August 2008, I created 4 More Strings as a sole proprietorship. I play classical music for various functions.
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. 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? No. Have you ever defaulted on a student loan? No. 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? 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.
- (a) Badge : \$16.03, August 6, 2009
 - (b) Report Covers: \$19.90, August 6, 2009
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? No. 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? No. 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) South Carolina Bar Association
 - (b) South Carolina Black Lawyers' Association
 - (c) South Carolina Women Lawyers' Association
 - (d) North Carolina Bar 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) Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated
 - (b) Kingston Forest Homeowners' Association, Secretary

- (c) Burke High School Foundation member
 - (d) Columbia Community Orchestra, cellist
 - (e) South Carolina Executive Institute 2008 Graduate
 - (f) State EEO professional certification
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.

In 1992, I worked in the Reading Recovery Program at Angel Oak Elementary School in John's Island, South Carolina and I volunteered at the Charleston County Public Defenders' Office. During law school, I worked at the Franklin County Public Defenders' Office in Columbus, Ohio from May-December 1994. During the summer of 1995, I was a Summer Associate at Rosen Rosen & Hagood in Charleston, South Carolina.

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT MY ANSWERS ARE TRUE AND COMPLETE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

Signature: Latonya D. Edwards
Date: August 10, 2009