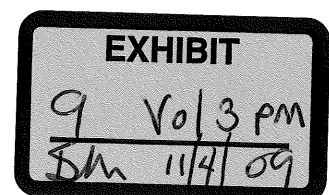


**JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION
PERSONAL DATA QUESTIONNAIRE**

Court, Position, and Seat # for which you are applying:
Family Court, Ninth Judicial Circuit, Seat 3

1. NAME: Ms. Judy L. McMahon - Formerly Judy C. Bridges
BUSINESS ADDRESS: Charleston, South Carolina 29401
E-MAIL ADDRESS: jcmahonj@sccourts.org
TELEPHONE NUMBER: (office): (843) 958-4439
2. Date of Birth: 1945
Place of Birth: McKinney, Texas
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 February 14, 2005, to Gerald Frederick McMahon.
One child.
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) Winthrop College -1963-66 - B.A. History & Asian Studies;
 - (b) Florida State University - 1966-67 - M.A. East Asian Studies;
 - (c) Univ. of South Carolina - 1968-73 -18 Graduate Hours in addition to Master's Degree: Education;
 - (d) Univ. of South Carolina - 1974-76 -J.D. Law
Law School
 - (e) Univ. of Notre Dame Law -1975 - Family Law, School Law, School (London, England) Summer Study Jurisprudence;
 - (f) Univ. of Denver Law - 1976 - Trial Tactics & Juvenile Defense School Summer Study Clinic;
 - (g) National Judicial College - 1978 - Evidence Seminar (1 week);
 - (h) Univ. of Nevada - 1979 - Search & Seizure (1 week)
(Completed Certificates) - 1980 General Jurisdiction (3 weeks)
1981 - Criminal Evidence (1 week)
1982 - Faculty Advisor: Special Jurisdiction (2 weeks)
1983 - Victims' Rights Seminar (1 week)
1991 - Law, Justice, Ethics (1 week).
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 1977.

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) Winthrop College -1963- 64 - Employment – Scholarships;
 - (b) Winthrop College - 1964-65 - Dorm counselor to freshman students;
 - (c) Florida State University - 1966, Fall Delegate to Asian Studies;
 - (d) McGill Univ., Quebec, Canada;
 - (e) State House of Representatives - Jan.-June, Page 1975;
 - (f) Univ. of Denver Law - Jun-Aug. Attended Juvenile Law Clinic at School 1976 Univ. of Denver Law School and Participated in Juvenile outward-Bound program;
 - (g) Richland County - Sep-Dec - Legal assistant to Richland County 1976 Solicitor's office, assigned to Juvenile Court

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>
SC Family Law Section Meeting	01/23/09
(a) SC Family Court Bench/Bar	12/05/08
(b) SC Judicial Conference	08/20/08
(c) SC Trial Lawyers Assoc. Annual Convention	08/07/08
(d) Family Court Judges Conference	04/23/08
(e) Family Law Section	01/25/08
(f) SC Family Court Bench/Bar	12/07/07
(g) SC Annual Judicial Conference	08/22/07
(h) Family Court Judges Conference	04/25/07
(i) SC Family Court Bench/Bar	12/01/06
(j) SC Annual Judicial Conference	08/23/06
(k) Mini Summit on Justice For Children	08/22/06
(l) SC Family Court Judges' Conference	04/26/06
(m) Family Law Section	01/27/06
(n) SC Annual Judicial Conference	08/26/05
(o) SC Annual Judicial Conference	08/25/05
(p) SC Family Court Judges' Conference	04/27/05
(q) SC Bar Convention	01/21/05
(r) Seminar for Chief Judges for SC	12/10/04
(s) SC Judicial Conference	08/19/04
(t) SC Family Court Judges' Conference	04/28/04
(u) SC Family Law Section Meeting	01/23/04

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 served as a Panel member for the (SC Bar-CLE) -"Serving the Best Interests of Children;
 - (b) I was the speaker for (Governor's office, commission on women) - "Women of Achievement Awards Luncheon";
 - (c) I was the speaker for (SC Bar-CLE Seminar) - "Task Force o Justice";
 - (d) I served as Moderator for (SC Bar)- "Representing Children In Family Court";
 - (e) I served as speaker for (SCTLA) - "Have You Felt that the Practice of Law Isn't Fun Any More?";
 - (f) I served as Speaker for (League of women voters of the Charleston Area - "Children at Risk, from the Family Court Perspective";
 - (g) I served as speaker for (SC Bench/Bar Luncheon meeting - Charleston County Bar);
 - (h) I receive was awarded the Jean Bissell award and addressed those in attendance;
 - (i) I have made presentations on the topics of administrative and procedural requirements. (Discovery, Pretrial conferences, Docketing appropriate amount of time needed for hearing/motion, etc.;
 - (j) I have lectured at the Charleston County Bar/Family Law Lecture.
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.
Admitted to practice before State Courts - May 11, 1977.
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 graduated from the University of South Carolina Law School in December 1976, and I was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in May 1977.
- In September 1977, I was an Associate of Leonard Krawcheck Law Office, engaged in the general practice of law. We represented Seabrook Island Company in real estate transactions and acted as general counsel. Real estate, contracts, and domestic law were the areas in which I specialized.
- From October 1977 to October 1978, I also represented the City of Charleston as Assistant Corporation Council with the responsibility of prosecuting criminal cases in the Municipal Court, contracts, zoning issues and tax matters.
- From October 1978 to February 1983, I served as Associate Municipal Court Judge for the City of Charleston.
- In February 1983, I was elected as Family Court Judge for the Ninth Judicial Circuit, Seat #3.

In February 1984, I was re-elected as Family Court Judge for the Ninth Judicial Circuit, Seat #3, re-elected 1988, re-elected in 1992, re-elected in 1998, re-elected in 2004, and have served continuously since.

15. What is your rating in Martindale-Hubbell?

I am listed as a Family Court Judge. No rating is given to full-time judges.

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 served as Associate Municipal Court Judge for the City of Charleston from 1978 to 1983. The position is appointed by the Mayor upon consent from City Council. The Court has limited jurisdiction of \$200.00 or thirty days in the County Jail, and involves criminal cases only. Also, I was elected as Family Court Judge of the Ninth Judicial Circuit in February, 1983, was re-elected in 1998, re-elected in 1998, re-elected in 2004, and have served continuously since. Jurisdiction is limited to domestic and juvenile criminal actions.

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) Unpublished Opinion No. 2009-UP-103 SCDSS v. Lavinya W. and Franklin G.

04-DR-10-052;

(b) Unpublished Opinion No. 2008-UP-544 SCDSS v. Krystal H. and Michah Q.

06-DR-10-3954;

(c) Opinion No.3685 & 25977 - Thomas D. Wooten v. Mona R. Wooten
99-DR-10-2169;

(d) Opinion No.3966 - Anna H. Lanier v. Robert F. Lanier
02-DR-10-3203;

(e) Opinion No.4567 - Walter M. Fiddie v. Dianna Fiddie
05-DR-10-2663.

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. None, other than as noted in question #14.

26. Have you ever been an unsuccessful candidate for elective, judicial, or other public office? No.

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?
 1967 to 74, I was a public school teacher, instructing high school social studies as follows:
 (a) 1967 to 1968 Athens, Georgia-World History and Sociaology;
 (b) 1968 to 1971 Richland County School District #1-Social Studies;
 (c) (1968-70, A.C. Flora; 1970-71, Hopkins);
 (d) 1971 to 1974 Sumter School District #7. Tenth grad World History (Lincoln Campus).
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.
 (a) None;
 (b) If there were any possibility of a financial, business, or person conflict, I would recuse myself from hearing the case.
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?
 (a) Yes;
 (b) Professionally as a Judge
 -One complaint filed, April 18, 2000
 (Fishburne v. Judge Bridges and Eduardo Curry - Complaint dismissed)
 -One Law Suit filed, May 2003
 (Tucker-Cales v. Judge Bridges, Judge Segars-Andrew -Complaint dismissed)
 -One Law Suit filed, October 15, 2003 - (Tucker-Clase v. Judge Judy C. Bridges and Judge Frances P. Segars-Andrews - Complaint dismissed)
 -One complaint filed, March 23, 2009
 (Charlamayne Ward v. Judge Judy L. McMahon - Complaint dismissed).

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, except paper, postage and typing for forms submittal. (Less than \$100.00).
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? 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) Charleston County Bar:
Executive Committee, 1980
Family Law Committee, 1982;
 - (b) South Carolina Bar:
Family Law Section Secretary, 1981-83
Family Law Sub-Committee of Practice and Procedure committee, 1981-83
Practice and Procedure Committee, 1981-83
Young Lawyers Executive Committee and District Representative, 1981
Task Force on Justice For All, 1994-Present;
 - (c) South Carolina Trial Lawyers Association:
Family Law Section Co-Chairman, 1981-83;
 - (d) South Carolina Family Court Judges Association:
Secretary-Treasurer, 1993
Vice President, 1994
President, 1995;
 - (e) South Carolina Supreme Court Joint Commission on Alternative Dispute Resolution:
Family Court Mediation Committee.
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) Winthrop College Board of Visitors;
 - (b) Grace Episcopal Church - Lay Eucharistic Minister;
 - (c) Grace Episcopal Church - Alter/Flower Guild;
 - (d) Grace Episcopal Church - Chalice Bearer;
 - (e) Grace Episcopal Church - Building and Grounds committee for memorial Garden;
 - (f) Grace Episcopal Church - Member of the Vestry;
 - (g) Church participant in operation of Charleston Interfaith Crisis Ministry;
 - (h) Participate in Preservation Tours in Historic Charleston;
 - (i) Charleston Civic Forum on Families;
 - (j) The Garden Club of Charleston;
 - (k) The Gibbs Museum of Art;
 - (l) Charleston County Committee for New Judicial Center;
 - (m) Sewanee College Parents Counsel Member;
 - (n) Sewanee Intern Program.
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 addition to my position as a resident Family court Judge of the Ninth Judicial Circuit, I have also been Chief Administrative Judge of the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit, particularly in Beaufort. I assumed these additional

responsibilities in anticipation of being able to assume administrative responsibility as Chief Administrative Judge for the Ninth Judicial Circuit and have served in that capacity for a number of terms. I have been a Family Court Judge for over 25 years and I have endeavored to be fair, impartial, patient, and courteous. I consider Family court cases to be the most important cases in our system and I consider it an honor to serve in this Court.

49. References:

- (a) Ms. Nancy C. Meyer - First Federal Bank
34 Broad Street
Charleston, South Carolina 29401
(843) 724-0840
- (b) Mrs. Becky Beaman
12 Short Street
Charleston South Carolina 29401
(843) 577-6920
- (c) Mrs. Martie Williams
19 Limehouse Street
Charleston, South Carolina 29401
(843) 577-4046
- (d) Mr. and Mrs. John Daniel Kiser
69 Church Street
Charleston, South Carolina 29401
(843) 577-4046
- (e) Mrs. Judy Werrell
99 Ashley Avenue
Charleston, South Carolina 29401
(843) 723-7696

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: Judy L. McMahon

Date: 7/31/09

JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION
Sworn Statement to be included in Transcript of Public Hearings

Family Court
(Incumbent)

Full Name: Mrs. Judy L. McMahon
Formerly Judy C. Bridges
Business Address: 100 Broad Street, Suite 236
Charleston, SC 29401
Business Telephone: (843) 958-4439

1. Why do you want to serve another term as a Family Court Judge?
I am so grateful for the opportunity to serve the people of South Carolina as a Judge in the Family Court. I consider my position a blessing and believe that my best years are ahead of me. I feel as vibrant and enthusiastic as the day I started working as a Family Court Judge in March 1983. I will continue to utilize my expertise for the benefit and service of the children and families of South Carolina who come before me in Family Court.
2. Do you plan to serve your full term if re-elected? Yes
3. Do you have any plans to return to private practice one day?
No
4. Have you met the statutory requirements for this position regarding age, residence, and years of practice? Yes
5. What is your philosophy regarding *ex parte* communications? Are there circumstances under which you could envision *ex parte* communications being tolerated?
I do not engage in *ex parte* communications except to the extent permitted by law involving emergency situations, or involving the physical safety or threat of harm to children. Issues must be supported by affidavit and followed by a hearing within 24 to 72 hours.
6. What is your philosophy on recusal, especially in situations in which lawyer-legislators, former associates, or law partners are to appear before you?
As I have not practiced law for over 25 years this is not an issue. Where I have professional or social relationships, should there be any appearance of impropriety, I would recuse myself.
7. If you disclosed something that had the appearance of bias, but you believed it would not actually prejudice your impartiality, what deference would you give a party that requested your recusal? Would you grant such a motion?
The litigant's comfort in the courtroom is important.
Yes, I would grant such a motion.

8. How do you handle the appearance of impropriety because of the financial or social involvement of your spouse or a close relative?
I would recuse myself.
9. What standards have you set for yourself regarding the acceptance of gifts or social hospitality?
I have a few close person/family friends that I exchange Christmas gifts with. We occasionally entertain with dinners. I do accept invitations to the Trial Lawyers and Bar meetings.
10. How do you handle a situation in which you became aware of misconduct of a lawyer or of a fellow judge? Report the problem.
11. Are you affiliated with any political parties, boards or commissions which, if you were re-elected, would need to be re-evaluated?
No.
12. Do you have any business activities that you have remained involved with since your election to the bench? No.
13. Since family court judges do not have law clerks, how do you handle the drafting of orders?
The majority are prepared for my review by the prevailing attorney. Some are form orders completed at the time of hearing. Some, due to time constraints, are drafted by myself and typed by my secretary. If a pro-se case is before me and does not bring an order then I prepare it myself.
14. What methods do you use to ensure that you and your staff meet deadlines?
We maintain an office calendar noting special dates, monitor the dockets of cases heard to ensure each hearing is closed with an order and maintain a list of outstanding issues that is updated daily. Monthly reports are done routinely.
15. What specific actions or steps do you take to ensure that the guidelines of the Guardian Ad Litem statutes are followed during the pendency of a case?
If a guardian ad litem is appointed I set a cap on the fee and set a reasonable hourly rate. I admonish the guardian ad litem or expert that fees above the cap should not be incurred unless reviewed by the court at a subsequent hearing.
16. What is your philosophy on "judicial activism," and what effect should judges have in setting or promoting public policy?
I am not involved in judicial activism.
17. Canon 4 allows a judge to engage in activities to improve the law, legal system, and administration of justice. What activities do you plan to undertake to further this improvement of the legal system?
I will speak at legal or judicial seminars, as well as participate on any committees as requested by the Chief Justice or the South Carolina Bar.

18. Do you feel that the pressure of serving as a judge strains personal relationships (i.e. spouse, children, friends, or relatives)? How do you address this? No.
19. Are you involved in any active investments from which you derive additional income that might impair your appearance of impartiality? No.
20. Would you hear a case where you or a member of your family held a *de minimis* financial interest in a party involved? No.
21. Do you belong to any organizations that discriminate based on race, religion, or gender? No.
22. Have you met the mandatory minimum hours requirement for continuing legal education courses? Yes.
23. What do you feel is the appropriate demeanor for a judge?
Patience, Attentiveness, Humbleness, Knowledgeable in the law, Compassion.
24. Do the rules that you expressed in your previous answer apply only while you are on the bench or in chambers, or do these rules apply seven days a week, twenty-four hours a day?
A judge is always in the public eye. These rules apply seven days a week, twenty-four hours a day.
25. Do you feel that it is ever appropriate to be angry with a member of the public, especially with a criminal defendant? Is anger ever appropriate in dealing with attorneys or a pro se litigant?
No, and No.
26. How much money have you spent on your campaign? If it is over \$100, has that amount been reported to the House and Senate Ethics Committees?
Less than \$100.00.
27. While campaigning for this office, have you used judicial letterhead or the services of your staff for your campaign?
(a) No.
(b) None-Except I paid for some typing for application forms submitted.
28. Have you sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to this date? No.
29. Have you sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by any legislator pending the outcome of your screening?
No.
30. Have you asked any third parties to contact members of the General Assembly on your behalf before the final and formal screening report has been released? Are you aware of any friends or colleagues contacting members of the General Assembly on your behalf?
No.

31. Have you contacted any members of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission?
No.
32. Are you familiar with the 48-hour rule, which prohibits a candidate from seeking pledges for 48 hours after the draft report has been submitted?
Yes.

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

s/ Judy L. McMahon

Sworn to before me this 31st day of July, 2009.

Notary Public for South Carolina

My commission expires: 12-16-2014