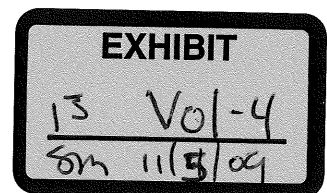


JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION
PERSONAL DATA QUESTIONNAIRE
FOR RETIRED JUDGES/JUSTICES

1. NAME: Peter R. Nuessle
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 Aiken, SC 29802
 BUSINESS TELEPHONE: 803-642-1728
 E-MAIL ADDRESS: pnueslej@sccourts.org
2. Date and Place of Birth: 1945, Rochester, New York
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 December 28, 1965, to Barbara Patterson Nuessle. Never divorced. Two children.
6. Briefly describe your continuing legal or judicial education since your last screening. 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) Annual Judicial Conference	08/21/03;
(b) Family Court Bench Bar Seminar	12/05/03;
(c) SC Bar Winter Meeting	1/23/04;
(d) Family Court Judges Conference	4/28/04;
(e) Annual Judicial Conference	8/19/04;
(f) Family Court Bench Bar Seminar	12/03/04;
(g) SC Bar Winter Meeting	1/21/05;
(h) Family Court Judges Conference	4/27/05;
(i) Annual Judicial Conference	8/24/05;
(j) Family Court Bench Bar Seminar	12/02/05;
(k) SC Bar Winter Meeting	1/27/06;
(l) Family Court Judges Conference	4/26/06;
(m) Mini Summit On Justice For Children	8/22/06;;
(n) Annual Judicial Conference	8/23/06;
(o) SC Bar Winter Meeting	1/26/07;
(p) Family Court Judges Conference	4/27/07;
(q) Annual Judicial Conference	8/22/07;
(r) Family Court Bench Bar Seminar	12/07/07;
(s) SC Bar Winter Meeting	1/25/08;
(t) Family Court Judges Conference	4/23/08;
(u) Annual Judicial Conference	8/20/08;
(v) Family Court Bench Bar Seminar	12/05/08;
(w) SC Bar Winter Meeting	1/23/09;
(x) Family Court Judges Conference	4/23/09.



7. Have you practiced law or served as a mediator or arbitrator since your retirement from the judiciary? No
8. List your positions of employment on and/or appointment to the bench chronologically. You are not required to list dates of employment or appointment prior to your last screening.
Family Court Judge - 1983 to present
9. Are you now an officer or director or involved in the management of any business enterprise? No
10. A complete, current financial net worth statement was provided to the Commission.
11. Since your last screening, have you 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
12. Since your last screening, have you, to your knowledge, been under federal, state, or local investigation for possible violation of a criminal statute? No
13. Since your last screening, has a tax lien or other collection procedure been instituted against you by federal, state, or local authorities? Since your last screening, have you defaulted on a student loan? Since your last screening, have you filed for bankruptcy? No
14. Since your last screening, have you been sued, either personally or professionally? No
15. Since your last screening, have you, as a lawyer, judge, or other professional, in South Carolina or any other jurisdiction, been sanctioned for lawyer, judicial, or other professional misconduct or found to have committed such misconduct? If so, give the details and describe any final disposition. No
16. Since your last screening, have you been criticized, whether informally or in a matter taken to a disciplinary authority, for the manner in which you treated litigants or attorneys before you on the bench? No
17. Describe your personal policy for the acceptance of food, meals, beverages, lodging, transportation, entertainment, social hospitality, or other things of value from an attorney, a group of attorneys, or from other individuals.
I do not accept things of value from attorneys, groups of attorneys, or other individuals. I have accepted lodging from the South Carolina Bar Association and the South Carolina Association For Justice as permitted by the canons of ethics.
18. Have you ever accepted anything of value from an attorney or litigant in a matter currently or previously before you or your court? No
19. 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.
There is nothing to disclose in this regard.

20. For the last fully completed calendar year, itemize the income, expenses, fees, payments, or additional benefits exceeding \$500, in the aggregate, received by you or a member of your immediate family from South Carolina state and local entities. List the type, source, and amount or value of the benefit. Be sure to list any expense reimbursement you received separately from your income.
- Peter R. Nuessle - State of SC \$139,242.28 compensation
\$1,818.98 mileage
\$1,713.00 per diem
- Barbara P. Nuessle - Aiken County Schools \$14,650.00
21. Describe any interest you or a member of your immediate family has in real property: None
- (a) in which there is a potential conflict of interest with your involvement in a South Carolina state or local public agency;
- (b) in which there have been public improvements of \$200 or that adjoins property in which there have been public improvements of \$200; or
- (c) which was sold, leased, or rented to a state or local public agency in South Carolina.
- List the interest you hold and the value and location of the property. Identify as applicable the:
- (a) nature of any potential conflict of interest;
- (b) nature and value of any public improvements; and
- (c) South Carolina state or local public agency which purchased or is leasing or renting such property.
22. Identify any personal property interest you or a member of your immediate family sold, leased, or rented to a South Carolina state or local public agency. Identify the property, its amount or value, and the name of the agency. Attach a copy of any contract or agreement. None

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

Signature: Peter R. Nuessle

Date: July 22, 2009

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

Retired Judge

Full Name: Peter R. Nuessle
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Business Telephone: 803-642-1728

1. Have you met the Constitutional or statutory requirements for this position regarding age, residence, and years of practice? YES
2. Have you met the mandatory minimum hours requirement for continuing legal education courses? YES
3. Do you have any plans to return to private practice one day? NO
4. Are you engaged in any legal activities other than your service as a retired judge, such as acting as an arbitrator or mediator? NO
5. Are you involved in any active investments from which you derive additional income that might impair your appearance of impartiality? NO
6. Do you belong to any organizations that discriminate based on race, religion, or gender? NO
7. Have you engaged in any partisan political activity since your retirement? NO
8. What do you feel is the appropriate demeanor for a judge? A judge should be calm, courteous, open and fair minded.
9. In your position as a retired judge, what methods do you employ to ensure that deadlines for the timely issuance of orders are met? I would keep a log of all outstanding orders and contact attorneys whose orders are outstanding to ensure that the time restrictions are met.
10. 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? NO
11. How would you handle a situation in which you became aware of misconduct of a lawyer or fellow judge? I would notify the Commission on Lawyer Conduct or the Commission on Judicial Conduct as appropriate.
12. What is your philosophy on recusal, especially in situations in which lawyer-legislators, former associates, or law clerks are to appear before you? I will recuse myself in any circumstances in which there is the appearance of conflict whether real or imagined.
13. What is your philosophy regarding *ex parte* communications? Are there circumstances under which you could envision *ex parte* communications being tolerated? *Exparte* communications should not

occur or be tolerated except where specifically allowed by statute such as consideration of motions for ex parte relief in abuse and neglect cases.

14. 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? I would consider the request and possibly grant the motion depending on the facts of the request.
15. What standards have you set for yourself regarding the acceptance of gifts or social hospitality? I accept none except as permitted by the canons of ethics.
16. In order that we might advise court administration on steps that need to be taken, are there any limitations on your sight, hearing, or mobility that should be addressed by the court administrator? NO

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

s/ Peter R. Nuessle

Sworn to before me this 23rd day of July, 2009.

Notary Public for S.C.

My Commission Expires: 06-16-2016