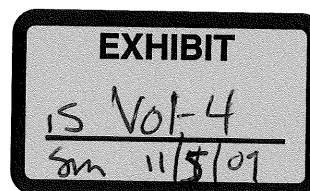


JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION
PERSONAL DATA QUESTIONNAIRE
FOR RETIRED JUDGES/JUSTICES

1. NAME: James Carlyle Williams, Jr.
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2. Date and Place of Birth: December 20, 1943, Norway, S.C.
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: Single. Never divorced. No 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) 2003 Solicitor's Association Conference	09/28/03;
(b) S. C. Bar Conference	10/23/04;
(c) S.C. Assoc. Circuit Judges	05/05/04;
(d) S.C. Trial Lawyers Annual Conference	08/05/04;
(e) Annual Judicial Conference	08/19/04;
(f) Supreme Ct. Judicial Oath of Office	08/19/04;
(g) Seminar for Chief Judges	12/10/04;
(h) S. C. Bar Conference	01/21/05;
(i) S.C. Assoc. Circuit Judges	05/11/05;
(j) Annual Judicial Conference	08/24/05;
(k) S. C. Bar Conference	01/27/06;
(l) S.C. Assoc. Circuit Judges	05/10/06;
(m) Annual Judicial Conference	08/23/06;
(n) S. C. Bar Conference	01/26/07;
(o) S.C. Assoc. Circuit Judges	05/16/07;
(p) S.C. Trial Lawyers Annual Conference	08/02/07;
(q) Annual Judicial Conference	08/22/07;
(r) S.C. Solicitor's Assoc. Conference	09/23/07;
(s) S. C. Bar Conference	01/25/08;
(t) Annual Judicial Conference	08/20/08;
(u) S.C. Defense Trial Attorneys Conference	11/13/08;
(v) S. C. Bar Conference	01/23/09;
(w) S.C. Assoc. Circuit Judges	05/06/09.



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. 2/19/04 Commissioned as Circuit Court Judge, 1st Circuit, Seat 1 with term to expire June 30, 2010.
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.
 - 1) a letter of complaint was filed against me in July of 2008, by Ronnie F. Judy, Matter No. 08-DE-J-0198 alleging that I had granted a new trial without giving him notice of a hearing on the matter. The Office of Disciplinary Counsel investigated and dismissed the matter pursuant to the provisions of Rule 19(b) (2) of RLDE.
 - 2) a letter of complaint was filed against me by James Harris in 2008, Matter No. 08-DE-J-0187 alleging that I did not properly sentence him. The Office of Disciplinary Counsel investigated and dismissed the matter pursuant to the provisions of Rule 19(b) (2) of RLDE.
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? NOT TO MY KNOWLEDGE
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 only accept when offered by organizations such as S.C. Trial Lawyer's

Association, S.C. Defense Attorney's Association and Solicitor's Association. I only accept when offered to all judges or to all judges having parts on the program.

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. NONE
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.

S.C. DEFENSE TRIAL ATTORNEY'S CONFERENCE, 11-13-08: Room, Registration, Food & Activities \$1,162.58

21. Describe any interest you or a member of your immediate family has in real property:
- (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.

NONE

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. NONE

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

Signature: James C. Williams

Date: August 10, 2009

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

Retired Judge

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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?
"...Quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry". James 1:19
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 keep deadlines in my daily appointment book.
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?
Anger is an emotion which arises without conscious effort. It is a natural emotion and is appropriate under many circumstances. However, it is never appropriate to be controlled by anger or influenced in decision making by anger, regardless of the subject of the anger. When I feel that I am becoming angry, I take a recess and reflect on what is happening and how I should handle it.
11. How would you handle a situation in which you became aware of misconduct of a lawyer or fellow judge? First, I would get all the facts. Then insure that no party is or may be prejudiced. If required by the ethics rules, I would report the conduct.

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 recuse myself when there is any possibility that I would be influenced by the identity of the parties or any other matter not related to the merits of the case.
13. What is your philosophy regarding *ex parte* communications? Are there circumstances under which you could envision *ex parte* communications being tolerated? *Ex parte* communications are never proper regarding substantive matter. On certain procedural matters such as scheduling and coordinating schedules, *ex parte* communications are proper so long as they are not used to gain an advantage for one side.
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 give any party requesting my recusal substantial deference. I would grant the motion if I felt like there was any possibility I might be influenced by extraneous matters.
15. What standards have you set for yourself regarding the acceptance of gifts or social hospitality? I do not accept gifts. I accept hospitality only if extended to group of judges or if extended without specific reservations. I would attend a get-together during a week of General Sessions court if the invitation were extended to members of the defense bar, public defenders, prosecutors, law enforcement, court personnel, etc., but would not attend a get-together with only the defense bar or only the prosecution or only law enforcement.
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/ James Carlyle Williams, Jr.

Sworn to before me this 10th day of August, 2009.

Notary Public for S.C.

My Commission Expires: 08-15-2011