

**JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION
PERSONAL DATA QUESTIONNAIRE**

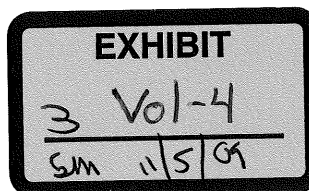
Court, Position, and Seat # for which you are applying:
Family Court, Twelfth Judicial Circuit, Seat Three

1. NAME: Mr. Jerry D. Vinson, Jr.
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Florence, SC 29501
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TELEPHONE NUMBER: (office): 843-665-3079
2. Date of Birth: 1960
Place of Birth: Camden, 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 September 14, 1991, Flora Sue Lester Vinson. Divorced on June 6, 1991 from Susan C. Vinson, Family Court Twelfth Judicial Circuit, Adultery. No 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) Francis Marion College, 1978-1981, B.S. Biology (Cum Laude);
(b) University of South Carolina School of Law, 1982-1985, 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, 1985.
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 Francis Marion College, I was a member of Ars Medica. I was also a member of Phi Gamma Mu Honor Society and the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, both in 1981. While in Law School, I was a member of Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity and assisted in editing Gavel Raps, the Law School newspaper, in 1985.
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.

Conference/CLE Name

(a) Family Court Judges' Conference

Date(s)
4/28/04



(b)	Family Law Section Meeting	1/23/04
(c)	2004 Orientation School for New Judges	7/12/04
(d)	New Lawyer's Oath CLE	8/5/04
(e)	2004 Judicial Conference	8/19/04-8/20/04
(f)	Judicial Oath of Office	8/19/04
(g)	Family Law Seminar	1/5/04
(h)	Family Court Bench/Bar	12/3/04
(i)	Horry County Bar Family Law Seminar	12/8/04
(j)	Drug Court Planning Initiative	1/6/05
(k)	Family Law Section	1/21/05
(l)	Drug Court Planning Initiative	3/2/05
(m)	2005 Family Court Judges' Conference	4/28/05-4/29/08
(n)	NCJFCJ General Jurisdiction Seminar	7/11/05-7/21/05
(o)	2005 Annual Judicial Conference	8/25/05-8/26/05
(p)	SC Family Court Bench	12/2/05
(q)	HCB Family Court Procedural and Substantive Law	12/9/05
(r)	Children's Law Seminar	10/14/05
(s)	SC Bar Family Law Section	1/27/06
(t)	Children's Issues in Family Court	3/17/06
(u)	2006 Annual Family Court Judges' Conference	4/27/06-4/28/06
(v)	2006 Orientation School for New Judges	7/10/06
(w)	2006 SCTLA Annual Convention	8/3/06
(x)	Mini Summit on Justice for Children	8/22/06
(y)	2006 Annual Judicial Conference	8/23/06
(z)	Family Court Bench/Bar	12/1/06
(aa)	HCB Family Court Procedural & Substantive Law	12/14/06
(bb)	Family Law Section	1/26/07
(cc)	Children's Issues in Family Court	3/23/07
(dd)	Family Court Judges' Conference	4/26/07-4/27/06
(ee)	2007 Annual Judicial Conference	8/23/07-8/24/07
(ff)	Hot Tips from the Coolest Domestic Law Practitioners	9/21/07
(gg)	National Judicial College Advanced Evidence	10/1/07-10/4/07
(hh)	Family court Bench/Bar	12/7/07
(ii)	Alternative Dispute Resolution Section	1/24/08
(jj)	Family Law Section	1/25/08
(kk)	6 th Annual Civil Law Update	1/25/08
(ll)	Children's Law Committee	1/26/08
(mm)	Breakfast Ethics Seminar	1/27/08
(nn)	SC Bar Tips from the Bench	2/15/08
(oo)	2008 Family Court Judges Conference	4/24/08-4/25/08
(pp)	National Forum on Children, Families & the Courts	4/30/08-5/2/08
(qq)	NCJFCJ Annual Conference	7/28/08-7/30/08
(rr)	2008 Judicial Conference	8/21/08-8/22/08

- (ss) Hot Tips from the Coolest Domestic Law Practitioners 9/19/08
 (tt) Family Court Bench/Bar 12/5/08
 (uu) Family Law Section 1/23/09
 (vv) 2009 Family Court Judges Conference 4/23/09-4/24/09
 (ww) NCJFCJ Annual Conference 7/13/09-7/15/09
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.
- | <u>Course/Lecture Name</u> | <u>Date(s)</u> |
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| (a) Children's Law Seminar | 10/14/05 |
| (b) Children's Issues in Family Court | 3/17/06 |
| (c) 2006 Orientation School for New Judges | 7/10/06 |
| (d) Charleston County Family Law Seminar | 11/17/06 |
| (e) Children's Issues in Family Court | 3/23/07 |
| (f) Hot Tips from the Coolest Domestic Law Practitioners | 9/21/07 |
| (g) Children's Law Project Seminar on Abuse & Neglect | 11/16/07 |
| (h) SC Bar Tips from the Bench | 2/15/08 |
| (i) Hot Tips from the Coolest Domestic Law Practitioners | 9/19/08 |
| (j) Children's Law Conference | 10/31/08 |
| (k) Family Law Section | 1/23/09 |
| (k) DSS Attorney Training | 2/27/09 |
12. List all published books and articles you have written and give citations and the dates of publication for each.
 I have prepared seminar materials for a majority of the seminars at which I have spoken.
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 South Carolina Bar on November 21, 1985;
 (b) Admitted to practice before the United States District Court on July 29, 1987;
 (c) Admitted to practice before the United States Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit, October 30, 1987;
 (d) Admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court on June 17, 2002.
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) From August 1985 until April 1986, I practiced as an associate with Haigh Porter in Florence, South Carolina. My responsibilities primarily involved mortgage foreclosure actions and real estate transactions;

- (b) From April 1986 until July 1987, I served as a law clerk to the Honorable John H. Waller, Jr., Circuit Judge for the Twelfth Judicial Circuit. My responsibilities involved assisting Judge Waller with research and reviewing Orders and other documents presented for execution by Judge Waller;
 - (c) From July 1997 until April 1992, I practiced as an associate with Turner, Padgett Graham and Laney, P.A. in Florence, South Carolina. My practice involved civil litigation in State and Federal Court, primarily related to defense of insureds in personal injury, premises liability and business litigation;
 - (d) From April 1992 until December 1992, I practiced as an attorney with the Fallon Law Firm in Florence, South Carolina. My practice involved civil litigation primarily representing plaintiffs in personal injury cases;
 - (e) From January 1993 until January 2001, I was a shareholder with the Vinson Law Firm, PA, in Florence, South Carolina. My practice involved civil and domestic litigation, including personal injury cases and business litigation as well as divorce and custody actions. I also represented the Department of Social Services as a contract attorney for four (4) years during this period of time litigating all abuse and neglect cases. From 1993 until 2001, my practice gradually became more concentrated in Family Court to the extent that, by 1998, I practiced almost exclusively in Family Court;
 - (f) In January 2001, I merged my practice and became a partner in McDougall and Self, L.L.P, practicing in the Florence, South Carolina office. My practice was limited to Family Court litigation;
 - (g) On February 4, 2004, I was elected by the Legislature to the Twelfth Judicial Circuit Family Court Seat Three. I have served in that position since July 1, 2004.
15. What is your rating in Martindale-Hubbell? BV.
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.
 Yes. I was elected by the Legislature to the Twelfth Judicial Circuit Family Court Seat Three on February 4, 2004. I have served in that position since July 1, 2004.
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) James M. McNeely v. Martha McNeely, 02-DR-42-2099; April 11 to April 13, 2005 June 1 to June 2, 2005. This case involved issues of custody, visitation, child support, equitable distribution, alimony, and attorney fees. The case was complicated by the fact that the father had lost his employment, through no fault of his own, and delayed re-entry into the job market because of this litigation and the impact it would have on his claim of custody. With evidence presented from a custody evaluation and numerous

witnesses, I created a split custody arrangement allowing the parents to spend significant time with the children and insuring that the children spent significant time with their sibling. There was income-producing property that required distribution in a manner which would provide income to the father while he became fully employed and also permit him to make child support and alimony payments to the mother. The request for attorney fees presented complications as it was necessary to determine which amounts were related to litigation concerning children's issues (versus all other issues) in order to make an appropriate award;

- (b) Claudia Harris v. Robert Arthur Harris , 06-DR-21-1255; June 11-June 14, 2007. I was the third family court judge to hear this multi-year litigation between the parents of two daughters who were teenagers at the time of this hearing. The parents were unable to communicate or co-parent effectively and the children were suffering as a result. A primary factor which led to this litigation was deteriorating educational performances by both children. I found that a split custody arrangement was appropriate based upon the specific needs of each child and the parents' respective abilities to provide for those needs. I also created parenting responsibilities for both children which required the non-custodial parent to be involved exclusively in decisions concerning the child not in his or her custody. Finally, because I believed that the parents did not have consistency as a result of multiple judges, I retained jurisdiction so that all matters would be brought before me and I would be in a position to provide a more consistent approach to the parenting problems which arose in this matter;
- (c) Steve Dawson v. Darlene Dawson, 03-DR-21-1978; June 28, 2005. This unusual case presented a wife with a history of mental illness who refused to cooperate or participate in this divorce proceeding. At issue were matters related to equitable distribution and alimony. An attorney and a guardian ad Litem had been appointed previously for the wife whose fees were being paid by the husband. The case was tried and an equitable distribution scheme was created; however, because the wife would not participate, there were a number of items of value in the wife's possession or control that could not be located or valued. There were also a number of assets that needed to be liquidated and the proceeds divided. In order to protect both parties' positions and to insure neutrality, I appointed a sequestrator to assist in identifying and locating property; valuing the property with the use of appropriate expert advice; and, in liquidating property so that it could be divided pursuant to the Court order. This was a lengthy process which required multiple hearings to insure that all property was properly identified, located, and sold in a commercially reasonable fashion;
- (d) Annette Norman v. Joel Norman, 07-DR-21-1087; September 30 and October 1, 2008. This case involved issues of child support, alimony, equitable distribution, attorney fees and guardian fees. A complicating factor in this case was the father's employment in which he claimed to be earning

substantially less than he had earned previously. This matter was also complicated by the fact that the parties were in bankruptcy and, while the stay had been lifted to allow the matter to proceed, there was concern regarding distribution of assets and debts which could be contrary to the bankruptcy court's ultimate determination. After applying all of the applicable factors, I was able to make an appropriate division of the property and to determine that the father was not entitled to an award of alimony based upon an applicable alimony factors. I also determined that the father had unnecessarily pursued issues in the litigation which caused the mother to incur substantial attorney fees and, in spite of the fact that he earned less income than the mother, required that he pay a portion of her reasonable fees pursuant to the Glasscock factors;

- (e) John Doe and Jane Doe v. South Carolina DSS, et. al., 04-DR-14-374; July 22, 2009. This "ordinary" adoption was made extraordinary by the fact that the adoptive parents were residing in Japan, where the military father was stationed, with the three children being adopted. It was not possible for the adoptive parents to return to South Carolina for the hearing and the attorneys involved requested that the matter be completed by conference call. I requested that the attorneys arrange for a closed circuit hearing, or, in the alternative, use a computer based web cam and audio program such as Skype. I required that an official administer the oath in Japan while the court reporter was in the courtroom with the other parties and litigants. The hearing, which lasted for approximately two hours, was accomplished using the Skype technology and I was able to grant the adoption for a very deserving family.
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.
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?
Other than part-time positions held while in high school, college and law school, I have held no other positions other than practicing law.
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.

The only business relationship which would constitute a possible conflict of interest was related to the period of time when I practiced with my wife. She does not practice before me nor does any member of her firm.

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?

Other than the divorce listed above. 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. 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? 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
House of Delegates
Family Law Section council member and chair
Related Education Committee (Current);
 - (b) South Carolina Women Lawyers Association (Current);
 - (c) National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (Current)
Elected July 14, 2008 to serve on Board of Trustees;
 - (d) Family Court Judges Association (Current);
 - (e) Bench/Bar Committee (Current);
-Best practices Subcommittee (Current)
 - (f) Governor's Task Force for Adoption and Foster Care (2007 to 2008).
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) Confirmed Communicant at St. John's Episcopal Church & former Vestry Member;
 - (b) Former Vice Chair of Francis Marion University Foundation Board;
 - (c) Past President Francis Marion Alumni Association;
 - (d) Graduate of Leadership Florence;
 - (e) Francis Marion University Outstanding Member of Alumni Association (1997);
 - (f) Kiwanian of the Year (1994);

(g) Participant - National Security Seminar - United States Army War College (2008).

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.

For the 10 years prior to my election to the bench, I deliberately modified my practice to become a family court practitioner exclusively. I made a commitment to seek to improve my professional skills by my involvement in various organizations, including the Family Law Section Council of the South Carolina Bar and by attending and speaking at numerous continuing legal education seminars. Since my election to the bench, I have continued to attend and speak at seminars. I have attended the National Judicial College for the General Jurisdiction course as well as the Advanced Evidence course. I am involved in the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, attending seminars and conferences dealing with national and international issues effecting juveniles and families in our legal system.

I also serve on the Bench/Bar Committee where I work with representatives of the Department of Social Services (including General Counsel's office), practicing attorneys, members of the Governor's Guardian Ad Litem program, Foster Care Review Board and other Judges, in seeking ways to improve our legal process particularly as it relates to children and families. To that end, I have also been involved as chair of the Best Legal Practices subcommittee in developing best legal practices to be followed in abuse and neglect cases and termination of parental rights cases. This was an extension of my involvement in the Governor's Task Force for Foster Care and Adoption.

Calling on my experiences as a family court practitioner, a former contract attorney for the Department of Social Services prosecuting abuse and neglect cases, and my experiences on the Family Court Bench, I am committed to improving the Judicial System and its responsiveness to the needs of children and families in South Carolina. This includes families involved in Department of Social Services cases; Department of Juvenile Justice cases; and private domestic relations cases.

49. References:

- (a) Rev. Ken Weldon
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843-662-5585
- (b) Karl Folkens
P. O. Box 6139
Florence, SC 29502
843-665-0100
- (c) John Martin

First Citizens Bank
2009 Hoffmeyer Road
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843-664-4545

(d) Kevin Rawlinson
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Florence, SC 29501
843-206-8665

(e) Dr. Joseph T. Stukes
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Florence, SC 29501
843-669-7911

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: Jerry D. Vinson, Jr.

Date: 8/5/09

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

Family Court
(Incumbent)

Full Name: Jerry Deese Vinson, Jr.
Business Address: Box V, City-County Complex
Florence, South Carolina 29501
BusinessTelephone: 843-665-3079

1. Why do you want to serve another term as a Family Court Judge?
I have thoroughly enjoyed my first term and I believe I have a calling and some talent for this position. I enjoy problem solving, as well as helping children and families in need and distress.
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?
Ex parte communications are not permitted. Ex Parte petitions seeking emergency temporary relief are permitted by Court Rules and Law.
6. What is your philosophy on recusal, especially in situations in which lawyer-legislators, former associates, or law partners are to appear before you? If there is an appearance of impropriety or substantial concern related to perceived bias, clearly stated on the court record, I will consider recusal.
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?
I would give substantial deference and discuss the concerns on the Court record. If the party was not reassured, I would consider granting the 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.
9. What standards have you set for yourself regarding the acceptance of gifts or social hospitality?
I generally accept no gifts, except from close friends, nor does my wife. We generally socialize with close friends only. I do socialize

with a few attorneys and if our relationship is close, I will not hear any contested matters.

10. How do you handle a situation in which you became aware of misconduct of a lawyer or of a fellow judge?

If the conduct is such that it must be reported, then I would report it. Otherwise, I would discuss it with the attorney or judge and advise them of the possible consequences and reporting requirements.

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?

I usually require an attorney to draft the Order and allow the opposing attorney to review it before I review, revise if necessary, and execute. I prepare a majority of the pro se litigation orders.

14. What methods do you use to ensure that you and your staff meet deadlines? Deadlines are calendered and I follow up with my staff.

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?

I allow only persons who have met the statutory requirements to serve as Guardians and require that the necessary Guardian's affidavit is filed. I issue a specific and detailed order outlining the Guardian's responsibilities pursuant to the statute. I invite the parties to make any motions necessary, including motions directed toward the Guardian, during the pendency of the action.

16. What is your philosophy on "judicial activism," and what effect should judges have in setting or promoting public policy?

It is my responsibility to apply the law, not make it. I believe that is consistent with the judicial canons and separation of powers.

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 am a regular speaker at legal seminars and training sessions. I am a member of the Bench Bar committee which examines practice and procedure issues. I am a member of the Board of Trustees of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges which seeks to improve court systems for families and juveniles. I am also a member of the South Carolina Bar Law Related Education Committee.

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?
While there is some isolation that must occur, I have felt no particular stress or pressure.
19. Are you involved in any active investments from which you derive additional income that might impair your appearance of impartiality?
No. Other than retirement plans and an annuity, I have no other active investments.
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?
A Judge should be patient and respectful towards the litigants and attorneys; firm, if and when necessary; and tempered at all times.
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?
While judges do not wear "the robe" at all times, they must comport themselves as if they do.
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?
Anger is not appropriate.
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?
None.
27. While campaigning for this office, have you used judicial letterhead or the services of your staff for your campaign?
No.
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/ Jerry Deese Vinson, Jr.

Sworn to before me this 5th day of August, 2009.

Notary Public for South Carolina

My commission expires: 06-06-2010