## JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION PERSONAL DATA QUESTIONNAIRE

Court, Position, and Seat # for which you are applying: Circuit Court, At-Large, Seat 16

1. NAME:

Mr. Robert L. Reibold

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Columbia, SC 29204

TELEPHONE NUMBER:

(office): 803-454-0955

2. Date and Place of Birth:

1970; Springfield, OH

3. Are you a citizen of SC? Yes

Have you been a resident of this state for at least the immediate past five years? Yes

- 5. Family Status: Married on April 14, 2007, to Shealy Boland Reibold; never divorced; 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) The Pennsylvania State University, 1988-92, BS (Finance);
  - (b) USC School of Law, 1992-95, JD.
- 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.

SC, 1995

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.

### College

Golden Key National Honor Society

Acacia Fraternity Scholarship Chairman

Law School

Moot Court

Order of the Barristers

National Moot Court Team

Phi Delta Phi Legal Fraternity

10. Describe your continuing legal or judicial education during the past five years.

### Conference/CLE name

Date(s)

(a) Robert Masante's: Killer Expert Depositions

4/1/2005;

(b) Advanced Personal Injury Practice

4/14/2005; 7/22/2005;

(c) Writing Credit – SC Lawyer Magazine

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(d)	ABC's of Effective Ethical Practice	10/14/2005;
(e)	E-Discovery and Evidence	5/5/2006;
(f)	Legal Aspects of Condominium Regimes	8/25/2006;
(g)	6 <sup>th</sup> Annual Civil Law Update	1/25/2008;
(h)	A Day in Discovery – Part 1	1/26/2008;
(i)	A Day in Discovery – Part 2	1/26/2008;
(j)	New Rules of Professional Conduct	2/10/2008;
(k)	Rules, Rules	12/12/2008;
(1)	Civil Court Judicial Forum	9/30/2009;
(m)	Annual Free Ethics Seminar	11/6/2009;
(n)	Employment & Labor Law	1/22/2010;
(o)	Torts & Insurance Practice – Part 1	1/22/2010;
(p)	Torts & Insurance Practice – Part 2	1/23/2010;
(q)	Alternate Dispute Resolution	1/2011;
(r)	Annual Free Ethics Seminar	11/4/2011;
(s)	ADR Section Seminar, Bar Convention	1/19/2012;
(t)	Trial and Appellate Section, Bar Convention	1/20/2012;
(u)	Employment Law Section, Bar Convention	1/20/2012.

- 11. Have you taught law-related courses or lectured at bar association conferences, educational institutions, or continuing legal or judicial education programs?
  - (a) I made a presentation as a speaker at the Automobile Torts CLE in the Fall of 2000; and
  - (b) I made a presentation as a speaker at the Masters in Equity CLE in October of 2010.
- 12. List all published books and articles you have written and give citations and the dates of publication for each.
  - (a) SC Equity: A Practitioner's Guide (SC Bar CLE 2010) (Co-Author);
  - (b) <u>Hidden Danger of Using Private Detectives</u> (SC Lawyer, July 2005) (Author);
  - (c) <u>Cutting the Fishing Trip Short: Protecting an Adjuster's Claim File</u> (SC Lawyer, July/August 2000) (Author);
  - (d) <u>The Big Catch: An Adjuster's Claim File</u> (SC Lawyer, July/August 2005) (Author)
- 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) United States Supreme Court. June 18, 2012;
  - (b) <u>United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit</u>. August 2011;
  - (c) United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. July 26, 2006;
  - (d) <u>United States District Court for the District of SC</u>. July 1, 2006;
  - (e) SC State Courts. November 13, 1995.
- 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.

My legal experience since graduation from law school has been:

- (a) 1996, law clerk to the Honorable J. Ernest Kinard, Jr., Judge of the Circuit Court:
- (b) 1996-2000, associate at Swagart & Walker, P.A.;
- (c) 2000-02, Swagart, Walker & Reibold, P.A.;
- (d) 2002-05, Swagart, Walker, Martin & Reibold, P.A.;
- (e) 2005-08, Walker, Martin & Reibold, LLC;
- (f) 2008-present, Walker & Reibold, LLC.
- 14.(b) If you are a candidate for Circuit Court, please provide a brief written description of your experience in criminal matters, including any cases handled over the past five years and include a brief description of the issues involved. Further, please provide a brief written description of your experience in civil matters, including any cases handled over the past five years and include a brief description of the types of matters handled, issues involved, and procedural history. Please include information such as the primary areas in civil court in which you practice, whether you represent plaintiffs or defendants, or both. You may go back further than five years if you feel it would assist the Commission with its assessment of your experience. If you lack experience in an area, describe how your background has prepared you to preside over such matters as a Circuit Court Judge, or how you would compensate for your lack of experience in this area.

My experience in criminal matters has been limited. I had some exposure to General Sessions Court during my judicial clerkship. I have twice represented criminal defendants in Magistrate Court level offenses. I have also handled a post-conviction relief proceeding. However, my practice has otherwise been devoted to civil litigation. I have represented both plaintiffs and defendants in Magistrate's Court, Circuit Court, the SC Court of Appeals, and the SC Supreme Court. I have also represented both plaintiffs and defendants in the United States District Court for the District of SC. At least 95% of my practice has been devoted to litigation. The types of matters I have handled range from personal injury actions, to include wrongful death and survival claims, employment discrimination litigation, products liability actions, breach of contract, fraud, and unfair trade practice claims.

To some extent, my background has prepared me to handle criminal actions. I became familiar with the operations of the Court of General Sessions during my judicial clerkship. I have also regularly used the SC Rules of Evidence as a civil litigator, and these rules apply equally in criminal actions. As discussed above, I have some small experience in criminal matters. To compensate for my meager experience in criminal matters, I would attend continuing legal education seminars in criminal law and procedure. Additionally, I would engage in private study of criminal issues in order to ensure competency.

15. What is your rating, if any, by any legal rating organization, such as, <u>Best Lawyers</u>, <u>Chambers</u>, <u>Legal 500</u>, <u>Martindale-Hubbell</u>, <u>Who's Who Legal</u>, <u>Super Lawyers</u>, <u>etc.</u>? If you are currently a member of the judiciary, list your last available rating, if any.

I was rated BV by Martindale Hubbell when I initially applied, I have not been reevaluated in some time.

- 16. What was the frequency of your court appearances during the last five years?
  - (a) federal: approximately 30 cases;
  - (b) state: between 160 and 200 cases.
- 17. What percentage of your practice involved civil, criminal, domestic, and other matters during the last five years?
  - (a) civil:

99.5%;

(b) criminal:

0.5%.

- 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: 97%;
  - (b) non-jury: 3%.

Did you most often serve as sole counsel, chief counsel, or associate counsel in these matters?

I served as sole/chief counsel in 50% of these matters. For the remainder, I served as associate counsel.

- 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 why these matters were significant.
  - (a) Roberts v. LaConey, 375 S.C. 97, 650 S.E.2d 474 (2007). I sought permission to file an amicus brief in this case which was filed in the SC Supreme Court's original jurisdiction. The case was decided in favor of the parties represented by my firm, and helped define what constitutes the unauthorized practice of law in the State of SC;
  - (b) Brown v. Stewart, 348 S.C. 33, 557 S.E.2d 626 (Ct. App. 2001). Among other things, this case involved the question of when a corporate shareholder may maintain a breach of fiduciary action against corporate board members or directors. I assisted in the trial of this case and argued the appeal, which helped to clarify an uncertain area of law in SC.
  - (c) Fournil v. Turbeville Insurance Agency. In this matter, I represented a small start up company. The founder of the company had split off from a larger insurance agency, which became involved in litigation with my client. If the larger company's claims had been successful, the suit would crushed the new business. My clients were facing an adversary with much greater resources. To me this case is significant because its successful resolution was literally a question of the survival of my client.
  - (d) <u>Butler v. Ford Motor Company, et al.</u>, 724 F.Supp.2d 575 (D.S.C. 2010). In this case, I represented a small tire company from Georgia

- who had been improperly sued in SC. The case is significant to me because I was able to have the case relocated to a proper forum, and prevent what appeared to be forum shopping.
- (e) Long v. Wray Automotive. In this federal case, I represented a car dealership who had been sued for loss of filial consortium. I argued that such a cause of action did not exist in SC. The federal district court predicted that SC would not recognize such a claim. This decision can be found at *Long v. Wray Automotive*, 2006 WL 3612875 (D.S.C.), and helped to clarify an ambiguous area of law.
- 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.
  - (a) Brown v. Stewart, et al, November 19, 2001 (reported at 348 S.C. 33, 557 S.E.2d 676 (Ct.App. 2001) (brief and argument);
  - (b) <u>Hall v. Fedor</u>, March 25, 2002 (reported at 349 S.C. 169, 561 S.E.2d 654 (Ct.App. 2002) (on brief);
  - (c) OptimumPath, LLC v. Belkin International, et a/. (brief and argument) (patent appeal argued before the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit) (decided on March 7, 2012);
  - (d) <u>Sign N Ryde, LLC v. Larry King Chevrolet</u>, SC Court of Appeals, decided on December 9, 2011 (brief and argument).
- 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.

I have not handled a criminal appeal.

22. Have you ever held judicial office?

I have not previously held judicial office.

- 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. Not applicable.
- 24. Have you ever held public office other than judicial office?

  I have never held public office.
- 25. List all employment you had while serving as a judge (whether full-time or parttime, contractual or at will, consulting or otherwise) other than elected judicial office.

Not applicable.

26. Have you ever been an unsuccessful candidate for elective, judicial, or other public office?

I ran for circuit judge, 5<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 3 in the Fall of 2011.

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 summer jobs while in school, I have not been employed in any occupation or business aside from the practice of law. However, I did

recently organize and operate a historical team building exercise for a group of elementary school teachers.

28. Are you now an officer or director or involved in the management of any business enterprise?

I am a member of Walker & Reibold, LLC, the law firm at which I practice. While I am not the managing partner, I have occasional managerial duties

- 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.

Apart from ownership in Walker & Reibold, LLC, the law firm at which I practice, I am unaware of any financial arrangements or business relationships that could constitute or result in a possible conflict of interest were I to be elected to the position of Circuit Court Judge. After any such election, I would withdraw from the law firm, and would automatically recuse myself from any matters which involved the firm for a period of one year. After that initial year, I would disclose any possible conflict of interest, and, if any party so requested, I would give significant deference to that party's request for recusal.

- 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? No.
- 36. Have you ever been investigated by the Department of Social Services? Has your name ever been enrolled on the Central Registry of Child Abuse and Neglect? No.
- 37. If you are in private practice, are you covered by malpractice insurance and, if so, how long have you carried malpractice insurance? If applicable, have you ever been covered by a tail policy?

I have been covered by malpractice insurance for my entire career in private practice. The current policy limit is \$2,000,000.00. The current deductible is \$5,000.00.

38. 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)?

Yes. I acted as a lobbyist on one occasion in 2007. A friend and client was assaulted at an outdoor automated teller machine, or ATM. I was employed by her family to draft and help secure the passage of a law which strengthened the criminal penalties for robberies and assaults committed at ATMs. As a result of our efforts, S.C. Code Ann. Section 16-11-380 was amended. The penalty for committing a robbery at an ATM is now equal to the penalty for robbing a bank. The lobbyist principal was Saving Time, LLC, a limited liability company owned primarily by the victim's family.

- 39. 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?
- 40. 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."

I am not aware of any such allegations.

41. 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."

I have no knowledge of any such charges.

42. 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.

I have not made any expenditures in furtherance of my candidacy.

43. 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.

I have made no contributions to members of the General Assembly since the announcement of my intent to seek election to a judgeship, and I am not aware of any such contributions which were made on my behalf.

44. 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?

I have not requested the pledge of any member of the General Assembly as to my possible election to the position of circuit court judge.

- 45. 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.
- 46. Have you or has anyone acting on your behalf solicited or collected funds to aid in the promotion of your candidacy? No.
- 47. 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?

I have not contacted any members of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission about my candidacy or intention to become a candidate.

- 48. 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) SC Bar Association, Member, House of Delegates 2008-present;
  - (b) Richland County Bar Association.
- 49. 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) Member, Board of Directors, Keep the Midlands Beautiful Honored as Board Member of the Year for SC Keep America Beautiful Affiliates in 2005;
  - (b) Appointed Member, City of Columbia Tree and Appearance Commission, 2007-present;
  - (c) Advisory Board Member, Salvation Army Command of the Midlands
  - (d) Columbia Kiwanis Club (2005 -12).
- 50. 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.

I have been involved in community affairs for some time. Over the past 15 years, I have worked as a volunteer at public events, raised money for the American Cancer Society, and served as a board member for local non-profit organizations. I am also a member of the 2002 Leadership Columbia class. I was appointed by Columbia City Council to the Columbia Tree and Appearance Commission, where I continue to serve. I currently serve as an advisory board member for the Salvation Army of the Midlands. These activities demonstrate my commitment to public service.

I have also been active in promoting the legal profession. I have been twice elected to the House of Delegates for the SC Bar Association. I have authored a number of articles and co-authored a legal text published by the SC Bar Association.

Service as a Circuit Court Judge is a natural outgrowth of this commitment to service and the legal profession.

#### 51. References

- (a) Cameron Runyon (Banker) The Braddock Group JHS Capital Advisors 1333 Main St., Ste. 170 Columbia, SC 29201 (803) 779-6533
- (b) Jo Anne Wessinger-Hill, Esquire Richardson Plowden 1900 Barnwell St. Columbia, SC 29201 (803) 771-4400
- (c) James Y. Becker, Esquire Haynsworth, Sinkler Boyd, P.A. 1201 Main St., Ste. 2200 Columbia, SC 29201 (803) 779-3080
- (d) Tameika Isaac Devine, Esquire Jabber & Isaac 1419 Richland St. Columbia, SC 29201 (803) 254-8868
- (e) Steve Hamm, Esquire Richardson Plowden 1900 Barnwell St. Columbia, SC 29201 (803) 771-4400

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: Robert L. Reibold

Date: August 8, 2012

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

## Circuit Court (New Candidate)

Full Name:

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1. Why do you want to serve as a Circuit Court judge?

As an attorney, I have an opportunity to solve problems for clients. This opportunity is rewarding, but in an adversarial system, the attorney's role is to convince a court or jury to make a decision that benefits the attorney's client. As a Circuit Court Judge, I would not be called upon to make decisions for the benefit of one party over another, but to make the right decision.

Additionally, I believe that service as Circuit Court Judge would offer a greater opportunity to make an important difference both in the lives of others and in improvement of the legal system.

- 2. Do you plan to serve your full term if elected? Yes.
- 3. Do you have any plans to return to private practice one day? No.
- 4. Have you met the Constitutional 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 believe it is important to protect the appearance of impartiality, and would not engage in ex parte communications other than as specifically permitted by the rules, for example, upon an application for a temporary injunction or emergency relief.

6. What is your philosophy on recusal, especially in situations in which lawyer-legislators, former associates, or law partners are to appear before you?

I would recuse myself from matters involving former associates or law partners for a period of one year. After that period of time, I would assess matters on a case by case basis. However, I would inform all parties of the prior relationship, and be very deferential to the request of a party for recusal on the grounds that a case involved a former legal partner.

I do not believe recusal would ordinarily be required for matters involving lawyer-legislators, unless some additional basis for recusal was

present. Such matters would have to be evaluated on a case to case basis.

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 the party requesting recusal a great deal of deference. As stated above, I believe it is important to safeguard the court's reputation for fairness and impartiality at all times.

8. How would you handle the appearance of impropriety because of the financial or social involvement of your spouse or a close relative?

Again, I believe it is important to maintain the judiciary's reputation for impartiality. If I believed that the appearance of impropriety could not be avoided, I would recuse myself. If I believed that the appearance of impropriety could be avoided, I would disclose the relationship, if known, to the parties involved. I would give substantial deference to a request for recusal made by a party in such a situation.

9. What standards would you set for yourself regarding the acceptance of gifts or social hospitality?

I do not believe the acceptance of gifts or hospitality is appropriate if the gifts or hospitality are provided by a person or party who regularly appears before the court or is interested in a matter presently before the court.

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

If the misconduct raised a serious question about the lawyer or judge's honesty, trustworthiness or fitness, I would report the misconduct to an appropriate official. If the misconduct did not rise to this level, I would attempt to counsel the lawyer and/or fellow judge to correct the misconduct.

11. Are you affiliated with any political parties, boards or commissions that, if you were elected, would need to be re-evaluated?

I am currently a member of the Advisory Board for the Salvation Army of the Midlands. If elected, I would need to refrain from direct involvement in fund raising, but I do not believe it would be necessary for me to cease to be involved with the Advisory Board.

I am currently a member of the City of Columbia Tree and Appearance Commission. Commission members are appointed by City Council, but service is voluntary. I believe that I would have to resign from the Commission if elected.

If elected, I would need to cease any contributions to the South Carolina Republican Party.

12. Do you have any business activities that you would envision remaining involved with if elected to the bench?

I do not currently have any such business activities.

13. If elected, how would you handle the drafting of orders?

While submissions of the parties or proposed orders can be helpful in drafting orders, I believe the content of orders should be created primarily by the court.

- 14. If elected, what methods would you use to ensure that you and your staff meet deadlines?
  - Deadlines would be appropriately calendared, and outstanding matters would be periodically reviewed.
- 15. What is your philosophy on "judicial activism," and what effect should judges have in setting or promoting public policy?

I believe a judge's responsibility is to apply the law as written by the legislature.

16. Canon 4 allows a judge to engage in activities to improve the law, legal system, and administration of justice. If elected, what activities do you plan to undertake to further this improvement of the legal system?

I have served as a member of South Carolina Bar Association's House of Delegates, and would hope to continue involvement in the Bar Association's activities, albeit in a capacity which is permissible of circuit court judge.

Additionally, I have written legal articles and a legal text, and would continue to do so if elected.

- 17. Do you feel that the pressure of serving as a judge would strain personal relationships (i.e. spouse, children, friends, or relatives)? How would you address this?
  - I do not feel the pressure of serving as a judge would unduly strain personal relationships. However, service as a circuit court judge would take precedence over such relationships.
- 18. The following list contains five categories of offenders that would perhaps regularly appear in your court. Discuss your philosophy on sentencing for these classes of offenders.
  - a. Repeat offenders:
  - b. Juveniles (that have been waived to the circuit court):
  - c. White collar criminals:
  - d. Defendants with a socially and/or economically disadvantaged background:
    - e. Elderly defendants or those with some infirmity:

Repeat Offenders

While a first time offender may sometimes be given a second chance, repeat offenders have exhausted any such second chance.

Juveniles who have been waived to Circuit Court

If a determination has been made that a juvenile should be tried as an adult, the juvenile should be sentenced as an adult.

White Collar Criminals

White collar criminals violate the law just as do violent criminals. White collar crime can have devastating effects on its victims. A person convicted of a white collar crime would receive no special leniency simply because of the nature of his or her crime.

Defendants with socially and/or economically disadvantaged backgrounds

For a first offense, defendants with socially and/or economically disadvantaged backgrounds might be given additional consideration on a case by case basis.

Elderly Defendants or those with some sort of infirmity

For a first offense, elderly defendants or defendants with some sort of infirmity might be given additional consideration on a case by case basis.

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?

Again, I feel that the appearance of impartiality should be safeguarded. If I were aware that a member of my family held a de minimis interest in a party involved in a matter before the court, I would inform the parties of such interest, and would give great deference to a party's request for recusal.

- 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?

The appropriate demeanor for a judge is to be courteous, civil, and fair to all who appear before the court.

24. Would the rules that you expressed in your previous answer apply only while you are on the bench or in chambers, or would these rules apply seven days a week, twenty-four hours a day?

The rules would apply when a judge deals with the public, whether in court, in chambers, or any other public setting. However, a judge should be permitted to be somewhat more relaxed in his or her own home and when among family and friends.

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 pro se litigants?

I do not believe anger with parties or counsel is 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?

I have not spent any money on my campaign.

- 27. If you are a sitting judge, have you used judicial letterhead or the services of your staff while campaigning for this office? N/A.
- 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.			
Robert L Reibold			
Sworn to before me this <u>8</u> day of <u>Aug</u> i	<u>ust</u> , 2012.		
Notary Public for S.C.			
My Commission Expires: 02/19/18			