

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

NAME: The Honorable Donna Savoca Strom

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2. Date and Place of Birth: 1959, Plainfield, New Jersey

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 October 5, 1959, to Joseph Preston Strom, Jr. 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</u>
(a) Annual Judicial Conference	08/21/06;
(b) Annual Judicial Conference	08/2010;
(c) Annual Judicial Conference	08/2011;
(d) Annual Judicial Conference	08/2012;
(e) SCAJ Family Law Section Meeting	08/2010;
(f) SCAJ Family Law Section Meeting	08/2011;
(g) SCAJ Family Law Section Meeting	08/2012.

7. Have you practiced law or served as a mediator or arbitrator since your retirement from the judiciary? I have served as a mediator since my retirement.

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, 5<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Active Retired

9. Are you now an officer or director or involved in the management of any business enterprise? Explain the nature of the business, your duties, and the term of your service. N/A

10. A complete, current financial net worth statement was provided to the Commission.

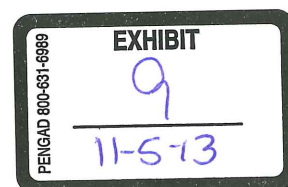
11. Since your last screening, have you been arrested, charged, or held by federal, state, or other law enforcement authorities for violation or for suspicion of violation of any federal law or regulation, state law or regulation or county or municipal law, regulation or ordinance, or any other law, 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?

An inmate filed a lawsuit naming Johnny Gasser, Barney Giese, Barbara Scott, and myself as Defendants. The inmate alleged that his "due process" rights had been violated beginning in 1995 when I waived him from Judicial Court to the General Sessions Court,



which was followed by his conviction and incarceration in General Sessions Court. The suit was dismissed on June 23, 2009. Several months ago, this same inmate filed an identical lawsuit and it is currently being handled by the Attorney General's Office.

15. Since your last screening, have you, as a lawyer, judge, or other professional, in SC or any other jurisdiction, been sanctioned for lawyer, judicial, or other professional misconduct or found to have committed such misconduct? 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 accept only gifts of close, personal friends for special occasions. I enjoy normal hospitality. I don't accept gifts or enjoy social hospitality forbidden 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. 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 SC 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.
  - (a) Retirement Income, Approx. \$94,000;
  - (b) Mediation Fees, Approx. \$40,000.
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 SC state or local public agency; None
  - (b) in which there have been public improvements of \$200 or that adjoins property in which there have been public improvements of \$200; None
  - (c) which was sold, leased, or rented to a state or local public agency in SC. None.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; N/A
  - (b) nature and value of any public improvements; N/A
  - (c) SC state or local public agency which purchased or is leasing or renting such property; N/A.
22. Identify any personal property interest you or a member of your immediate family sold, leased, or rented to a SC state or local public agency. None.

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

Signature: Donna Savoca Strom

Date: July 25, 2013

**Jane Shuler**

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**From:** Donna Strom [judgedstrom@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 27, 2013 3:36 PM  
**To:** Jane Shuler  
**Subject:** Donna Strom Amendment to PDQ

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Jane,

Please be advised that I would like to amend my 2013 PDQ to reflect that I attended the Family Law Section seminar in August at the SC Association for Justice Convention and the annual Judicial Conference also held in August both of which were CLE accredited.

Thank you. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions or need further information.

Sincerely,  
Donna Strom