

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

NAME: The Honorable Jane Dowling Fender

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2. Date and Place of Birth: 1946, Beaufort, SC

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: Divorced on February 14, 1980, Fourteenth Circuit Family Court. I was moving party; one year's continuous separation; 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.

Conference/CLE Name

Date(s)

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| (a) | Annual Judicial Conference   | 08/19/09; |
| (b) | Family Court Conference      | 04/23/09; |
| (c) | Family Court Conference      | 04/22/10; |
| (d) | SCJA Annual Conference       | 08/05/10; |
| (e) | Family Court Bench/Bar       | 12/03/10; |
| (f) | SC Bar Family Law Section    | 01/21/11; |
| (g) | Family Court Conference      | 06/01/11; |
| (h) | Family Court Bench/Bar       | 12/02/11; |
| (i) | Invitation to Well Being     | 03/16/12; |
| (j) | Family Court Conference      | 04/18/12; |
| (k) | SCAJ Annual Conference       | 08/02/12; |
| (l) | Family Court Bench/Bar       | 12/07/12; |
| (m) | Ethics and Discipline Update | 02/04/13; |
| (n) | Family Court Conference      | 04/18/13. |

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

Yes, I am a certified Family Court Mediator and mediate several times a week.

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.

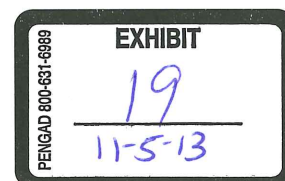
Elected May 11, 1994, to fill the unexpired term of The Honorable Albert L. Kleckley and reelected in 1998 and 2004.

In 2010, I was appointed to serve as an active, retired judge and am seeking the same appointment now.

9. Are you now an officer or director or involved in the management of any business enterprise?  
No

10. Provide, as a separate attachment, a complete, current financial net worth statement that itemizes in detail:

(a) Identify all financial assets held, directly or indirectly, including, but not limited to,



bank accounts, real estate, securities, trusts, investments, and other financial holdings.

- (b) Identify each liability owed, directly or indirectly, which is in excess of \$1,000, including, but not limited to, debts, mortgages, loans, and other financial obligations.  
See attached
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? 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 anything, including items listed above, from anyone who may appear in front of me.
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.  
Retirement income from State of South Carolina: \$51,651.00  
Travel Expenses: \$624.00
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.

Attach a copy of any contract or agreement.

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. Attach a copy of any contract or agreement.

My family owns property in Jasper County, SC, and we let the county use one acre for a trash collection site. They are supposed to pay us one dollar (\$1.00) a year, but I understand that has not been done. There is no lease, contract or any written agreement. This has been the arrangement for many years.

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

Signature: Jane Dowling Fender

Date: July 23, 2013