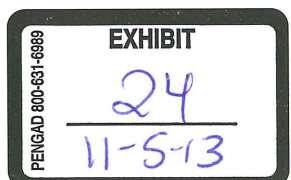


**JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION**  
**Statement to be included in Transcript of Public Hearings**

**Retired Judge**

Full Name: Peter Raymond Nuessle  
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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?  
The appropriate demeanor for a judge is to be courteous, respectful, and even-tempered.
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?  
As a retired judge, I track all orders to be prepared by attorneys and contact those attorneys by e-mail when it is necessary to ensure that orders are filed in a timely fashion.
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?  
In both cases, angry is not appropriate.
11. How would you handle a situation in which you became aware of misconduct of a lawyer or fellow judge?  
I would report the misconduct to the Office of Disciplinary Counsel for investigation.
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 would recuse myself in all situations in which there is a conflict or the appearance of a conflict whether one existed or not.



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 to be avoided in all situations with the possible exception of when the litigants' or the children's safety is in question.

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?

In this situation I would grant a Motion to Recuse to ensure that the appearance of impartiality is maintained. I would grant great deference to such a request.

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

I do not accept gifts or social hospitality from individuals. It is appropriate to accept gifts or social hospitality from legal groups, such as the South Carolina Bar and the South Carolina Association for Justice.

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/Peter Nuessle

Sworn to before me this 31 day of July, 2013.

Loraine S Gaggillo

Notary Public for S.C.

My Commission Expires: 11/3/13