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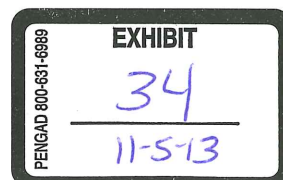
Court, Position, and Seat # for which you are applying:
Family Court, Sixth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1

1. NAME: Ms. Coreen B. Khoury
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Lancaster, S.C. 29721-1657
TELEPHONE NUMBER: 803 286-6647
2. Date of Birth: 1959
Place of Birth: Greenville S.C.
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 January 31, 1987, to Jeffery Lynn Hammond. Never divorced; two children.
6. Have you served in the military? I have never served in the military.
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) USC August 1977-May 1980, Bachelor of Arts in Education;
 - (b) USC School of Law August 1982-May 1985, Juris Doctor.
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.

I was admitted to practice law in SC in 1985. I have only taken one bar exam and that was in SC.
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.

I did not take part in any significant activities in college or law school.
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.

<u>Conference/CLE Name</u>	<u>Date(s)</u>
(a) 2012 Family Court Bench/ Bar	12/07/12;
(b) Hot Tips from the Coolest Domestic Practitioners	11/08/12;
(c) Using Cognitive/Behavioral Techniques in Emotionally Charged Situations	11/06/12;
(d) Avoiding 20 Common Ethics Traps	09/09/12;
(e) Advanced Tools & Skills for More Effective Client Development	09/09/12;
(f) 2011 Family Court Bench/Bar	12/02/11;
(g) Notary Public Law	09/17/11;
(h) 2011 Domestic Law Hot Tips	09/16/11;
(i) The Eight Types of Clients and How to Survive Seven of Them	09/16/11;
(j) 2010 Family Court Bench/Bar	12/03/10;



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| (k) | Courtney, Jill and the Tips | 09/27/10; |
| (l) | CLE for Class of 1985 Reunion | 09/25/10; |
| (m) | Ethical Traps with Electronic Communication | 08/20/10; |
| (n) | Representing the Volunteer Guardian ad Litem | 05/07/10; |
| (o) | 2009 Hot Tips from the Coolest Domestic Practitioners | 09/18/10; |
| (p) | Sidebar SC: Ethics Update 2008 | 09/10/09; |
| (q) | Ethical Considerations in Marketing your Law Firm | 09/10/09; |
| (r) | 2008 Hot Tips from the Coolest Domestic Practitioners | 09/19/08; |
| (s) | Representing Foreign Nationals in SC Family and Criminal Court | 07/25/08; |
| (t) | Representing Volunteer Guardian ad Litem | 03/14/08. |
11. Have you taught law-related courses or lectured at bar association conferences, educational institutions, or continuing legal or judicial education programs?
I have not taught or lectured at any conference, institution or education program.
12. List all published books and articles you have written and give citations and the dates of publication for each.
I have not published any books or written any articles.
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.
Admitted to practice before the State Courts of SC in 1985.
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.
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| (a) | Thomas, Goldsmith, Folks and Hodges - August 1985-August 1987; |
| (b) | Goldsmith, Folks and Hodges - August 1987-March 1990; |
| (c) | Goldsmith, Folks, Khoury & DeVenny - March 1990-December 1991; |
| (d) | Folks, Khoury & DeVenny - December 1991- present. |
- The law firm of Folks, Khoury & DeVenny is a general practice firm where each member of the firm handles specific areas of the law. I have been a member of this firm since graduating from law school and a partner with the firm since January of 2000. Since the beginning of my legal career, I have practiced predominately in the area of family law. Initially I shared the family law responsibilities with various members of the firm. Since January of 1992, I have been the firm's sole family court practitioner.
- If you are a judge and are not seeking a different type of judgeship, the following questions are inapplicable:
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| (a) | If you are a candidate for Family Court, please provide a brief written description of your experience within each of the following Family Court practice areas: divorce and equitable division of property, child custody, adoption, abuse and neglect, and juvenile justice. Include information about cases you have handled in each of these practice areas, or if you have not practiced in an area, describe how your background has prepared you to preside over such matters as a Family Court Judge.
I have extensive experience in the practice areas of divorce, equitable division of property, child custody and abuse and neglect matters. I have also handled a significant amount of adoption cases throughout my career. I have handled very few matters in the area of juvenile justice. In 2012, I had about 200 appearances |
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in Family Court. I have averaged close to this number of appearances before Family Court judges in the last five years. In these cases, I have served as the attorney for one of the litigants, guardian ad litem for a minor child/children or attorney for the guardian ad litem in DSS cases. Many of these cases were uncontested but others involved lengthy hearings.

I have handled both fault and no fault divorces. Most of these divorce cases have involved the division of marital assets and debts in some degree. These assets include real estate, retirement accounts, businesses, stocks, motor vehicles and household belongings. A number of these cases have involved the issue of alimony. I have represented mothers, fathers and grandparents in custody cases over the last twenty six (26) years. I have been successful with the help of guardians, experts, mediators and opposing counsel to resolve many of these custody cases without expensive and protracted litigation. I usually handle about five (5) contested custody cases per year.

I have handled both private and DSS adoptions in my practice. Most of the private adoptions involved a relative or step parent adopting a child related by blood or marriage. Almost all of my adoption cases have been uncontested cases. I handled all my firm's court appointments in abuse and neglect cases until I began representing the Guardian ad Litem program in Lancaster around 2003. I have very little experience handling clients involved with the Department of Juvenile Justice. However since April of 2006, I have been serving as the Judge for the Lancaster County Juvenile Drug Court. I have become more familiar with the substantial and procedural aspects of the juvenile process through my association with the Drug Court team. I believe my experience in the family court and my familiarity with the law of domestic relations and the family court system will assist me in handling all matters that would come before me as a Family Court judge.

15. What is your rating, if any, by any legal rating organization, such as, Best Lawyers, Chambers, Legal 500, Martindale-Hubbell, Who's Who Legal, Super Lawyers, etc.? If you are currently a member of the judiciary, list your last available rating, if any.
My rating in Martindale-Hubbell is BV
16. What was the frequency of your court appearances during the past five years?
(a) federal: zero;
(b) state: around 200 appearances per year in Family Court matters
17. What percentage of your practice involved civil, criminal, domestic, and other matters during the last five years?
(a) civil: 0%;
(b) criminal: 0%;
(c) domestic: 98%;
(d) other: 2% (Probate Court)
18. What percentage of your practice in trial court during the past five years involved matters that went to a jury, including those that settled prior to trial?
(a) jury: 0%;
(b) non-jury: 100%.
Did you most often serve as sole counsel, chief counsel, or associate counsel in these matters? I served most often as sole 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) Wagner v. Wagner, SC Court of Appeals 2013-UP-120. This matter began with an expedited temporary hearing and is currently pending before the SC Supreme Court on a Petition for a Writ of Certiorari. This case is significant because it involved various types of hearings: temporary hearings, motion hearings, contempt hearings, a merits hearing and oral arguments before the Court of Appeals. This case required the preparation of trial documents, an appellate brief, a Return to Petition for Rehearing and a Return to a Petition for Writ of Certiorari. This case was tried for over four days. The main issues in this case were the characterization of assets, the transmutation of assets and the distribution of marital assets. To date, my client has been successful at each level of this litigation and I have obtained trial experience and sharpen my trial skills at each stage of the litigation.
- (b) Anderson vs. Neal, Case No. 10-DR-29-694. This is a matter in which I represented a father who had been trying to have a relationship with his daughter since he and the child's mother ended their relationship. The mother filed an answer and counterclaim requesting the termination of the father's parental rights and the trial judge at the temporary hearing denied the father request for visitation with his daughter. The judge at the merits hearing, despite the guardian ad litem's recommendations to the contrary, ordered reunification of the father and his daughter with a phase in schedule of visitation. Mother filed a notice of appeal and Petition for Writ of Supersedeas. Mother's Petition for Writ of Supersedeas was denied. Initial appellate briefs have not been filed. Father has begun visiting with his daughter after a three year battle. This case is significant in that father was given the opportunity to renew his relationship with his daughter. The main focus of this case as in all cases involving custody, termination of parental rights or adoption is the best interest of the child and not the desires of the parents. Contested custody and termination of rights cases are difficult to prepare for lawyers and heart wrenching for litigants but rewarding for children if their best interests are considered and healthy family relationships can be preserved.
- (c) Burleson vs. Burleson, Case 07-DR-29-385. This case was a seven day contested custody case. I represented the father of four children ages 13, 8, 6 and 4. The 4 year old child was a special needs child. The mother was a stay at home mom and was awarded custody at the Temporary hearing. At the final hearing, the father was awarded custody. This case involved a counselor, therapist, guardian ad Litem and the thorough investigation into all aspects of what was in the best interest of the children. The Court considered all the statutory and common law factors. This case is significant because it resulted in the award of custody to the father who at the beginning of the case was not considered the primary custodian parent. The Court in reaching its decision to award the father custody of the young children considered the impact of the custody decision on all areas of the children's lives—psychological, physical, environmental, spiritual, educational, medical, familial, emotional and recreational and not just the traditional roles of the parents.
- (d) Stradford vs. Wilson, 378 S.C.301, 662 S.E.2d 491 (S.C.App.2008). In this case, I represented a mother who was opposed to changing her child's surname to that of

the surname of the father. The mother and father were never married. The guardian ad litem assigned to the case recommended changing the child's surname to that of the father or including the father's name in a hyphenated surname for the child. The trial judge ordered that the child's surname be changed to that of the father. The mother appealed the judge's ruling and the decision was reversed. This case was significant in that it recognized that both parents have an equal interest in a child bearing their respective surname. In addition, the court held that the party attempting to change the child's name must prove by a preponderance of the evidence that the name change is in the child's best interests. The Court further enumerated the factors to consider when making a determination as to whether changing a child's surname is in the best interest of the child.

- (e) Boggs vs. Boggs, Case No. 2004-DR-29-446. After a favorable ruling to my client and the issuance of the final decree of divorce, the opposing party moved to vacate the Order and reopen the case alleging he did not receive proper notice of the hearing. Husband alleged that service of the final hearing notice was defective. The motion was dismissed by the trial judge. Husband filed a Notice of Intent to Appeal. Both parties filed initial briefs with the Court of Appeals. This case was significant because it involved the application and understanding of both the substantive laws of equitable distribution and the procedural laws of domestic litigation.
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. If you are a candidate for an appellate court judgeship (please attach one copy of briefs filed by you in each matter).
- (a) Jerome Wagner vs. Robin Wagner, SC Court of Appeals, 3/ 27/13, 2013- UP-120;
- (b) Alvenia Lowe Brewer a/k/a Alvenia Lowe Reeves vs. Theodore Roosevelt Brewer, SC Court of Appeals, 4/10/13, 2013-UP-149;
- (c) Ryan Corey Stradford vs. Bettina Rashunda Wilson, SC Court of Appeals, 5/20/08, 378 S.C. 301, 662 S.E. 2d 491 (S.C.App.2008);
- (d) Charles Ellis Cutshaw vs. Joyce Sinclair Cutshaw, SC Court of Appeals, 4/19/04, 2004-UP-269;
- (e) Steve Jarrett Hinson vs. Marsha Floyd Hinson, SC Court of Appeals, 7/10/00, 341 S.C. 574,535 S.E. 2d 143.
21. List up to five criminal appeals that you have personally handled.
I have never handled a criminal appeal.
22. Have you ever held judicial office?
I was appointed to preside over the Lancaster County Juvenile Drug Court Program on April 20, 2005. This assignment allows me to preside over hearings and impose sanctions for violations of the conditions of the Drug Court Program.
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.
The Juvenile Drug Court appointment does not require the issuance of orders or opinions.
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 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.

I have been employed as a lawyer with Folks, Khoury & DeVenny while serving as a Juvenile Drug Court Judge in the Sixth Judicial Circuit.

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

Yes. In 2008, I was unsuccessful in my run for Family Court Judge, Sixth Judicial Circuit, Seat 2. This election was won by W. Thomas Sprott Jr.

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?

Yes, I was an elementary school teacher from August of 1980 until I entered Law School in August of 1982.

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

I am not an officer or director or involved in the management of any business enterprise.

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.

I am currently a partner in the law firm in which I am employed. Any potential conflicts of interest would be resolved by the termination of the partnership if I am elected to serve as a Family Court Judge. Currently neither of my partners practice or make regular appearances in the Family Court.

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?

I have never been arrested, charged or held for violation or suspicion of violation of any law, regulation or ordinance.

32. Have you, to your knowledge, ever been under federal, state, or local investigation for possible violation of a criminal statute?

I have never, to my knowledge, been under investigation for the possible violation of any criminal statute.

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?

I have never had a tax lien or other collection procedure instituted against me, defaulted on a student loan or filed for bankruptcy.

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.

I have never been sued in any court of law.

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?

I have never been investigated by the Department of Social Services or enrolled on the Central Registry of Child Abuse and Neglect.

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 am covered by malpractice insurance and have been continuously covered since I was admitted to practice law in 1985. I have never been covered by a tail policy. My current malpractice policy coverage is 2 million with a 5000.00 deductible.

38. Are you active on or a member of a social media or Internet site or have you, to your knowledge, been featured or depicted on a social media or Internet site, such as, Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, etc.? If so, how would your use of social media or other similar types of Internet sites be affected if you were serving in a judicial capacity?

I have never had a Facebook page, Twitter account or any other social media account. I have not, to my knowledge, been featured or depicted on a social media or Internet site other than the website of my law firm. I am a member of the SC Bar Family Law Listserve. I do not have any plans to develop or use a Facebook or Twitter account.

39. 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, I have never been employed as a lobbyist or acted in the capacity of a lobbyist's principal.

40. 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.

41. 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 have no knowledge of any formal charges or informal allegations against me or any other candidate for violations of the above stated provisions.

42. 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 formal charges or informal allegations against me or any other candidate for violations of the above stated provisions.

43. 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.

44. 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.

45. 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.

46. Have you requested a friend or colleague to contact members of the General Assembly on your behalf? If so, give details. Are you aware of any friends or colleagues contacting members of the General Assembly on your behalf? No.

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

48. 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.

49. 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) Lancaster County Bar Association;

(b) SC Bar Association;

(c) SC Women Lawyers Association.

50. 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.

Past member of the Lancaster County Drug and Alcohol Commission.

51. 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.

As a parent, community participant, teacher and lawyer, I have seen how decisions made in Family Court affect the lives of litigants, their families and friends. I have dealt with clients in distress and turmoil. I have experienced the stress and pressures of a family court lawyer. As a judge, I would hope to never lose sight of the emotions of litigants, the pressures of family court practitioners and the importance of each and every decision made in family court. I would behave in a way that facilitates conflict resolutions and not in a fashion that spurs emotional strife. I would be courteous to litigants, lawyers and court personnel. I would be attentive during the hearing, well versed in the law and render decisions in a timely fashion. I would try to remember that what is routine and common to me as a regular participant in family court hearings is new and terrifying to most litigants and witnesses. I would hope to be viewed as a judge who uses her gut, heart and head to render good decisions. I would hope to have litigants and lawyers leave the courtroom, whether successful or not, feeling their stories were heard, their positions considered and they were treated with respect in the resolution of their disputes.

52. References:

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

Signature: Coreen B. Khoury
Date: July 23, 2013