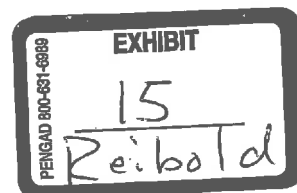


**JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION
PERSONAL DATA QUESTIONNAIRE**

Court, Position, and Seat # for which you are applying: Circuit Court, At-Large, Seat 10

1. Name: Mr. Robert L. Reibold
Name that you are known by if different from above : Rob
Are you currently serving in some capacity as a judge? No.
Business Address: 3321 Forest Dr., Ste. 1
Columbia, SC 29204
Telephone Number: (office): 803-454-0955
2. Date of Birth: 1970
Place of Birth: Springfield, Ohio
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: 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, 1988-1992, BS Degree (Finance);
 - (b) University of SC, School of Law, 1992-1995, 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
 - (a) Golden Key National Honor Society;
 - (b) Acacia Fraternity Scholarship Chairman.
Law School
 - (a) Moot Court;
 - (b) Order of the Barristers;
 - (c) National Moot Court Team;
 - (d) Phi Delta Phi Legal Fraternity.
10. Describe your continuing legal or judicial education during the past five years.
During the past 5 years, I have attended the following legal education seminars:

<u>Conference/CLE Name</u>	<u>Date(s)</u>
(a) Employment & Labor Law	1/22/2010;
(b) Torts & Insurance Practice–Part 1	1/22/2010;
(c) Torts & Insurance Practice–Part 2	1/23/2010;



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| (d) | Alternate Dispute Resolution | 1/2011; |
| (e) | Annual Free Ethics Seminar | 11/4/2011; |
| (f) | Dispute Resolution Section | 1/20/2012; |
| (g) | Trial and Appellate Advocacy Section | 1/20/2012; |
| (h) | Employment and Labor Law Section | 1/21/2012; |
| (i) | DL-265 Lawyer Depression and Mental Disorders | 10/20/2012; |
| (j) | Circuit Court Judicial Forum: Advanced | 10/26/2012; |
| (k) | Annual Free Ethics CLE | 11/9/2012; |
| (l) | Dispute Resolution Section | 1/24/2013; |
| (m) | Employment and Labor Law Section | 1/25/2013; |
| (n) | Trial & Appellate Advocacy Section Civil Law Update | 1/24/2014; |
| (o) | Criminal Law Section–Part 2 | 1/24/2014; |
| (p) | SC Circuit and Family Court Arbitrator | 5/5/2014; |
| (r) | Emerging Mediation Trends | 01/22/15; |
| (s) | Employment and Labor Law | 01/23/15; |
| (t) | Criminal Law Update (Part 2) | 01/23/15; |
| (u) | Riley Institute–Straight Talk,
Crime and Punishment | 07/21/15. |
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) The Unfair Trade Practices Act – Is It Time for a Change? (SC Lawyer, May 2013) (Author);
- (b) South Carolina Equity: A Practitioner’s Guide (SC Bar CLE 2010) (Co-Author);
- (c) Hidden Danger of Using Private Detectives (SC Lawyer, July 2005) (Author);
- (d) Cutting the Fishing Trip Short: Protecting an Adjuster’s Claim File (SC Lawyer, July/August 2000) (Author); and
- (e) The Big Catch: An Adjuster’s Claim File (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) Admitted to practice before the State Courts of SC on November 13, 1995;
- (b) Admitted to practice before the United States District Court for the District of SC on July 1, 2006;
- (c) Admitted to practice before the United States Court of Appeal for the Fourth Circuit on July 26, 2006;
- (d) Admitted to practiced before the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit in August of 2011;
- (e) Admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court in June of 2012.
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) 2000-2002, Swagart, Walker & Reibold, P.A.;
- (d) 2002-2005, Swagart, Walker, Martin & Reibold, P.A.;
- (e) 2005-2008, Walker, Martin & Reibold, LLC;
- (f) 2008 to the present, Walker & Reibold, LLC.

My first legal position was as a judicial clerk for the Honorable Ernest J. Kinard, Jr. Following my clerkship, I entered private practice, where I have remained since. My practice is primarily litigation based.

15. Please answer the following (if you are a judge and are not seeking a different type of judgeship, this question is inapplicable):

- (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.

I am a candidate for a Circuit Court position. While my practice has predominately civil in nature, I do have criminal experience. During my judicial clerkship, I participated in both criminal and civil matters. I assisted Judge Kinard with criminal trials, and other criminal matters, such as guilty pleas, sentencing, and expungements. I have personally handled two criminal cases in the past 5 years and before, that, I assisted in a third. Finally, I have handled a post-conviction relief proceeding within the past 5 years.

However, my experience has been predominately civil. I have primarily represented defendants, but, at times, I have represented Plaintiffs. I have trial experience in Magistrate's Court, Circuit Court, and the United States District Court. I have appellate experience in the Court of Appeals, and the SC Supreme Court. I have argued a patent appeal before the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. 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.

I do believe my background has prepared me to handle criminal actions. As mentioned above, I assisted Judge Kinard with criminal matters during my clerkship, and have handled some criminal matters since that time. My civil practice has made me very familiar with the Rules of Evidence, which are applied in criminal matters.

I have also made efforts to boost my competence in criminal matters. I have studied criminal legal texts, read Advance Sheets and attended criminal law Continuing Legal Education Seminars.

16. 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.

I am AV rated by Martindale-Hubbell.

17. What was the frequency of your court appearances during the past five years?

(a) federal:

(b) state:

In the past 5 years, I have handled approximately 20 cases in federal court. In the same time period, I have handled between 140 and 175 cases in SC state courts. I entered court appearances in all of these matters. Not all of these cases required physical appearances before a court.

18. What percentage of your practice involved civil, criminal, domestic, and other matters during the past five years?

(a) civil: 98%;

(b) criminal: 2%;

(c) domestic: 0%;

(d) other: 0%.

19. 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: 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 60% of these matters. For the remainder, I served as associate counsel.

20. 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) Michael Ritz v. Taylor Toyota. In this matter, my partner and I represented a Toyota dealership accused of charging documentation or procurement fees in violation of South Carolina law. Plaintiff represented a group or class of thousands of customers attempting to recover allegedly improper fees. The case took almost six years to reach trial, and was tried to a jury in Aiken County. Plaintiff sought a total judgment of approximately \$25,000,000. After a three day trial, the jury returned a verdict in favor of the defense.

(b) 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 South Carolina 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;

(c) 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.

- (d) 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.
 - (e) Butler v. Ford Motor Company, et al., 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.
21. 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) Hall v. Fedor, March 25, 2002 (reported at 349 S.C. 169, 561 S.E.2d 654 (Ct.App. 2002) (on brief);
 - (c) OptimumPath, LLC v. Belkin, et al, patent appeal before the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, May 7, 2012 (brief and oral argument);
 - (d) Sign N Ryde v. Larry King Chevrolet, SC Court of Appeals, December 9, 2011 (brief and oral argument);
 - (e) Diane Henderson v. Summerville Ford-Mercury, SC Supreme Court, September 11, 2013 (reported at 405 S.C. 440, 748 S.E.2d 221 (2013) (brief and oral argument).
22. 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.
N/A
23. Have you ever held judicial office? If so, list the periods of your service, the courts involved, and whether you were elected or appointed. Describe the jurisdiction of each of the courts and note any limitations on the jurisdiction of each court.
I have not previously held judicial office.
24. If the answer to question 23 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.
N/A
25. Have you ever held public office other than judicial office? If so, list the periods of your service, the office or offices involved, and whether you were elected or appointed. Also, state whether or not you have timely filed your report with the State Ethics Commission during the period you held public office. If not, were you ever subject to a penalty?
I have not held public office.
26. 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.
N/A.
27. Have you ever been an unsuccessful candidate for elective, judicial, or other public office?
I have run for Circuit Court on three prior occasions—2011, 2012, and 2014.

28. 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.
In May of 2012, I organized and supervised a team building, historical themed scavenger hunt for a group of elementary school teachers.
29. 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.
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.
30. A complete, current financial net worth statement was provided to the Commission.
31. 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.
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.
32. 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.
33. Have you, to your knowledge, ever been under federal, state, or local investigation for possible violation of a criminal statute?
No.
34. 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.
35. 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.
37. 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.
38. 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? If so, please explain when you were covered by a tail policy. Also, if applicable, indicate your coverage and deductible for your current malpractice policy.
I have been covered by malpractice insurance at all times while I have practiced law. The current policy limit is \$2,000,000.

39. 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 maintain a Facebook account primarily to keep in touch with friends and family. If I were serving in a judicial capacity, it would be inappropriate to maintain a Facebook status with attorneys who regularly appear before me unless I have a pre-existing or other separate social relationship with the attorney.
40. 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)? If so, give the dates of your employment or activity in such capacity and specify by whom you were directed or employed.
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.
41. 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.
42. 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.” Please detail any knowledge you have of any formal charges or informal allegations against you or any other candidate for violations of these provisions. Include the disposition, if any, of such charges or allegations.
I am not aware of any such allegations.
43. 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.” Please detail any knowledge you have of any formal charges or informal allegations against you or any other candidate for violations of these provisions. Include the disposition, if any, of such charges or allegations.
I have no knowledge of any such charges.
44. 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 incurred \$341 in paper and postage in March and April of 2015. Copies of stationary and a resume were expensive because both the stationary and resume contained a color photograph.
I spent another \$52 in paper in June of 2015 for color post-cards to use as possible leave behinds.

45. 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 announcement of my intent to seek election to a judgeship.
46. 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.
47. 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?
I have not asked friends or colleagues to seek a pledge from any member of the General Assembly. Similarly, I have not asked a friend or colleague to contact any member of the General Assembly since I announced my intention to seek judicial election.
48. Have you or has anyone acting on your behalf solicited or collected funds to aid in the promotion of your candidacy?
No.
49. 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.
50. 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 to 2014
Member, Practice and Procedure Committee; and
 - (b) Richland County Bar Association.
51. 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 to 2013;
 - (c) Advisory Board Member, Salvation Army Command of the Midlands, 2013 to the present.
52. 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. I am 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 am a member for the Practice and Procedure Committee of the South Carolina Bar Association. I have also 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 service and the legal profession.

53. List the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of five persons, including your banker, from whom references could be obtained.

- (a) Frank Braddock (Banker)
Janney Montgomery Scott
1441 Main St., Ste. 700
Columbia, SC 29201
(803) 223-7031
- (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) J. Gregory Studemeyer, Esquire
J. Gregory Studemeyer, P.C.
P.O. Box 12201
Columbia, SC 29211-2201
(803) 779-3363

54. 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.

N/A.

55. 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.

N/A.

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: s/Robert L. Reibold

Date: August 4, 2015