



**JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION  
PERSONAL DATA QUESTIONNAIRE**

Court, Position, and Seat # for which you are applying: Master-in-Equity for Anderson County and Oconee County, Tenth Judicial Circuit

1. Name: Mr. Steven Coleman Kirven  
Name that you are known by if different from above: Steve  
Are you currently serving in some capacity as a judge? No  
Business Address: 1100 North Main Street  
Anderson, SC 29621  
Telephone Number: (office): 864-225-1100
2. Date of Birth: 1950  
Place of Birth: Sumter, 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: Married on August 2, 1969 to Sandra Thompson. Never divorced, one child.
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) Presbyterian College, 1968-1971, BS, magna cum laude;
  - (b) University of SC, School of Law, 1971-1973, 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, 1974
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.
  - (a) Part-time Law Clerk for Attorney Tench P. Owens, Clinton, SC, 1969-1971;
  - (b) Kappa Alpha Order (social fraternity), Presbyterian College, 1968-1971;
  - (c) Intra-Fraternity Council representative, Presbyterian College, 1970-1971;
  - (d) Sigma Kappa Alpha (honor fraternity), Presbyterian College, 1970-1971;
  - (e) Commencement Marshall, Presbyterian College, May, 1971;
  - (f) Part-time Law Clerk for Turner, Padgett, Graham & Laney, Columbia, SC, 1972-1974.
10. Describe your continuing legal or judicial education during the past five years.  
Effective for the CLE year March 2009-February 2010, I was granted exemption pursuant to Rule 408(2) (B), SCACR from mandatory CLE requirements. Since that time my continuing legal education has been largely self-directed by regular review of the Advance Sheets and reading articles published in the SC Bar magazine and Law Review published by the University of SC School of Law. In addition I periodically conduct independent research in areas of interest and conduct in-depth research in areas germane to my practice.

11. Have you taught law-related courses or lectured at bar association conferences, educational institutions, or continuing legal or judicial education programs?
  - (a) I taught several courses at Tri-County Technical College in the Business Law field as an adjunct professor in about 1976 or 1977;
  - (b) I gave a one evening presentation on Wills and Estate Planning at First Presbyterian Church, Anderson SC in April, 2010.
12. List all published books and articles you have written and give citations and the dates of publication for each.  
None.
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) SC, 1974
  - (b) US District Court for the District of SC, 1974
  - (c) US Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, 1974
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.
  - (a) March, 1974-September, 1977. Associate, Watkins, Vandiver, Kirven, Long & Gable. After graduating from law school in December and completing the three day bar examination on the first Friday in March, I loaded a U-Haul truck to move my young family to Anderson over the weekend and reported for work with my father's firm, Watkins, Vandiver, Kirven, Long & Gable, on Monday morning. I was admitted to the Bar in May and embarked on my legal journey as an associate attorney with the Watkins Firm. As a young lawyer in a general practice firm with considerable insurance defense litigation I worked on a variety of cases, including real estate and commercial transactions and general litigation. During this time I was assigned to assist our local hospital system with their patient account litigation, a relationship which continues to this day. I was fortunate in that one of the partners, Wilburn Gable, took me under his wing and taught me the ins and outs of trial work. I was able to work on cases involving premises liability, automobile accidents, contract disputes, products liability and a few intentional torts. These were mostly in our Circuit Courts, but with some in the US District Court. I worked primarily as second chair to Bill Gable or others but in time did handle more cases on my own. One of my memorable early assignments was to assist a Mennonite dairy farmer through what was then a Chapter 11 Arrangement in US Bankruptcy Court. The case lasted about two years during which I was able to negotiate with the creditors and have approved a plan for readjustment and payment of debts. Unfortunately, the farmer was unable to survive since he had no acreage for raising feed and a liquidation ensued. However, my client was able to move into the construction business specializing in construction of barns and was successful for many years. Hours of conversation with that gentleman gave me fascinating insight into the Mennonite culture and an appreciation of how hard life can be.
  - (b) October, 1977-July, 2002. Partner, Watkins, Vandiver, Kirven, Gable & Gray. In late 1977 three attorneys left the firm. The Watkins Firm was reorganized and I

became a junior partner, later progressing to senior partner over the following six or seven years. I continued a general practice including litigation, real estate, contract transactions and even handled a few divorces and one or two guilty pleas in General Sessions. During the 1980's and 1990's I also spent considerable time working with another partner representing a large, national casualty insurance company pursuing subrogation claims mostly in significant commercial and industrial building failures such as roof collapses and fire losses. These cases included negligence and warranty claims in the construction law area. They were pursued in several states and took me across the country at times for discovery depositions and expert consultation. Other litigation in which I worked included medical malpractice cases representing physicians and hospitals. During the late 1990's I began to handle consumer bankruptcy cases and continued doing so for several years.

(c) August, 2002-December, 2008. Shareholder, McNair Law Firm, P.A. In August, 2002 the Watkins Firm was merged into the McNair Law Firm, P.A. in which I became a Shareholder. During this period I decreased my litigation practice and increased my transactional practice. Of particular interest was the representation of a developer in the creation and construction of a number of condominium projects in the upstate region. I spent considerable time assisting him acquire property, create the horizontal property regimes with preparation of Master Deeds and amendments and get the necessary financing in place.

(d) January, 2009-Present. Steven C. Kirven, Attorney at Law. At the end of 2008 I resigned from the McNair Law Firm and opened my office as a sole practitioner. I have continued a general practice including litigation and transactional matters. During this time I have spent considerable time handling complex probate litigation. I also continued to represent a company which manufactures products for the automotive after-market and recently represented them in the negotiation and closing of a multi-million dollar sale of assets and the winding down of their corporate entities.

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

(c) If you are a candidate for Master-In-Equity, please provide a brief written description of your experience in the Master's court, including any cases handled over the past five years and include a brief description of the issues involved. Please include the frequency of your appearances before a Master-In-Equity.

During my legal career, now covering over forty-one years, I have handled a number of cases in the Master's court involving a variety of subject matter, including: real estate mortgage foreclosures (representing both plaintiffs and defendants); mechanic's lien foreclosures; debt collections involving complex accounting issues; homeowner association lien enforcement; road closings; supplementary proceedings pursuant to judgment execution; quiet title actions pursuant to tax sale deed; apportionment of insurance proceeds; utility condemnation; and, recovery of surplus funds generated at foreclosure sale. The frequency of my appearances in the Master's court can best be described as often, but at irregular intervals based on appropriate cases coming into my office. I file answers almost on a weekly basis on behalf of AnMed Health, our regional healthcare system, which is named as a judgment creditor in many foreclosure actions.

Cases I have handled in the Master's court during the past five years include:

- (i) TLR-V, LLC v. Donald Fred Payton and AnMed Health, CA No. 2011 CP 04 03131. After obtaining a quitclaim deed from a tax sale purchaser, the plaintiff sought a determination that it held title free and clear of AnMed's (my client) judgment liens which were in place prior to the tax delinquency. The issue was whether the tax sale and subsequent tax deed effectively extinguished the judgment liens as to the subject property or simply conveyed title subject to them. The Master ruled in favor of the plaintiff. AnMed initiated an appeal to the SC Court of Appeals which was dismissed upon settlement of the case after Appellant's Initial Brief and related documents were filed.
  - (ii) Uwharrie Bank v. God's Country Outfitters, LLC, et al., 2014 CP 04 00143. The plaintiff bank (my client) sought to recover on defaulted loans made to a retail outfitter business located in North Carolina against the borrower and guarantors, including the foreclosure of a mortgage on property in Anderson County, SC, which had been pledged by one of the guarantors who had died in the interim between the loan origination and the default. The issues involved collection on multiple notes totaling almost a million dollars, foreclosure of the hypothecated mortgage, a stay caused by the bankruptcy filing of one defendant, obtaining relief from the stay and restoration in state court, title issues due to the estate administration of the deceased guarantor and competing lien claims. Ultimately, judgment was granted to the plaintiff and the property sold at foreclosure sale.
  - (iii) Davhen Investments, LLC v. AnMed Health, et al, CA No. 2012 CP 04 00729. I represented AnMed Health in this case which involved closing a section of the old roadway effectively abandoned by SCDOT upon realignment at an intersection. The old road had crossed adjacent properties of the plaintiff and AnMed. The plaintiff's attorney and I worked closely together to obtain an order closing the old section of the road thus freeing our clients' properties from the easement burden.
  - (iv) Robert Langdon v. AnMed Health and Blue Ridge Orthopedics, CA No. 2013 CP 04 00843. The plaintiff was injured in an automobile accident and incurred hospital bills from my client, AnMed, and other medical providers. The issue was the determination of how the insurance funds should be paid out among the plaintiff's attorney, the medical providers and the plaintiff.
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.  
Martindale-Hubbell: BV Distinguished (4.4 out of 5.0)
  17. What was the frequency of your court appearances during the past five years?
    - (a) federal: None;
    - (b) state: One to three times per month on average.
  18. What percentage of your practice involved civil, criminal, domestic, and other matters during the past five years?
    - (a) civil: 100%;
    - (b) criminal: 0%;

- (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: 5%;
  - (b) non-jury: 95%.
- Did you most often serve as sole counsel, chief counsel, or associate counsel in these matters? Sole 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) In the Matter of the Estate of Carol Wynn, Judith W. Ellis, Personal Representative of the Estate of Carol Wynn, Petitioner v. Bobbianne Wynn, Respondent and Bobbianne Wynn, Third Party Plaintiff v. Judy W. Ellis, Gary S. Ellis, David Grant and Edward Jones, Third Party Defendants, Probate Court Case No. 2007 ES 04 01055. The decedent in her will left her probate estate in trust to her sister for the benefit of her adult daughter and named the sister as personal representative and trustee. She had also changed the beneficiary of a significant IRA from her daughter to her sister prior to her death. I was retained to represent the personal representative, a resident of North Carolina, several years after the estate had been opened. The case was significant because it involved complex issues and claims and was vigorously litigated with extensive discovery, multiple hearing, and the necessity to require the sister to procure independent counsel after significant claims were asserted against her personally by the daughter. However, after much anger and vitriol between the sister and the daughter (aunt and niece) a settlement was achieved which brought closure to the seven year old estate and, hopefully, at least the possibility of restoring the personal relationship at some point.
  - (b) Vaughn v. Bernhardt, 339 S.C. 125, 528 S.E.2d 82 (Ct. App, 2000), cert. granted and aff'd, 345 S.C. 196, 547 S.E.2d 869 (2001). This case was significant in that after beginning in the Greenville County Probate Court and being appealed through the Circuit Court, SC Court of Appeals and SC Supreme Court it was held that, absent contrary provisions, funds taken out of a joint bank account by the non-contributing party without authorization of the contributing party are the property of the contributing party or her estate. That rule provides some degree of protection to elderly persons who place their trust in friends or relatives by adding them to their bank accounts in order to assist them in handling their affairs.
  - (c) Boudreaux v. Marina Villas Associates, Inc., et al., CA No. 96 CP 37 00380, Unpublished Opinion No. 2001-UP-374 (Ct. App., 2001). My client, Mr. Boudreaux, a Unit owner, objected to an effort by the HOA to lease the regime's common elements to a third party. This case was significant in that it recognized and upheld the inviolable right of a unit owner in a horizontal property regime to retain his proportionate rights in the regime's common elements undiminished by the unauthorized alienation of them in violation of provisions of the Horizontal Property Act.
  - (d) Matter of Estate of Tollison, 320 S.C. 132, 436 S.E.2d 611 (Ct. App., 1995). This case was significant in that it recognized that claim presentation requirements of the

Probate Code should be liberally applied and held that transmission of a bill containing all required information to an estate's personal representative through its attorney within the claim filing period and the subsequent filing of a claim in the Probate Court was sufficient claim presentation under the statute as written at that time entitling the claim to be recognized and enforced.

- (e) Santee Portland Cement Co. v. Daniel Int'l Corp., 319 S.C. 556, 462 S.E.2d 858 (1995). This case arose out of the collapse of a large cement storage silo complex in Orangeburg County. I served as co-counsel for the plaintiff in asserting negligence and breach of warranty claims against the contractor which had built the complex. The significance of this case was that the discovery rule in applying the statute of limitations was extended to breach of contract actions.
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.  
The five most recent civil appeals personally handled by me are:
- (a) TLR-V, LLC v. Donald Fred Payton and AnMed Health, CA No. 2011 CP 04 03131, Appellate Case No. 2014-001699 (Appeal from the Anderson County Master-In-Equity to the S.C. Court of Appeals. Case was settled after I filed the Initial Brief and Designation of Matter to be Included in the Record on Appeal on behalf of the Appellant, AnMed Health, and the appeal subsequently dismissed by order dated October 29, 2014);
- (b) Dixon v. Dixon, 362 S.C. 388, 608 S.E.2d 849 (2005);
- (c) Vaughn v. Bernhardt, 339 S.C. 125, 528 S.E.2d 82 (Ct. App. 2000), cert. granted, aff'd, 345 S.C. 196, 547 S.E.2d 869 (2001);
- (d) Johseph G. Boudreaux v. Marina Villa Associates, Inc. et al., Unpublished Opinion No. 2001-UP-374 (Ct. App., 2001);
- (e) Matter of Tollison, 320 S.X. 132, 436 S.E. 611 (Ct. App., 1995).
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.  
I have never handled a criminal appeal.
23. Have you ever held judicial office? Describe the jurisdiction of each of the courts and note any limitations on the jurisdiction of each court.  
I have never held judicial office.
25. Have you ever held public office other than judicial office? Also, state whether or not you have timely filed your report with the State Ethics Commission during the period you held public office.
- (a) Anderson City Council, Seat 2, 1978-1984. Elected to two terms, the first a two year term and the second a four year term;
- (b) Anderson City Council, Seat 1, 1998-present. Elected to five consecutive four year terms, the most recent of which runs through June 30, 2018.  
All required reports have been timely filed with the State Ethics Commission.
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.  
Not applicable.
27. Have you ever been an unsuccessful candidate for elective, judicial, or other public office?

In early 1984 when my second term as Seat 2 representative on the Anderson City Council was set to expire on June 30, 1984, my wife and I commenced construction of a new home located outside of the Seat 2 boundaries thus disqualifying me from seeking re-election to that Seat. I undertook to run against the incumbent for an At-Large seat in the April, 1984 city election and was unsuccessful.

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?  
None.

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.

(a) I am a fifty (50%) percent member of John Street Property, LLC which owns a lot and office building at 500 South McDuffie, Anderson, SC which is currently vacant and for sale (the other fifty (50%) percent interest is owned by a former law partner);

(b) I am a sixty (60%) percent member of Eleven Hundred North Main, LLC which owns a lot and office building which is leased by me for my law practice. (The other forty (40%) percent interest is owned by my wife).

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.

To my knowledge, I have no such relationships.

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?

In 1987 or 1988, as the result of a lack of knowledge on my part, I was issued a uniform ordinance summons by an Anderson County enforcement officer charging that I had violated an Anderson County ordinance which governed the types of refuse which could be deposited at the county's collection locations. My wife and I had decided to construct an in-ground pool in our back yard. Several years prior we had planted some pine seedlings along our back property line which needed to be removed to make way for the pool and brick wall surrounding it. By this time the seedlings had grown to a height of about five (5) feet but were still small enough to be easily pulled out of the ground by hand. Having borrowed my father-in-law's pickup truck I decided it would be a good idea to deposit this debris (consisting of ten (10) or so of the small pines) into the county collection site located fairly near his farm on my way to return the truck so as not to have the debris piled on my neighborhood street for several days awaiting city pick up. As I entered the county collection site I observed a plain, unmarked vehicle at the far side of the lot but thought nothing of it at the time. As I completed discarding the pine trees into the collection container the car approached and a county enforcement officer emerged and advised me that vegetative matter was not allowed to be deposited. I explained that I was unaware of that rule and offered to retrieve the material. He refused and instead issued the uniform ordinance summons. I went to the Magistrate's office a few days later and paid a fine of about fifty (\$50) dollars as I recall. Although I was attempting to be a good neighbor and had no intent to violate the ordinance, I did so inadvertently.

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 to all.
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?  
In 1992 my marriage came under stress for a variety of reasons. In October, 1992, a divorce action was commenced in the Family Court. I was named as the defendant. Fortunately, my wife and I were able to reconcile in fairly short order and the action was dismissed in early 1993 prior to any hearings being held. We continue to be happily married and just recently celebrated our 46<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.
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 to all.
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.  
Throughout my legal career I have consistently been covered by malpractice insurance. While an associate, partner and shareholder with law firms (from 1974-2008) the coverage was provided by the firm. After I opened my office as a sole practitioner in January 2009 I obtained coverage.  
I do not believe I have ever been covered by a tail policy unless that was a feature within the McNair Law Firm, P.A. policy which took effect after I resigned from that firm.  
My current malpractice policy contains coverage limits of \$1,000,000 for each claim, \$2,000,000 aggregate with a deductible of \$5,000 for each claim.
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 currently have a Facebook page and a LinkedIn page. I am very passive in my use of both. I primarily use Facebook to keep up with my friends and family, but I almost never post to it. LinkedIn is mostly a networking device. My inclination would be to retain the Facebook page strictly for my personal use, but eliminate the LinkedIn page as unnecessary.
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)?  
No.
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.  
None.
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.  
None.
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.  
To date I have spent \$3.73 for postage.
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.  
None.
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?  
No to all.
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?  
No to all.
48. Have you or has anyone acting on your behalf solicited or collected funds to aid in the promotion of your candidacy? If so, please specify the amount, solicitor, donor, and date of the solicitation.  
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, past member House of Delegates;  
(b) Anderson County Bar Association, past President, 2001-2002.
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) Innovate Anderson (a public-private partnership initiative to promote economic development in the Anderson community), member of Board and Executive Committee, past Board Chairman;
- (b) Anderson Area Transportation Study Committee, Vice-Chairman;
- (c) Anderson Area Arts Center;
- (d) First Presbyterian Church, past service as Trustee;
- (e) SC Bar Foundation, Justice Legacy and Society of Justice;
- (f) American Mensa Ltd. (Mensa);
- (g) Anderson Area Chamber of Commerce, past service as Board member;
- (h) Anderson University Board of Visitors Emeriti;
- (i) Anderson Rotary Club, past service on Board, Paul Harris Fellow (resigned several years ago).

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.

My parents both came from humble backgrounds. My father was the son of a rural mail carrier and grew up in the small town of Pinewood in Sumter County. Soon after his graduation from high school he entered the Army Air Corp and after training was in route to the European theater when World War II ended. He returned home and was able to attend USC undergraduate and law school on the GI Bill. He went on to become a successful attorney practicing in SC from 1956 until shortly before his death in 1994. My mother was born in Oconee County the daughter of a small apple grower and grew up in and near Walhalla until her mother died when she was seven years old. She then went to live with her aunt, a widowed school teacher in Pinewood. Their example impressed upon me the value of hard work and determination and the fact that life sometimes takes unexpected, hard turns which must be weathered.

I have been extensively involved in my community for much of my adult life out of a sense of duty to positively contribute to my small world. This trait is shared by my brother, Butch Kirven, who is currently in his third four year term as a member of Greenville County Council. This community involvement has impressed on me that the decisions I make have a direct impact on the lives of those around me and each decision must be carefully and thoughtfully made.

Throughout my legal career I have received the most fulfillment when I felt the legal system had worked well and I was able to play a part in helping someone who truly needed help solve some type of problem. Whether it was helping a Mennonite dairy farmer through devastating financial difficulties or finding a solution to a bitter family battle over an estate which allowed at least the possibility of repair to the personal relationship or trying to help an elderly woman reclaim the title to her home which she felt she had been unfairly talked out of, I understood that these peoples' lives were impacted tremendously by these circumstances and their case was of huge importance to them. The same would be true of the people involved in the cases coming before me as a Master-in-Equity.

Should I be successful in my candidacy I believe that my lengthy and broad legal experience and these lessons I have learned in life will serve me well as a Master-in-Equity in presiding

with knowledge, compassion and understanding while endeavoring to make our legal system fair and available to all who need it.

53. List the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of five persons, including your banker, from whom references could be obtained.
- (a) J. Neal Workman, Jr.,  
Chairman, Trehel Corporation,  
935 South Main St.,  
Greenville SC 29601,  
864-284-9439;
  - (b) John H. Lummus,  
President/CEO, UpstateSCAlliance,  
124 Verdae Blvd., Suite 202,  
Greenville, SC 29607,  
864-283-2300;
  - (c) J. Franklin McClain,  
City Attorney, City of Anderson,  
401 South Main St.,  
Anderson, SC 29624,  
864-231-1136;
  - (d) Hon. Richard A. Shirley,  
Anderson County Clerk of Court,  
P.O. Box 8002,  
Anderson, SC 29622,  
864-260-4303;
  - (e) Richard C. Stanland, III,  
Senior VP, The Palmetto Bank,  
815 North Main St.,  
Anderson SC 29621,  
864-261-8600.

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;  
None.
  - (b) in which there have been public improvements of \$200 or that adjoins property in which there have been public improvements of \$200; or  
I am a fifty (50%) percent member of John Street Property, LLC which owns a lot and office building located at 500 South McDuffie St., Anderson SC which is adjacent to property acquired over a number of years by the City of Anderson which ultimately razed the buildings on the adjacent property and constructed a parking lot. All portions acquired by the City which abut the John Street Property, LLC property were acquired and substantially all of the parking lot construction occurred during a period during which I was not a member of Anderson City Council.
  - (c) which was sold, leased, or rented to a state or local public agency in South Carolina.  
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;  
None.
  - (b) nature and value of any public improvements; and  
See above.
  - (c) South Carolina state or local public agency which purchased or is leasing or renting such property.  
None
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.  
None.

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/Steven Coleman Kirven  
Date: August 4, 2015