



**JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION
PERSONAL DATA QUESTIONNAIRE**

Court, Position, and Seat # for which you are applying: Family Court, Judge, Ninth Circuit Seat 3

1. Name: Mrs. Michèle Patrão Forsythe
Are you currently serving in some capacity as a judge? No
Business Address: Query Sautter Forsythe, LLC
The Wappoo Centre
147 Wappoo Creek Drive
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Charleston, SC 29412
Telephone Number: (office): 843.795.9500
2. Date of Birth: 1973
Place of Birth: Newark, New Jersey
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 September 5, 1998 to Charles Robert Forsythe. 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) University of Maryland Baltimore County, 1991-1996, BA-Political Science; Minor-International Affairs Concentration in Latin American Politics;
 - (b) Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, 1995, Foreign Student Spanish Language Program-No Degree obtained. This was a foreign student exchange program and I obtained course credits to complete my minor degree at the University of Maryland Baltimore County;
 - (c) University of SC School of Law, 1999-2002, 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, 3 times; Year of Admission 2003
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) The University of Maryland Baltimore County;
 - i. Volunteer-East Baltimore Latino Outreach Program now known as Education Based Latino Outreach Program 1992-1995;
 - ii. Phi Mu Fraternity 1993-1996;
 - iii. Phi Mu Fraternity Social Chair 1993-1994;
 - iv. Executive Phi Director Phi Mu Fraternity 1994-1995;
 - v. University Pan Hellenic Counsel Delegate 1994-1996;

- vi. Volunteer-Habitat for Humanity Mexico City 1995;
 - vii. Intern-The White House 1995;
 - viii. Intern-The US Senate 1995-1996.
 - (b) The University of SC School of Law 1999-2002;
 - i. Student Bar Association Member 2000-2002;
 - ii. Student Bar Association Special Events Co-Chair 2001;
 - iii. Southeastern Environmental Law Journal 2000-2002;
 - iv. Southeastern Environmental Law Journal Publication Editor 2002;
 - v. Student Loan Forgiveness Committee 2002;
 - vi. Student Talent Show Fundraiser for Loan Forgiveness Committee 2002.
10. Describe your continuing legal or judicial education during the past five years.

<u>Conference/CLE Name</u>	<u>Date(s)</u>
(a) Domestic Litigation	05/21/2010;
(b) SC Traffic and DUI Updates	09/17/2010;
(c) Hot Tips-Family Law	10/01/2010;
(d) James L. Petigru Inn of Court	11/10/2010;
(e) SC Bar Law Office Technology	01/20/2011;
(f) SC Bar Trial Appellate Advocacy	01/21/2011;
(g) SC Bar Criminal Law Section	01/21/2011;
(h) US Sentencing Guidelines Seminar	04/08/2011;
(i) James L. Petigru Inn of Court	09/19/2011;
(j) James L. Petigru Inn of Court	10/12/2011;
(k) The Essentials of Foreclosure	10/18/2011;
(l) Foreclosure Dispute Resolution	03/23/2012;
(m) The 21 st Annual NACDL Convention	05/23/2012;
(n) SCAJ Annual Convention	08/02/2012;
(o) The Family Law Symposium	04/19/2013;
(p) SCAJ Annual Convention	08/01/2013;
(q) SC Bar Foundation Grantee	08/28/2013;
(r) James L. Petigru Inn of Court	09/11/2013;
(s) US Sentencing Guidelines Seminar	10/02/2013;
(t) James L. Petigru Inn of Court	10/09/2013;
(u) LEAPP Trust Account School	10/18/2013;
(v) James L. Petigru Inn of Court	11/13/2013;
(w) CCBA Annual What Works Seminar	02/07/2014;
(x) CCBA Unfair Settlements	07/18/2014;
(y) CCBA Top Ten Client Complaints	08/22/2014;
(z) James L. Petigru Inn of Court	11/12/2014;
(aa) CCBA Annual What Works Seminar	02/19/2015;
(bb) SCAJ Annual Convention	08/06/2015;
(cc) CCBA Family Law Seminar(registered)	08/14/2015.

11. Have you taught law-related courses or lectured at bar association conferences, educational institutions, or continuing legal or judicial education programs?
- (a) I have lectured at the Charleston School of Law on the representation Spanish speaking clients, and the impact of the language barrier on representation. I also discussed the collateral consequences of criminal charges on immigration status;

- (b) I have lectured at the Charleston School of Law on the representation of clients in criminal matters;
 - (c) I am scheduled to lecture on Alternate Dispute Resolution Issues in Family Court at the Charleston County Bar Association Family Law Seminar on August 14, 2015.
12. List all published books and articles you have written and give citations and the dates of publication for each.
 Michèle Patrão Forsythe, Lady Luck Smiles on Environmentalists in Mississippi, 9 S.C. Env't'l. L.J. 231 (Spring 2002).
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) State of SC, 2003;
 - (b) US District Court, District of SC, 2005;
 - (c) US Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, 2008;
 - (d) The United States Supreme Court, 2008.
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.
- In 2002, I was a law clerk pending bar results at Nexsen Pruet, LLC. I worked on various matters in legal malpractice defense, and personal injury defense.
- (a) From late 2003 into 2004 I practiced as a contract attorney for Rosen Law Firm, LLC. I worked on various matters in family law, and business litigation;
 - (b) From 2004 to 2005 I practiced as an associate attorney with Hulsey Litigation Group, LLC. My responsibilities involved legal research and writing regarding personal injury claims, business disputes, class action claims, including but not limited to mass tort cases. The majority of those matters were in federal district court;
 - (c) In 2005, I practiced as a contract attorney with Grimball & Cabaniss, LLC. I handled all DSS appointments for abuse and neglect cases for the law firm in Charleston, SC and Kingstree, SC. I also handled all minor settlement hearings in Probate and Circuit Court, and worked on personal injury defense matters;
 - (d) In 2005 to 2006 I also practiced as a contract attorney with Savage & Savage, P.A. I divided my time between Grimball and Cabaniss and Savage & Savage, P.A. While working for Savage & Savage, I worked on personal injury cases, securities litigation, and criminal defense matters. My responsibilities including legal research and writing on civil and criminal defense issues;
 - (e) In 2006 I became as an associate with the law firm Query Sautter Gliserman & Price, LLC. My practice was extremely diverse. Immediately, I began representing clients in Family Court, in matters regarding child custody, divorce, and equitable distribution. During the course of my practice, I represented criminal defense clients in Magistrate Court, the Court of General Sessions, and United States Federal District Court. I have represented clients in business litigation disputes, serving as chief counsel in the trial of those cases. I have also represented clients in personal injury and wrongful death cases, serving as second chair during trials. As an

associate and subsequently as a partner, I also appeared before the US Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, in brief writing and oral argument. In 2008, I was certified as a Family Court Mediator and began mediating cases regarding abuse and neglect, divorce, equitable distribution, spousal support, child custody, and child support. During the time, I was also appointed as a guardian ad litem by the Family Court in contested custody cases. Many times, I was selected because I was fluent in Spanish;

- (f) In late 2011, I was offered partnership in the law practice, and it became known as Query Sautter Price & Forsythe, LLC, in 2012 and later Query Sautter Forsythe, LLC. As my practice continues to evolve, I represent clients in more complex litigation, particularly in Family Court. I am frequently asked to serve as co-counsel with other attorneys outside my law firm on complex Family Court matters, which require additional legal research or intense litigation and court room presentation.

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

- (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.

Divorce. Many of my family court cases focus on divorce. I have represented litigants in divorce cases focused on fault based grounds such as adultery, physical cruelty, habitual alcohol or drug use. I have also represented many litigants in divorce cases focused on one year's continuous separation. Some of the marriages are brief. In 2013, I represented a client who was getting a divorce after almost fifty (50) years of marriage. In the case of, Christenson v. Christenson, 2013-DR-10-2100, Plaintiff filed for separate support and maintenance. As counsel for the Defendant, were able to prove adultery on the part of Defendant, which defeated the separate support and maintenance claim. We then resolved the issues of equitable distribution. The parties had a sizeable marital estate.

- (1) Equitable Division of Property. Most all of the divorce cases I handle deal with equitable division of property. Sometimes these issues are extremely complex because the parties' finances are tied into joint business ventures, real estate ventures, and securities acquired before and during the marriage. I utilize and am comfortable with forensic accountants and certified public accountants to discovery and process the financial information. I utilize discovery in order to uncover information regarding accounts in order to make sure that my client has a complete picture of assets and liabilities. I have also served as a mediator in equitable division cases, and have been successful in having the parties come to settlement terms. In the matter of Southgate v. Southgate, 2011-DR-10-4438 and 2011-DR-10-4450, I represented the wife of a physician. The parties had a long term marriage with a variety of property subject to equitable distribution. Through the use of certified public accountants we were able to allocate the parties' property by agreement. Plaintiff also received health insurance and spousal support.

- (2) Child Custody. I have served as a guardian ad litem and mediator in various child custody cases. In my child custody litigation, I have utilized guardians ad litem, child custody evaluators, and mediators. Child custody is one of the most contentious areas of family law practice. I have litigated numerous UCCJEA cases, included but not limited Griffin v. Weaver, 2012-DR-08-1122,
 - (3) Adoption. I have handled few adoptions, but I do have some experience in adoptions. In 2012, I handled to conclusion the adult adoption for a woman who had been raised by the petitioner. It was a unifying family moment, finally including the biological child of the mother into the family unit after forty years. While I do not work in this area of practice frequently, I understand the statutory requirements for adoption.
 - (4) Abuse and Neglect. I have handled many abuse and neglect cases. In 2012 I successfully handled an abuse and neglect case in defense of the Father who was serving as a member of the armed services accused of abuse based upon his diagnosis of PTSD. DSS v. Buncum, 2009-DR-10-1792. The matter was heavily litigated, and I personally handled the depositions of several witnesses in the case. That matter was set for a day certain trial. On the day of trial, DSS conceded the matter and the case was closed by agreement of the parties. I have also served as a mediator in DSS Abuse and Neglect Cases.
 - (5) Juvenile Justice. In 2010, I represented a juvenile charged with Assault and Battery with Intent to Kill, Armed Robbery, and Possession of a Firearm during the Commission of a Violent Crime, among other charges. State of SC v. Juvenile , 2010-JU-10-610, 2010-JU-10-611, 2010-JU-10-612, 2010-JU-10-613, 2010-JU-10-614. After an initial appearance in the Family Court and filing discovery motions, and alibi motions, I was able to have all charges dismissed against the juvenile.
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.
 - (a) Super Lawyer Rising Star, 2013;
 - (b) AVVO Rating 9.3/10.
 17. What was the frequency of your court appearances during the past five years?
 - (a) Federal: I have appeared in federal court on many occasions in reference to civil matters and criminal matters. I have also handled two appellate level matters, and have appeared in oral argument before the US Courts of Appeal in the Fourth Circuit. One unpublished opinion was rendered. The second matter was resolved favorably by mediation prior to the scheduling of oral argument;
 - (b) State: I have appeared regularly in Summary, Magistrate, Family, and Circuit Court in the last five years. I have handled civil and criminal matters in the circuit court. I am most frequently in the Family Court, appearing weekly to bi-weekly before a Family Court judge regarding matters of divorce, child custody, visitation, support, or abuse and neglect.
 18. What percentage of your practice involved civil, criminal, domestic, and other matters during the past five years?

- (a) Civil: 25%;
- (b) Criminal: 20%;
- (c) Domestic: 50%;
- (d) Other: Mediation and guardian ad litem work 5%.

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: 75%.

Did you most often serve as sole counsel, chief counsel, or associate counsel in these matters?

In jury trial matters, I generally serve as associate/co-counsel. In one instance I have been chief counsel. In non-jury matters, I have served as chief counsel and associate/co-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) Mincey v. Mincey and MLM, Inc., 2005-CP-10-3899. This matter was a 2008 bench trial in the Court of Common Pleas regarding language in a Family Court Order. I represented the Defendant. The parties were divorced but continued working together in a partnership. A dispute arose during the winding up of the partnership. Plaintiff demanded additional money in distributions. Defendant denied that Plaintiff was entitled to any additional money. After a one day trial with various witnesses, the Court took the matter under advisement. The Court found in favor of the Defendant. This matter was significant because the language of the Final Order and Decree of Divorce was critical in the outcome of the Common Pleas case;
- (b) Angelic Brown and Trojan Bell, Individually and as Personal Representatives of the Estate of Travone L. Bell, Decedent v. The City of North Charleston Police Department and Charleston County Sheriff's Office, 2006-CP-10-2996. This was a wrongful death survival action where a minor died in the custody of the Charleston County Sheriff's Office after he was arrested by the North Charleston Police Department. The minor had ingested cocaine during his arrest. Police pulled a bag of crack cocaine from the minor's mouth. Despite the ingestion, North Charleston Police Department failed to obtain medical attention for the minor. On the night he was booked at the Charleston County Detention Center the minor suffered a cardiac infarction. He never regained consciousness and died weeks later. The case went to trial in 2009, but the jury did not find gross negligence as required under the SC Tort Claims Act. The case was important however, because the City of North Charleston changed its policies regarding the ingestion of narcotics and the appropriate law enforcement response;
- (c) Lewis v. Lewis, 2009-DR-10-1492. This was a highly contested child custody matter which included a relocation issue in a foreign country. I represented the Defendant/Mother against whom a variety of allegations were made. Prior to the temporary hearing, a guardian ad litem was appointed and conducted an investigation. In light of the Guardian ad Litem's report, the parties agreed Plaintiff/Father would have custody of the minor child. Plaintiff relocated with child to England. The matter was heavily litigated, with numerous motion hearings, emergency motion hearings, and rules to show cause. The parties engaged in

extensive discovery which included, psychological evaluations of the parents and the child. During the course of the case, the guardian ad litem was removed from the case and the Family Court appointed a new guardian ad litem. The parties attended mediation on three separate occasions. On the eve of trial, and after two years of litigation, the parties came to an agreement in 2011. Plaintiff and Defendant would have joint custody of the minor child who would remain in the primary custody of Plaintiff. Defendant was not ordered to pay child support. Plaintiff agreed to pay Defendant/Mother a large portion of her attorney fees and costs associated with the action;

- (d) John Koon, as the Personal Representative of the Estate of Chavis Berley v. Ruby Deaton, 2011-CP-36-549. SC Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company v. Ruby Deaton, and John Koon, as the Personal Representative of the Estate of Chavis Berley, 2011-CP-36-91. This was a wrongful death and survival action, which was resolved after successful litigation in a declaratory judgment action. The action was filed on behalf of the estate of minor who had died as a result of strangulation on playground equipment. The declaratory judgment action was filed on the grounds that the minor child was a resident relative of the Defendant, Ruby Deaton and therefore fell under an exclusion in the homeowner's policy. Many family court documents were utilized as evidence in this case. The issue of grandparent custody played a prominent role in the litigation. The Circuit Court determined that the minor child was not a resident relative and therefore, Farm Bureau's Declaratory Judgment action was denied. We were subsequently able to settle the wrongful death survival action in favor of the Estate;
 - (e) Griffin v. Weaver, 2012-DR-08-122. This was a UCCJEA case wherein the home state of the child was in dispute. The matter of jurisdiction, pursuant to the UCCJEA was at issue. At the commencement of the action, the Defendant had resided in Virginia with the minor child, but had moved to Arizona as a result of her new husband's honorable discharge from the US Navy. Defendant filed an action for custody in Arizona. Plaintiff filed an action for custody one day prior to Defendant's filing in SC-and was able to obtain emergency custody of the parties' minor child. I was associated as counsel and became chief counsel on behalf of Defendant. I filed a Motion to Dismiss for Lack of Jurisdiction under the UCCJEA. During the course of the case, the minor child was returned to Defendant. On Defendant's Motion, the SC Family Court determined it did not have exclusive continuing jurisdiction over the custody issues and determined Arizona was the more appropriate forum. The Motion to Dismiss was granted.
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) Angelic Brown and Trojan Bell, Individually and as Personal Representatives of the Estate of Travone L. Bell, Decedent v. The City of North Charleston Police Department and Charleston County Sheriff's Office, No. 2008-1937 (4th Cir. Jan. 15, 2010);
 - (b) United States of America v. James Robinson Bonding Company, No. 2011-6957, (4th Cir. May 24, 2012). The case was settled at mediation, prior to the scheduling of 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.
None
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.
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? If so, give details, including dates.
No
27. Have you ever been an unsuccessful candidate for elective, judicial, or other public office?
No
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?
- (a) Administrative Assistant for US Senator Paul Sarbanes
The US Senate 1996
I had previously worked for the Senator as an Intern. Upon my graduation from college, I was hired to serve as a second administrative assistant to Senator Paul Sarbanes. My duties included maintaining the Senator's calendar; coordinating with the Senator's Press Secretary and Chief of Staff any engagements which required their attention; corresponding with certain constituency groups on the Senator's behalf; providing additional constituent services; drafting letters for the Senator's signature; and coordinating the delivery of the Senator's briefing materials to his home.
- (b) Intelligence Analyst
Department of Defense 1996-1998
I was hired by the Department of Defense to work as an intelligence analyst for a clandestine service agency, and was given a top secret security clearance, and other subsequent higher security clearances. Much of the work I performed in those two years remains classified. I can disclose that I was awarded several commendations for material I prepared for the Presidential Daily Brief. I do not have any authority to disclose any other details of my work history.
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 member of Query Sautter Forsythe, LLC. This entity is a law practice. I have been a member since 2012. My partners O. Grady Query and Michael W. Sautter are also members of the LLC;
- (b) I am also a member of Cutters, LLC. This company holds a lease interest in first floor units 101 and 102 at The Wappoo Centre 147 Wappoo Creek Drive, Suite 202, Charleston, SC. This company also owns Units 201, 202, and 203 of the second floor of The Wappoo Centre, 147 Wappoo Creek Drive, Suite 202.
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.
- (a) I am currently a partner with the law firm of Query Sautter Forsythe, LLC. If elected to the bench, I would withdraw from my law firm as required by the rules. In order to resolve any potential conflict of interest, I would disclose my relationship with the law firm and immediately recuse myself from hearing any matters which involve the law firm or any matters where the attorneys of the firm are participants or litigants;
 - (b) I am currently a partner in a limited liability corporation known as Cutters, LLC. The entity holds the real property associated with my law firm. In order to resolve any potential conflict of interest, I will withdraw from Cutters, LLC. If elected to the bench, I would disclose my relationship with the members of the LLC and immediately recuse myself from hearing any matters in which a partner, or associate of the company is a participant or litigant.
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?
- (a) Fee Dispute, Client, July 1, 2011—The Assigned Member conducted an investigation and determined that the attorney fee was earned. I believe the Complainant appealed the decision to the Chair. The Chair determined the attorney fee was earned and closed the case;
 - (b) Fee Dispute, Client, April 29, 2013—The Assigned Member conducted an investigation and determined that the attorney fee was earned. The case was closed;
 - (c) Fee Dispute, Client, May 27, 2015—The Assigned Member is presently reviewing the matter. The case is pending.
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. Yes. My law firm has always had coverage under a malpractice policy. I have been covered under my law firm's policy since 2006. I have never been covered by a tail

policy. My law firm's current malpractice policy has a deductible of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), and liability limits of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) for each claim and One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) for aggregate claims.

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?

Yes, I am active on social media and have a website associated with my law firm. I am also on Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, Pinterest, and Instagram. Because of the nature of our law firm's practice, our marketing consultants have encouraged us to participate in social media, in order to benefit search engine optimization for our website. If elected, I would limit my exposure on social media sites, or delete them entirely in order to avoid any appearance of impartiality or bias.

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.

None

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
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
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) The James L. Petigru American Inn of Court 2009-present;
 - (b) The James L. Petigru American Inn of Court Executive Committee 2009-2015;
 - (c) The James L. Petigru American Inn of Court Secretary 2009-2015;
 - (d) Berkeley County Bar Association 2010-2013;
 - (e) Charleston County Bar Association 2004 to present;
 - (f) Charleston County Bar Association Executive Committee 2013-present;
 - (g) Charleston County Bar Association CLE Co-Chair 2013-present;
 - (h) Charleston School of Law Moot Court Volunteer 2009-2010;
 - (i) SC Association for Justice, Member;
 - (j) SC Bar, Member 2003-present;
 - (k) SC Bar Resolution of Fee Disputes Board Ninth Circuit 2012-present;
 - (l) SC Bar House of Delegates 2010-2014, 2015 to present;
 - (m) SC Bar Civil Practice and Procedure Committee 2014;
 - (n) SC Bar Lawyer Wellness Committee 2014, 2015;
 - (o) SC Bar Lawyers Helping Lawyers Committee 2015;
 - (p) SC Bar Future of the Profession Committee 2015;
 - (q) SC Bar Ask-A-Lawyer Volunteer 2013-2014;
 - (r) SC Bar Mock Trial Judge for Moultrie Middle School 2014;
 - (s) The Supreme Court Lawyer Mentoring Program 2014.
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) James L. Petigru Inn of Court Outstanding Service Award 2015;
 - (b) The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Member 2014-present;
 - (c) Lawyer's Committee on Children's Rights 2010-present;
 - (d) Special Olympics Bocce Ball Tournament Volunteer 2004, 2013;
 - (e) YES Carolina Volunteer Judge 2013 ;
 - (f) Muscular Dystrophy Association Volunteer 2011.

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 married for almost seventeen (17) years and am a mother of a six year old. My life experience, as well as my legal knowledge

53. References:

- (a) Jimmy Bailey
P.O. Box 210
Charleston, SC 29402
843.364.8824
- (b) Alice Paylor, Esquire
Rosen, Rosen & Hagood, LLC
151 Meeting Street
Charleston, SC 29401
843.577.6726
- (c) O. Grady Query, Esquire
147 Wappoo Creek Drive
Suite 202
Charleston, SC 29412
843.795.9500
- (d) Peter Shahid, Esquire
89 Broad Street
Charleston, SC 29401
843.853.4500
- (e) Trevor Bogan, Branch Manager
Sun Trust Bank
850 Folly Road
Charleston, SC 29412
843.779.3425

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.

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;
- (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.

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/Michèle Patrão Forsythe

Date: 8.4.2015