

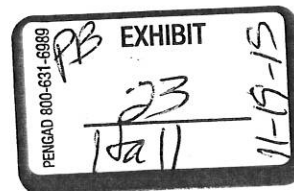
**JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION
PERSONAL DATA QUESTIONNAIRE**

Court, Position, and Seat # for which you are applying: Sixteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 2

1. Name: The Honorable Daniel Dewitt Hall
Name that you are known by if different from above: Dan
Are you currently serving in some capacity as a judge? Yes-Resident Circuit Court Judge of the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit
Business Address: Moss Justice Center
1675-1J York Highway
York, SC 29745
Telephone Number: (office): 803-628-3048
2. Date of Birth: 1954
Place of Birth: York, 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 February 26, 1977 to Cathleen McCreight Hall. Never divorced, four children.
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) Clemson University 1972-1976-BS Animal Science;
 - (b) Campbell University School of Law-1985-1988 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-1988;
NC-1988.
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) Clemson University Animal Science Club-1972-1976-President, Treasurer;
 - (b) Campbell University School of Law;
 - (c) Christian Legal Society-1985-1988-President, Vice-President;
 - (d) National Trial Team-Spring 1988;
 - (e) Member Law School Dean Search Committee-Spring 1988.
10. Describe your continuing legal or judicial education during the past five years.

<u>Conference/CLE Name:</u>	<u>Dates</u>
(a) 2015-New Judges Orientation School	July 8-10, 2015;
(b) 2015-SC Circuit Judges Conference	March 9-11, 2015;
(c) 2014-SC Judicial Conference	August 20-22, 2014;
(d) 2013-SC Public Defender's Conference	September 23-25, 2013;



- (e) 2012–SC Public Defender’s Conference September 24-26, 2012;
 (f) 2011–SC Public Defender’s Conference September 26-28, 2011.
11. Have you taught law-related courses or lectured at bar association conferences, educational institutions, or continuing legal or judicial education programs?
 No.
12. List all published books and articles you have written and give citations and the dates of publication for each.
Clergy Confidentiality: “A Time to Speak and a Time to Be Silent,” by Lynn Buzzard and Dan Hall, 1988 Christian Management Association.
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 State Courts–November 16, 1988;
 (b) NC State Courts–August 19, 1988.
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) Sixteenth Judicial Circuit Solicitor’s Office, Assistant Solicitor, 1988-1990;
 (b) Sole Practitioner, 1991-1999–General practice with focus on personal injury, worker’s compensation and criminal defense;
 (c) Sixteenth Judicial Circuit Solicitor’s Office, Assistant Solicitor, 1999-June 2011;
 (d) Sixteenth Judicial Circuit Public Defender’s office, Assistant Public Defender, June 2011 to August 2014;
 (e) Sixteenth Judicial Circuit Court Resident Judge–January 1, 2015–present.
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 have been a Circuit Court Judge since January 1, 2015, and have handled criminal and civil cases. I was an Assistant Public Defender and represented indigent defendants in General Sessions Court from 2011 to 2014. I was an Assistant Solicitor from 1999 to 2011. I have prosecuted and defended most every type of General Sessions’ criminal cases. I have no experience in civil matters in the past five years. I was in private practice from 1991 to 1999 and had limited experience in the Court of Common Pleas. My practice included criminal defense, personal

injury, probate and some limited litigation in common pleas. I took and passed the NC and SC Bar exams during the same week in 1988. I believe that I have the intellectual ability to quickly develop the necessary skills to preside in common pleas court.

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.
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.
Yes.
(a) Resident Judge for Sixteenth Judicial Circuit-January 1, 2015 to Present. Elected;
(b) Municipal Judge – City of York, SC–Appointed by York City Council, January, 1993–May, 1999. Signed criminal warrants, set bonds and held preliminary hearings for General Sessions criminal matters occurring in the city limits. Presided over plea court, bench trials and jury trials for criminal or traffic charges in the City of York, in which the statutory penalty was no greater than 30 days in jail or the fine was not more than \$200.
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.
(a) Morningstar v. York County (2013-CP-46-246);
(b) City of Rock Hill v. Anthony Michael Ketchum (2015-CP-46-1587);
(c) State of SC v. Charles Todd Burns (2015-CP-46-00824);
(d) Jacqueline Rector v. Hallett James Bowen (2013-CP-23-3482);
(e) Travell L. Hill v. State of SC (2014-CP-23-0129).
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.
No.
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.
Self-employed attorney–sole practitioner, 1991-1999. My position as York Municipal Judge required 8-10 hours per week of municipal court duties, in addition to my private practice.
27. Have you ever been an unsuccessful candidate for elective, judicial, or other public office?
(a) Republican Primary Candidate for Solicitor, Sixteenth Judicial Circuit–June, 1996;
(b) Candidate for Judge, Sixteenth Judicial Circuit Family Court, 1998–Withdrew;
(c) Candidate for Judge, Circuit Court At-Large, Seat 9, March, 2006–Qualified, but not nominated;
(d) Candidate for Judge, Circuit Court At-Large, Seat 6, January, 2009–Qualified and nominated, but withdrew prior to February election;
(e) Candidate for Judge, Circuit Court At-Large, Seat 8, January, 2010–Qualified, but not nominated;

- (f) Candidate for Judge, Circuit Court At-Large, Seat 9, January, 2011–Qualified and nominated, but withdrew prior to February election;
- (g) Candidate for Judge, Circuit Court At-Large, Seat 16, January 2012–Qualified and nominated, but withdrew prior to February election.
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) Goodson Farms, Inc.–Turkey, NC, 1976-1978, Cattle Manager;
- (b) Farmer’s Meat Center–York, SC, 1978-1983, Meat Business Supervisor;
- (c) York County Credit Bureau, Inc.–York, SC, 1983-1985, Owner and Manager.
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.
No.
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.
None.
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?
Yes–Hunting Deer over Bait. October 13, 2006. Found guilty at bench trial. Paid court costs.
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?
Yes. During my employment as York Municipal Judge, I was named defendant in a federal lawsuit filed by a disgruntled criminal defendant. He named every elected official and judge in York County in the lawsuit.
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.
N/A
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? Video of being attacked by a client in General Sessions' Court, October 2, 2012, which was widely circulated over many internet sites. I am not a member of any social media or internet sites.

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?
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) York County Bar Association—Treasurer, 1992;
 - (b) SC Bar Association;
 - (c) NC 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.
- Filbert Presbyterian Church, Clerk of Session.
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.
- Having grown up in a rural environment learning farm work and land surveying from my father, I continued to do farm work, textile mill work and land surveying through high school and college. Prior to attending law school, I managed a cattle operation, worked in a meat processing business and operated a local credit reporting and collection business. In these years, I married my wife of now thirty-eight years, and we had three small children. Having read and seen the need for attorneys with integrity to fill the ranks of our justice system, I then made the decision to attend law school. I began law school as a thirty year-old father to three small children, and my wife and I had our fourth child during the law school years. I took and passed the SC and NC Bar exams in July, 1988.
- Since my time as a lawyer, my family has now grown to four married children, their spouses and ten grandchildren. I have deeply enjoyed my work as a public servant, as a private attorney, municipal judge, as an assistant solicitor in the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit Solicitor's office and as assistant public defender in the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit Public Defender's office.
- My life experiences give me a deep understanding and appreciation for people from all walks of life. I have been privileged to work with men and women from a broad variety of social and economic backgrounds. The courtrooms of this state belong to such people, and circuit court judges serve those as well as the professionals that conduct the business of the courts. I believe I am prepared and have the ability to serve as a circuit court judge with both common sense and experienced knowledge of the law. My commitment to justice and serving the common man has well suited me to be a circuit court judge. I would be honored to serve again.
53. List the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of five persons, including your banker, from whom references could be obtained.
- (a) Ken Cushman
People's First Insurance
466 Hood Center Drive
Rock Hill, SC 29730
(803) 517-0997

- (b) Robert Allison
Agency Manager – Springs Insurance
1250 Springlake Road
York, SC 29745
(803) 547-2003
- (c) Kenneth Rodgers
Former Chief Financial Officer
Aaron Industries
2398 Gordon Road
Rock Hill, SC 29732
(803) 684-9911
- (d) Rev. H. Wallace Tinsley
1399 Filbert Highway
York, SC 29745
(803) 684-3600
- (e) Wachovia
Clover Financial Center
Attn: Parks Parrish
203 Bethel Street
Clover, SC 29710
(803) 222-4571

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/Daniel Dewitt Hall

Date: August 3, 2015