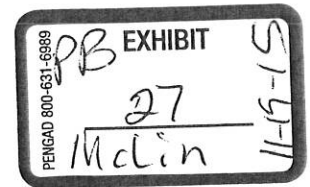


**JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION
PERSONAL DATA QUESTIONNAIRE**



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

1. Name: The Honorable Nancy Chapman McLin
 Name that you are known by if different from above:
 Are you currently serving in some capacity as a judge? Yes. Currently serving as Family Court Judge for First Judicial Circuit, Seat 3, since 1998.
 Business Address: 212 Deming Way, Suite 5
 Summerville, SC 29483
 Telephone Number: (office): (843) 832-0387
2. Date of Birth: 1963
 Place of Birth: Walterboro, 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 September 12, 1992, to Ray E. McLin, Jr. 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 SC, School of Law, 1985-1988, JD;
 - (b) University of SC, College of Business Administration, 1981-1985, BS in Business Administration [Management and Marketing].
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. I only took the SC Bar Exam once and passed.
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) Gymnastics Club, 1981;
 - (b) Mt. Hebron UMC Hand Bell Choir; and
 - (c) Phi Alpha Delta (1987-1988).
10. Describe your continuing legal or judicial education during the past five years.

<u>Conference/CLE Name:</u>	<u>Date(s):</u>
(a) 2015 Family Court Judges' Conference	04/16-17/15;
(b) 2014 Family Court Bench/Bar CLE	12/05/14;
(c) 2014 Annual Judicial Conference	08/21-22/14;
(d) 2014 Family Court Judges' Conference	04/24-25/14;
(e) Family Law Section CLE, SC Bar Conference	01/24/14;
(f) 2013 Family Court Bench/Bar CLE	12/06/13;

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| (g) | 2013 Annual Judicial Conference | 08/22-23/13; |
| (h) | 2013 Family Court Judges' Conference | 04/18-19/13; |
| (i) | Family Law Section CLE, SC Bar Conference | 01/25/13; |
| (j) | Mandatory Family Court Judges FCJA | 12/6/12; |
| (k) | 2012 Family Court Bench/Bar CLE | 12/7/12; |
| (l) | 2012 Annual Judicial Conference | 08/22-23/12; |
| (m) | 2012 Family Court Judges' Conference | 04/19-20/12; |
| (n) | Family Law Section CLE, SC Bar Conference | 01/20/12; |
| (o) | 2011 Family Court Bench/Bar CLE | 12/02/11; |
| (p) | 2011 Annual Judicial Conference | 08/16-17/11; |
| (q) | 2011 Family Court Judges' Conference | 06/01/11; |
| (r) | Family Law Section CLE, SC Bar Conference | 01/21/11; |
| (s) | 2010 Family Court Bench/Bar CLE | 12/03/10; |
| (t) | Mini Summit on Justice for Children | 12/02/10; |
| (u) | 2010 Annual Judicial Conference | 08/19-20/10; |
| (v) | 2010 Family Court Judges' Conference | 04/22-23/10; |
| (w) | 2010 Family Law Update, SC Bar Conference | 01/22/10; |
| (x) | 2009 Family Court Bench/Bar CLE | 12/04/09; |
| (y) | 2009 Annual Judicial Conference | 08/20-21/09; |
| (z) | 2009 Family Court Judges' Conference | 04/23-24/09. |
11. Have you taught law-related courses or lectured at bar association conferences, educational institutions, or continuing legal or judicial education programs?
- (a) I lectured at the SC Bar Association CLE, Tips from the Bench, III. Topic: Adoptions;
 - (b) I lectured at the SC Bar Association CLE, Tips from the Bench II. Topic: Adoptions;
 - (c) I lectured at the Charleston County Bar Association CLE, Family Law, 11-30-01. Topic: Family Court Check Lists;
 - (d) I lectured at a seminar on Domestic Law in SC, sponsored by the National Business Institute. The topics of the lecture included prenuptial agreements, alimony, child support, custody, equitable distribution issues and a SC Law update. I assisted in the preparation of the written materials with Diane Schafer Goodstein, who was originally scheduled to lecture; however, I ultimately lectured at the seminar along with another attorney when Goodstein was unable to participate. Domestic Law in SC, on or about August 25, 1992.
12. List all published books and articles you have written and give citations and the dates of publication for each.
The only published articles/materials published would be the materials published for the above referenced CLE's discussed in question 11 above.
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, 1988;
 - (b) US District Court for District of SC, 1991;
 - (c) US Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, 1997.

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) June 1, 1998–Present, Family Court Judge for the First Judicial Circuit, Seat 3;
 - (b) April/May 1998: Attorney with law firm of Rosen, Goodstein, and Hagood. I was technically an employee of Rosen, Goodstein & Hagood for approximately two (2) weeks when my previous firm of Goodstein & Goodstein merged with the firm of Rosen, Rosen & Hagood to form the new firm of Rosen, Goodstein & Hagood. During my brief employment with this firm, I was in the process of closing my law practice so I could begin my position as a Family Court Judge;
 - (c) 1990-1998: Attorney with the firm of Goodstein & Goodstein, P.A. During my employment with Goodstein & Goodstein, I enjoyed a general law practice, including but not limited to family law, personal injury, products liability, education law, employment law, and criminal law. The majority of my legal practice was devoted to family court cases;
 - (d) 1988-1990: Judicial Law Clerk for the Honorable William T. Howell. At the time of my employment, Judge Howell was an At-Large, Circuit Judge. He subsequently was elected as the Chief Judge for the South Carolina Court of Appeals. As Judge Howell’s law clerk, I had the following responsibilities: legal research; drafting orders; docket management; coordination of motion hearings; review of briefs, memorandums, motions and other legal pleadings; and preparation of voir dire and jury charges.
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. Prior to my position as a Family Court Judge, my last available Martindale-Hubbell rating was BV.”
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. 1998-Present, Family Court Judge, First Judicial Circuit, Seat 3. Elected by the General Assembly. Statewide jurisdiction is provided by the SC Code of Laws. The jurisdiction of the Family Court includes issues of adoption, name change, divorce, equitable distribution, alimony/spousal support, custody, visitation, child support, paternity, juvenile matters, abuse and neglect matters.
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.
I believe that all orders issued are significant, especially when you consider the impact a Family Court Order has on the parties involved. Considering the significant of all orders issued, I would respectfully submit the following orders for consideration and will be glad to provide copies of said orders if desired:
- (a) Ronald Serowski, Petitioner, v. Barbara Serowski, Respondent, 381 S.C. 306, 672 S.E.2d 589 (S.C.App. 2009). I prepared the Final Order, dated September 20, 2006;
 - (b) Ronald B. Serowski, Plaintiff, v. Barbara L. Serowski, Defendant, Case Number 03-DR-07-924, which was affirmed by the South Carolina Court of Appeals;

- (c) Michael Ryan Harris, Plaintiff, v. Indie Louise Gill Harris, Defendant, Case Number 11-DR-18-0423, Final Order and Decree of Divorce, dated February 27, 2012;
 - (d) Janice Lee Hall, Plaintiff, v. Jack D. Hall, Case Number: 08-DR-18-1606, Final Order and Decree of Divorce, dated February 28, 2011;
 - (e) Judy Gail O'Quinn, Plaintiff, v. Larry M. O'Quinn, Case Numbers: 04-DR-28-0725, Civil Contempt Order, and 13-DR-28-0348, Final Order, dated March 30, 2015;
 - (f) Lauri Lee Lewellen, Plaintiff v. John Henry Lewellen, Case Number 08-DR-18-0543, Final Order and Decree of Divorce., dated April 10, 2011.
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.
Since being I have been serving as a Family Court Judge on June 1, 1998, I have not had any other employment.
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?
Yes. Prior to graduation from law school and while attending college, my employment included the following positions:
- (a) Law Clerk, Legal Department, SC Electric & Gas Company, 1986–1985;
 - (b) Courier/Runner, Boyd, Knowlton, Tate & Finlay Law Firm, 1984-1985;
 - (c) Fitness Instructor, Spa Lady Fitness Center, 1981-1984.
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.
As a previous employee of the law firm of Goodstein & Goodstein and as a brief employee of Rosen, Goodstein & Hagood, I recused myself from all cases involving the firm of Rosen, Goodstein & Hagood and any of the attorneys employed by the law firm for approximately three (3) years. The firm of Rosen, Goodstein & Hagood has now been dissolved and two (2) new firms have emerged. Since I was a long term employee of Goodstein & Goodstein, I have made it a practice to recuse myself if any objection is made. Likewise, I have disclosed my brief employment [of approximately two (2) weeks] with the firm of Rosen, Goodstein & Hagood for any cases involving the partners of said firm. I have only presided in a limited number of cases involving attorneys of these firms after full disclosure of my previous employment history and only if no objection was presented.
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?
The Family Court Judges of the First Circuit were all named as defendants in the case of Robert McDaniel Cox, Plaintiff, v. Anne Gue Jones, Nancy C. McLin, William J. Wylie, Jr, Deborah Lewis and John Witherspoon, Defendants, Civil Action No. 2:11-02812-DCN. Although named as one of three defendant judges, I was never served with this action. The action was dismissed for failure to prosecute on or about December 28, 2011. The Plaintiff in the above federal case was also a Defendant-Father in a child support enforcement action. I only learned about this case as the Defendant-Father suggested in a civil contempt proceeding that the court could not hear his contempt hearing because he had filed suit, although the action was not served. It was clear that the above Defendant-Father attempted to create a conflict so that none of the first circuit judges could hear the child support enforcement action. The action was dismissed on or about December 28, 2011.
The Family Court Judges of the First Circuit, Dorchester County Magistrates, Dorchester County Sherriff, and other officials, were named as defendants in the case of Lorilei Perry, Plaintiff, v. Kenneth C. Perry, Nancy C. McLin, William J. Wylie, Leslie Riddle, et al, Defendants, Civil Action No. 2:14-cv-02544-DCN. The Plaintiff was also the Defendant-Wife in a Family Court action. The Defendant-Wife was the Respondent in a contempt proceeding and was held in contempt for her noncompliance with a Family Court Order. After she was held in contempt on multiple occasions by different judges, she filed an action in Federal Court against the Family Court Judges and the Magistrate Judges that had ruled against her. She also sued the Dorchester County Sheriff, the Dorchester County Code Enforcement, her ex-husband and his attorney. I was never personally served with the action. The action was ultimately dismissed for failure to state a cause of action, on or about January 30, 2015.
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.
Not applicable.
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?

No. I am not active on any social media. I am featured as a Family Court Judge on the SC Judicial website. I inadvertently activated a LinkedIn account when I mistakenly thought I was giving my contact information to a close friend's electronic address book. Since learning that LinkedIn was not the friend's address book, I deleted the LinkedIn account which I mistakenly activated. I was not active in LinkedIn and only included my professional contact information, which was also included on the SC Judicial website.

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. However, the requested letters of recommendation may be sent directly to the Judicial Merit Selection Commission.
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 Conference of Family Court Judges;
 - (b) SC Bar Association;
 - (c) Dorchester County Bar Association. President of the Dorchester County Bar Association, 1994-1996.
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) SC Conference of Family Court Judges;
 - (b) SC Bar Association;
 - (c) Dorchester County Bar Association;
 - (d) I attend Bethany United Methodist Church, although I may still be considered a member of Mt. Hebron United Methodist Church.
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.
It has been a great honor to serve the State of SC as a Family Court Judge for the First Judicial Circuit for the last seventeen (17) years. I have enjoyed serving as a Family Court Judge. I would greatly appreciate the opportunity to continue to serve the State of SC as a Family Court Judge for the First Judicial Circuit. Thank you for your consideration.
53. List the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of five persons, including your banker, from whom references could be obtained.
- (a) Ms. Debbie Clarke
Vice President
Wells Fargo Bank
406 North Main Street
Summerville, SC 29483
Office: (843) 875-7493
Ms. Clarke's letter of recommendation is attached hereto.
 - (b) Marion R. Simmons, III, P.E.
President, Simmons Irrigation Supply, Inc.
526 Sidney Road
Post Office Box 10

Walterboro, SC 29488

Office: (843) 538-5566

Mr. Simmons's letter of recommendation is attached hereto.

(c) Greg O. Black, P.E.

President, Palmetto Engineering and Land Surveying, Inc.

4300 Ashe Road, Suite 103

Bakersfield, CA 93313

Office (661) 664-4806

Cell: (661) 330-2361

Mr. Black's letter of recommendation is attached hereto.

(d) Mrs. Rita M. Greagan

116 Cool View Drive

Seneca, SC 29672

Home: (864) 882-7733

Mobile: (864) 710-6764

A copy of Mrs. Greagan's letter of recommendation is attached hereto.

(e) Mrs. Robbin C. Goforth

116 Rosemont Drive

Greenwood, SC 29646

Home: (661) 223-5529

A copy of Mrs. Goforth's letter of recommendation is attached hereto.

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/Nancy Chapman McLin

Date: August 5, 2015