



**JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION
PERSONAL DATA QUESTIONNAIRE
FOR RETIRED JUDGES/JUSTICES**

Court, Position, and Seat # for which you are applying: Active Retired Circuit Judge

1. Name: The Honorable Brooks P. Goldsmith
Name that you are known by if different from above:
Business Address: 7731 Chaplin Garden Ln.
Edisto Island, SC 29438
Telephone Number: (office): 843-631-0413
2. Date of Birth: 1942
Place of Birth: Lancaster, 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 December 29, 1987 to Laura Porter Goldsmith.
Divorced on December 22, 1983, he filed for a divorce from Jane B. Goldsmith in Lancaster County, SC. One child.
6. Describe your continuing legal or judicial education during the past five years.

<u>Conference/CLE Name</u>	<u>Date(s)</u>
(a) Sporting Clays : Ethics	4/29/10;
(b) SC Circuit Judges Conference	5/05/10;
(c) SC Judicial Conference	8/18/10;
(d) Sporting Clays: Ethics	10/28/10;
(e) SC Bar: Criminal Law	1/21/11;
(f) SC Bar: Trial & Appellate Advocacy	1/21/11;
(g) Sporting Clays: Ethics	4/14/11;
(h) SC Circuit Judges Conference	5/04/11;
(i) SCAJ Annual Convention	8/04/11;
(j) Annual Judicial Conference	8/17/11;
(k) Sporting Clays: Ethics	10/13/11;
(l) SC Bar: Criminal Law	1/20/12;
(m) SC Bar: Trial & Appellate Advocacy	1/20/12;
(n) Sporting Clays : Ethics	4/12/12;
(o) Annual Circuit Judges Conference	5/02/12;
(p) Annual Judicial Conference	8/22/12;
(q) SC Bar: Trial & Appellate Advocacy	1/25/13;
(r) SC Bar: Criminal Law	1/24/13;
(s) Sporting Clays: Ethics	4/25/13;
(t) SC Circuit Judges Conference	5/01/13;
(u) SC Judicial Conference	8/21/13;
(v) SC Bar Convention: Criminal Law	1/21/14;
(w) SC Bar Convention: Trial & Appellate Advocacy	1/21/14;
(x) SC Circuit Judges Conference	3/24/14;

- (y) Annual Judicial Conference 8/20/14;
(z) SC Bar: Trial & Appellate Advocacy 1/23/15;
(aa) SC Bar: Criminal Law 1/23/15.
7. Have you practiced law or served as a mediator or arbitrator since your retirement from the judiciary?
No
8. List your positions of employment on and/or appointment to the bench chronologically. You are not required to list dates of employment or appointment prior to your last screening. At my last screening I believe I was the resident judge for the Sixth Judicial Circuit. I retired June 30,2012 and since then have been working as an active retired circuit judge.
9. 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
10. A complete, current financial net worth statement was provided to the Commission.
11. Since your last screening, have you 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?
I paid a fine of \$237.00 as a result of a charge for "improper passing" in Walterboro around 10/13.
12. Since your last screening, have you, to your knowledge, been under federal, state, or local investigation for possible violation of a criminal statute?
No
13. Since your last screening, has a tax lien or other collection procedure been instituted against you by federal, state, or local authorities? Since your last screening, have you defaulted on a student loan? Since your last screening, have you filed for bankruptcy?
No
14. Since your last screening, have you been sued, either personally or professionally?
No
16. Since your last screening, have you been criticized, whether informally or in a matter taken to a disciplinary authority, for the manner in which you treated litigants or attorneys before you on the bench?
No
17. Describe your personal policy for the acceptance of food, meals, beverages, lodging, transportation, entertainment, social hospitality, or other things of value from an attorney, a group of attorneys, or from other individuals.
The acceptance of such should always be considered cautiously realizing that the public and potential litigants may view these suspiciously. If an attorney or anyone does something for you this act should always be responded to. I have accepted invitations from groups of attorneys to attend conferences in circumstances where all judges are invited.
18. Have you ever accepted anything of value from an attorney or litigant in a matter currently or previously before you or your court?
No
19. Provide any other information which 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.

20. For the last fully completed calendar year, itemize the income, expenses, fees, payments, or additional benefits exceeding \$500, in the aggregate, received by you or a member of your immediate family from South Carolina state and local entities. List the type, source, and amount or value of the benefit. Be sure to list any expense reimbursement you received separately from your income.

I receive a salary from the SC Judicial Department and in 2014 my W-2 indicated wages of \$49,459.33. I receive a monies each month from the SC Judges-Solicitors Retirement System but I don't believe that is from the state.

21. Describe any interest you or a member of your immediate family has in real property:
- (a) in which there is a potential conflict of interest with your involvement in a South Carolina state or local public agency;
 - (b) in which there have been public improvements of \$200 or that adjoins property in which there have been public improvements of \$200; or
 - (c) which was sold, leased, or rented to a state or local public agency in South Carolina.
- List the interest you hold and the value and location of the property. Identify as applicable the:
- (a) nature of any potential conflict of interest;
 - (b) nature and value of any public improvements; and
 - (c) South Carolina state or local public agency which purchased or is leasing or renting such property.

22. 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.

23. 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 have a Facebook account that only has my name and date of birth. I do not post to Facebook and have no friends as attorneys. I do this to monitor family. I do not believe this would affect me in my judicial capacity.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT MY ANSWERS ARE TRUE AND COMPLETE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

Signature: s/Brooks P. Goldsmith

Date: August 5, 2015