



**JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION**  
**Statement to be included in Transcript of Public Hearings**

**Retired Judge**

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1. Have you met the Constitutional or statutory requirements for this position regarding age, residence, and years of practice?  
Yes.
2. Have you met the mandatory minimum hours requirement for continuing legal education courses?  
Yes.
3. Do you have any plans to return to private practice one day?  
No.
4. Are you engaged in any legal activities other than your service as a retired judge, such as acting as an arbitrator or mediator?  
No.
5. Are you involved in any active investments from which you derive additional income that might impair your appearance of impartiality?  
No.
6. Do you belong to any organizations that discriminate based on race, religion, or gender?  
No.
7. Have you engaged in any partisan political activity since your retirement?  
No.
8. What do you feel is the appropriate demeanor for a judge?  
Impartiality and patience.
9. In your position as a retired judge, what methods do you employ to ensure that deadlines for the timely issuance of orders are met?  
I preside only over Common Pleas and General Sessions Jury Trials, so I seldom have post trial motions taken under advisement. In that event, I think 30-45 days should be the deadline for the issuance of orders.
10. Do you feel that it is ever appropriate to be angry with a member of the public, especially with a criminal defendant? Is anger ever appropriate in dealing with attorneys?  
If a member of the public conducts himself/herself warranting a citation for contempt, I think some anger is appropriate. This applies to attorneys showing disrespect to the Court
11. How would you handle a situation in which you became aware of misconduct of a lawyer or fellow judge?  
I would report the layer to the appropriate authority.
12. What is your philosophy on recusal, especially in situations in which lawyer-legislators, former associates, or law clerks are to appear before you?

- I disclose the relationship and offer to recuse myself.
13. What is your philosophy regarding *ex parte* communications? Are there circumstances under which you could envision *ex parte* communications being tolerated?  
Not that I can think of.
14. If you disclosed something that had the appearance of bias, but you believed it would not actually prejudice your impartiality, what deference would you give a party that requested your recusal? Would you grant such a motion?  
I would recuse myself.
15. What standards have you set for yourself regarding the acceptance of gifts or social hospitality?  
I engage in social hospitality with attorney friends and sometimes have exchanged gifts of little monetary value.
16. In order that we might advise court administration on steps that need to be taken, are there any limitations on your sight, hearing, or mobility that should be addressed by the court administrator?  
No.

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

s/C. Victor Pyle, Jr.

Sworn to before me this 6<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2015.

Laurie Traywick

Notary Public for South Carolina

My Commission Expires: January 27, 2022