



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

Court, Position, and Seat # for which you are applying:

1. Name: The Honorable J. C. Nicholson, Jr.

Name that you are known by if different from above
(Example: A Nickname): "Buddy"

Home Address: [REDACTED]

Business Address: 100 Broad Street
Suite 341
Charleston, SC 29401

E-Mail Address: [REDACTED]

Telephone Number: (home): [REDACTED]
(office): 843-958-5047

2. Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 1942
Place of Birth: Birmingham, AL
Social Security Number: [REDACTED]

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.

4. SCDL# or SCHD#: [REDACTED]
Voter Registration Number: [REDACTED]

5. Family Status:
Married on 7/11/1992 to Janet Shirley Nicholson.
Divorced June 1992; Tenth Judicial Circuit Family Court (Anderson, SC); I (J.C. Nicholson, Jr.) was the moving party. Irreconcilable differences- no fault, 1 year separation
Five children.

[REDACTED]

6. Describe your continuing legal or judicial education during the past five years.

<u>Conference/ CLE Name</u>	<u>Dates</u>
(a) 2011 SCAJ Annual Convention	8/4/11
(b) Part 2 Criminal Law Section	1/20/12
(c) Trial & Appellate Advocacy Section	1/20/12
(d) 2012 Annual Convention	8/2/12
(e) 2012 Annual Judicial Conference	8/22/12
(f) Annual Meeting	11/8/12
(g) Trial and Appellate Advocacy Section	1/25/13
(h) Part 2: Criminal Law Section	1/25/13
(i) Spring Conference CLE	5/1/13
(j) 2013 Annual Convention	8/1/13
(k) SCDTAA Annual Meeting	11/7/13
(l) Criminal Law Section- Part 2	1/24/14
(m) Trial and Appellate Advocacy Section Civil Law Update	1/24/14
(n) Spring Conference and Mandatory JCLE	3/9/15
(o) 2015 Annual Judicial Conference	8/20/15
(p) SCDTAA Annual Meeting	11/5/15
(q) Part 2 Criminal Law Section	1/22/16
(r) Trial & Appellate Advocacy Section (Civil Law Update)	1/22/16

7. Have you practiced law or served as a mediator or arbitrator since your retirement from the judiciary? If so, please describe.

I was an arbitrator in one case in 2014.

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.
Circuit Court Judge since 6/30/13

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. Provide, as a **separate attachment**, a complete, **current** financial net worth statement that itemizes in detail:

(a) the identity and value of all financial assets held, directly or indirectly, including, but not limited to, bank accounts, real estate, securities, trusts, investments, and other financial holdings: and

(b) the identity and amount of each liability owed, directly or indirectly, which is in excess of \$1,000, including, but not limited to, debts, mortgages, loans, and other financial obligations.

(Your response to this question may state "see attached").

See attached.

(A net worth statement is provided with this questionnaire and you must use this format for

submission of your financial statement).

Note: The Commission may require written confirmation that financial obligations have been satisfied or that the parties have agreed upon a payment schedule.

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? If so, give details but do not include traffic violations for which a fine of \$125 or less was imposed.
No.
12. Since your last screening, have you, to your knowledge, been under federal, state, or local investigation for possible violation of a criminal statute? If yes, explain.
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? If so, give details.
No.
14. Since your last screening, have you been sued, either personally or professionally? If so, give details.
No.
15. Since your last screening, have you, as a lawyer, judge, or other professional, in South Carolina or any other jurisdiction, been sanctioned for lawyer, judicial, or other professional misconduct or found to have committed such misconduct? If so, give the details and describe any final disposition.
[Yes and no responses are redacted for all candidates unless there is a public discipline.]
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? If so, give the details and the reasons why you believe you were the target of such criticism.
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.

It is my policy to comply with the Judicial Canons. I accept educational materials, invitations to bar-related functions and CLE's. I accept small gifts proportional to the occasion, such as a birthday. I accept ordinary social hospitality, such as having dinner in someone's home or an invitation to a wedding. I do not accept anything of value that would

create the appearance of impropriety. I do not accept any gift or hospitality that would be perceived as intended to influence the performance of my official duties.

18. Have you ever accepted anything of value from an attorney or litigant in a matter currently or previously before you or your court? If so, please give the details, including the name of the attorney or litigant and the thing of value you received.
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.
None offered.
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.
See attached W-2.
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.
- (a) None
(b) None
(c) 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.

Attach a copy of any contract or agreement.

- (a) None
- (b) None
- (c) None

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. Attach a copy of any contract or agreement.
None.

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 I rarely use. My privacy settings are high and I only use the account to see pictures of my children and grandchildren. My use of social media is minimal and would not be affected by serving in a judicial capacity.

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: _____

Sworn to before me this 22 day of July, 2016.

Brooklyn Burroughs
(Notary Signature)

Brooklyn Burroughs
(Notary Printed Name)

Notary Public for South Carolina

My Commission Expires: Sept. 14, 2025

