

(a)	Bridge the Gap	03/07/2011
(b)	Family Court Judges' Conference	06/01/2011
(c)	2011 Orientation School for New Judges	06/08/2011
(d)	Bridge the Gap	08/01/2011
(e)	2011 Annual Judicial Conference	08/17/2011
(f)	2011 South Carolina Family Conference	12/02/2011
(g)	Family Law Section	01/20/2012
(h)	Bridge the Gap	03/05/2012
(i)	2012 Family Court Judges' Conference	04/18/2012
(j)	2012 Orientation School for New Judges	05/30/2012
(k)	Bridge the Gap	07/30/2012
(l)	2012 SCAJ Annual Convention	08/02/2012
(m)	2012 Annual Judicial Conference	08/22/2012
(n)	DL-640 Whipping Up Some Justice	10/08/2012
(o)	Family Court Bench Bar	12/07/2012
(p)	DL-735 Parenting Plans for Any Taste	03/01/2013
(q)	DL-735 Initial Client Meetings	04/23/2013
(r)	DL-711 Pleadings and Temporary Hearings	06/12/2013
(s)	2013 Probate Bench Bar	09/06/2013
(t)	2013 Hot Tips from Domestic Law Practitioners	09/27/2013
(u)	2013 Family Court Bench Bar	12/06/2013
(v)	2014 SCAJ Annual Convention	08/07/2014
(w)	2014 Annual Judicial Conference	08/20/2014
(x)	Ethics CLE for USC Law School	10/17/2014
(y)	2014 Family Court Bench Bar	12/05/2014
(z)	Criminal Law Section	01/23/2015
(aa)	2015 Annual Judicial Conference	08/20/2015
(bb)	2015 Family Court Bench Bar	12/04/2015
(cc)	Tips From the Bench	01/08/2016
(dd)	Family Law Section	01/22/2016

7. Have you practiced law or served as a mediator or arbitrator since your retirement from the judiciary? If so, please describe.
I engage in an active mediation practice doing exclusively Family Court matters.
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.
Since retiring in 2013, I am self employed as a Family Court mediator operating under Capital Mediation, LLC, a single member LLC owned by me.
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.
I am the owner and sole operator of Capital Mediation, LLC doing Family Court mediation work.

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”).
(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.

See attached.

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.

I do not accept gifts or hospitality from lawyers or litigants who appear before me. I do accept normal social hospitality as permitted by the Judicial Canons such as attendance at Bar meetings and functions put on by state and local Bar associations.

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.

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.

Other than my retirement and my husband's retirement from the State of South Carolina, I have received no benefits, payments, fees, income or expenses.

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.
- N/A

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.

N/A

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.

N/A

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 am a user of Facebook and Pinterest. I use these accounts to share family photos and recipes with other users. I engage in no work related or political communications via social media and would not allow same to interfere with my position as a Judge.

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: *Laura Abbott*

Sworn to before me this 28th day of July, 2016.

J. Michael Taylor
(Notary Signature)

J. MICHAEL TAYLOR
(Notary Printed Name)

Notary Public for South Carolina

My Commission Expires: 3-11-2021