

**JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION
PERSONAL DATA QUESTIONNAIRE**

Court, Position, and Seat # for which you are applying: Supreme Court, Seat 5

1. Name: Carmen Tevis Mullen

Name that you are known by if different from above
(Example: A Nickname): None

Are you currently serving in some capacity as a judge?
(Includes Municipal, Magistrate, Etc.)

Circuit Court – July 17, 2006 – Present
Judge of Fourteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 2

Home Address: [REDACTED]

Business Address: Beaufort County Courthouse
100 Ribaut Road, Beaufort, SC 29901

E-Mail Address: [REDACTED]

Telephone Number: (home): [REDACTED]
(office): (843) 255-5070

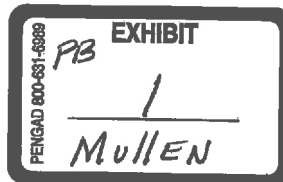
2. Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 1968
Place of Birth: West Covina, California
Social Security Number: [REDACTED]

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: In the space below, (a) state whether you are single, married, widowed, divorced, or separated; (b) if married, state the date of your marriage and your spouse's full name; (c) if you have ever been divorced or are in the process of obtaining a divorce, state the date, name of the moving party, court, and grounds; and (d) state the names of your children and their ages. If your children are old enough to work, include the occupation of each child.

(a) Married



(b) July 26, 2004 – George Edward Mullen, Sr.

(c) I have never been divorced.

(d)

6. Have you served in the military? If so, give the dates, branch of service, highest rank attained, serial number (if applicable), present status, and the character of your discharge or release.
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) Indiana University - 1986 - 1990, B.A. in English and Speech Communications
 - (b) Clemson University - Coursework Fall 1991 - Summer 1992, Wrote Master's Thesis in Summer/Fall 1997, Received M.A. in English in December 1997
 - (c) University of South Carolina, School of Law - 1992-1994, J.D.
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.
- (a) South Carolina - May 9, 1995 - Continued member in good standing
 - (b) Illinois - June 13, 1996 - Continued member in good standing
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) Delta Delta Delta Sorority, 1987 - 1990
 - (b) Graduate Teaching Assistant at Clemson University
Taught two sections of Freshman Composition "Elements of Argument" - Spring Semester 1992
 - (c) Assistant to the Director of Southern Literature Writer's Conference at Clemson University, Summer 1992
 - (d) Research Assistant to Professor William J. Quirk, University of South Carolina, School of Law, Summer 1994
 - (e) Law Clerk while in law school at Bolt, Popowski, McCulloch & Strom, 1993 - 1995, Columbia, SC
10. Describe your continuing legal or judicial education during the past five years.
- (a) 3/9/16 SCCJC – Spring Conference
 - (b) 3/9/15 SCCJC - Circuit Court Judge's Conference
 - (c) 8/20/15 SCCA – 2015 Annual Judicial Conference

- (d) 1/23/15 SC Bar Association – Part 2: Criminal Law Section
- (e) 1/23/15 SC Bar Association – Trial and Appellate Advocacy Section
- (f) 10/10/14 SC Bar Association – SCWLA 2014 Conference
- (g) 9/21/14 SCCP - 2014 South Carolina Solicitors' Association Annual Conference
- (h) 8/20/14 SCCA - 2014 Annual Judicial Conference
- (i) 3/24/14 SCCJC - 2014 Circuit Court Judges Conference
- (j) 1/31/14 SCWLA - 2013 Ethics Update by Barbara Seymour
- (k) 1/24/14 SC Bar Association – Trial and Appellate Advocacy Section
- (l) 1/24/14 SC Bar Association – Construction Law Section
- (m) 1/24/14 SC Bar Association – Criminal Law Section – Part 2
- (n) 1/25/13 SC Bar Association - Trial & Appellate Advocacy Section
- (o) 1/25/13 SC Bar Association - Part 2: Criminal Law Section
- (p) 4/25/13 SC Bar Association - Spring Sporting Clays
- (q) 5/1/13 SCCJC Spring Conference
- (r) 8/21/13 SCCA 2013 Annual Judicial Conference
- (s) 9/24/13 Hilton Head - How to Win in Circuit Court
- (t) 9/23/13 Myrtle Beach - Public Defenders' Conference
- (u) 1/20/12 SC Bar Association - Part 2 Criminal Law Section
- (v) 1/20/12 SC Bar Association - Trial & Appellate Advocacy Section
- (w) 4/12/12 SC Bar Association - Spring Sporting Clays
- (x) 5/2/12 SCCJC - Annual Circuit Court Judges' Conference
- (y) 8/22/12 SCCA - 2012 Annual Judicial Conference
- (z) 10/18/12 SC Bar Association - Spring Sporting Clays
- (aa) 1/20/11 SC Bar Association - Criminal Law Section
- (bb) 1/21/11 SC Bar Association - Trial & Appellate Advocacy Section
- (cc) 4/14/11 SC Bar Association - Sporting Clays CLE Ethics w/Judges
- (dd) 5/4/11 SCCJC - SC Circuit Court Judges' Conference
- (ee) 8/17/11 SCCA - 2011 Annual Judicial Conference
- (ff) 10/13/11 SC Bar Association - Sporting Clays CLE Ethics w/Judges
- (gg) 10/21/11 SCWLA - Women Lawyers and Leadership

11. Have you taught law-related courses or lectured at bar association conferences, educational institutions, or continuing legal or judicial education programs? If so, briefly describe each course or lecture.

- (a) Speaker, Solicitor's Association Fall Conference, September 2008
- (b) Presenter, "On Judging Judges," USC School of Law Class of 1995 Reunion, November 5, 2010
- (c) Speaker, SC Tort Law Update, November 12, 2010
- (d) Speaker, Practice Basics for the New Lawyer, Charleston School of Law Women in Law, April 13, 2011
- (e) Panel Member, "Sporting Clays: Ethics with the Judges," April 14, 2011
- (f) Speaker, Senior Leadership of Beaufort, Spring 2012
- (g) Panel Member, Public Defender's Conference, September 23, 2013
- (h) Speaker, "How to Win in Circuit Court," Hilton Head Bar Association CLE, September 27, 2013

- (i) Speaker, Summary Jury Trials, Hilton Head Bar Association CLE, November 22, 2013
 - (j) Panel Member, Construction Law, South Carolina Bar Convention, January 24, 2014
 - (k) Panel Member, Tips from the Trial Bench for Criminal Practitioners, 23rd Annual Criminal Practice in South Carolina Seminar, February 28, 2014
 - (l) Panel Member, Solicitors Conference, "Significant Cases: 2013-2014", September 22, 2014
 - (m) Speaker, USC Hilton Head, October 7, 2014
 - (n) Panel Member, Charleston Chapter SCWLA, "So You Want to Run for Office", September 24, 2015
 - (o) Panel Member, South Carolina Bar Association, "Fourteenth Circuit Tips from the Bench: What Your Judges Want You to Know", October 30, 2015
12. List all published books and articles you have written and give citations and the dates of publication for each.
None.
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) South Carolina Supreme Court, May 9, 1995
 - (b) State of Illinois, June 13, 1996
 - (c) U.S. District Court for the District of South Carolina, November 6, 1998
 - (d) U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Mississippi, August 6, 1999
 - (e) United States Supreme Court, March 3, 2014.
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.
My legal experience since graduation is as follows:
- 1. Law Clerk to Honorable L. Casey Manning, Circuit Court Judge for the Fifth Judicial Circuit, April 1995 - August 1996. Assisted Judge in all research, writing orders, scheduling, etc.
 - 2. Charleston County Public Defender's Office, Assistant Public Defender, August 1996 - December 1997. Handled caseload of 250+ criminal defendants for misdemeanor and felony crimes including Murder, CSC 1st, Burglary 1st, and ABHAN.
 - 3. South Carolina House of Representatives, Labor, Commerce & Industry Committee, Staff Attorney, December 1997 - October 1998. Duties included researching legal affect of pending bills before legislature and instructing Members on law and drafting some legislation when requested by Members.
 - 4. Uricchio, Howe, Krell, Jackson, Toporek & Theos, Associate, October 1998 - April 2000. Criminal and civil litigation practice in state and federal courts. Case types: Plaintiffs tort actions, contract disputes, criminal defense.

5. Berry, Tevis & Jordan, Partner, April 2000 - May 2001. Tort litigation including automobile accidents and some criminal defense.
 6. Carmen M. Tevis, LLC, Solo Practitioner, May 2001 - June 2006. Tort litigation, construction litigation, contract litigation, fraud litigation, and criminal defense in state and federal courts.
 7. Resident Circuit Court Judge, 14th Judicial Circuit - June 2006 - Present
15. Please answer the following (if you are a judge and are not seeking a different type of judgeship, this question is inapplicable):
- (a) If you are a candidate for Family Court, please provide a brief written description of your experience within each of the following Family Court practice areas: divorce and equitable division of property, child custody, adoption, abuse and neglect, and juvenile justice. Include information about cases you have handled in each of these practice areas, or if you have not practiced in an area, describe how your background has prepared you to preside over such matters as a Family Court Judge.
Not applicable.
 - (b) If you are a candidate for Circuit Court, please provide a brief written description of your experience in criminal matters, including any cases handled over the past five years and include a brief description of the issues involved. Further, please provide a brief written description of your experience in civil matters, including any cases handled over the past five years and include a brief description of the types of matters handled, issues involved, and procedural history. Please include information such as the primary areas in civil court in which you practice, whether you represent plaintiffs or defendants, or both. You may go back further than five years if you feel it would assist the Commission with its assessment of your experience. If you lack experience in an area, describe how your background has prepared you to preside over such matters as a Circuit Court Judge, or how you would compensate for your lack of experience in this area.
Not applicable.
 - (c) If you are a candidate for Master-In-Equity, please provide a brief written description of your experience in the Master's court, including any cases handled over the past five years and include a brief description of the issues involved. Please include the frequency of your appearances before a Master-In-Equity.
Not applicable.
 - (d) If you are a candidate for Administrative Law Judge, please provide a brief written description of your experience before an Administrative Law Judge, including any issues discussed and the frequency of your appearances before the Administrative Law Judge Court.
Not applicable.

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.

* **Retired justices/judges and justices/judges applying for re-election to their current position may omit Questions 17–22. If a candidate is seeking a judgeship different than his or her current position, Questions 17-22 should be answered based on experience prior to serving on the bench.**

Martindale Hubbell - BV

17. What was the frequency of your court appearances during the five years prior to your election to the bench?
- (a) federal: approximately 50 times
 - (b) state: approximately 200+ times
18. What percentage of your practice involved civil, criminal, domestic, and other matters during the five years prior to your election to the bench?
- (a) civil: 80%
 - (b) criminal: 20%
 - (c) domestic: 0
 - (d) other: 0
19. What percentage of your practice in trial court during the five years prior to your election to the bench involved matters that went to a jury, including those that settled prior to trial?
- (a) jury: 10%
 - (b) non-jury: 90%

Did you most often serve as sole counsel, chief counsel, or associate counsel in these matters?

Sole counsel.

20. List five of the most significant litigated matters you have personally handled in either trial or appellate court or before a state or federal agency, prior to your election to the bench. Give citations if the cases were reported and describe why these matters were significant.
- (a) Manuel and Gloria Peralta v. Shamsy Madini and S. Ahmed Mandini, 2000-CP-07-1175, and Sunders, Inc. d/b/a ReMax Island Realty v. Shamsy Mandini and S. Ahmed Mandini, 2000-CP-07-907. These two cases derive out of a breach of contract regarding the sale of a million dollar home in Windmill Harbour, Hilton Head Island. One action was brought by the realtor and the other by a buyer in an effort to force Defendant to sell her home during a time Defendant was particularly vulnerable going through a divorce. I tried both of these cases to a jury and received defense verdicts for my clients.
 - (b) Cambridge Building Corp. v. Dr. Joseph A. Borelli, 2002-CP-07-676. A breach of contract action I brought on behalf of a builder who was not paid by a homeowner. Significant in that the counterclaim by Defendant far exceeded the original claim.

Case was tried to a jury and the builder received his money in full and no money was owed on the counterclaim.

- (c) "Hamlet Litigation"
Thomas W. Knode, et al v. Southeastern Construction Co. of Summerville, Inc., Systems of South Carolina, Inc., Dryvit, Inc., Rogers Roofing Company, Inc., Willis & Jennings, Edward D. Scott, Kinco Ltd., Southeastern Design and Development, Inc. and John G. Dumas. 2004-CP-08-422; 2004-CP-08-424; 2004-CP-08-657; 2004-CP-08-427; 2004-CP-08-356; 2004-CP-08-645; 2004-CP-08-647. I represented a group of homeowners consisting of seven families against multiple defendants for faulty workmanship and construction defects in the building of their homes. All homeowners are older and had purchased homes to retire in and could not afford the cost to repair absent settlement paid.
- (d) Robert and Janice Varner, et al v. South Carolina Federal Credit Union, Docket No. 2:04-0164-18; Docket No. 2:04-22323-18; Docket No. 2:04-22324-18; Docket No. 2:05-0716-18. Four federal court cases against the South Carolina Federal Credit Union wherein a Credit Union employee performed transactions and drafted bank checks and embezzled funds in an attempt to defraud an elderly couple and others out of their life savings. Causes of action: fraud, breach of express and implied contract/breach of contract, negligent misrepresentation, breach of fiduciary duty, negligence/gross negligence/willful misconduct, constructive fraud, violation of SC Unfair Trade Practices Act, theft, embezzlement or misappropriation by a bank officer or employee, conversion, civil conspiracy, violation of #12 U.S.C.A. § 17-51, et. seq., Federal Credit Union Act, and accompanying regulations and liable and slander. Complexity of issues and extreme difficulty in ascertaining loss, even by forensic experts, make these cases significant.
- (e) U.S. v. Dominique Green, 9:01-00691. Defended in federal court by appointment a multi-court indictment, including conspiracy and trafficking crack cocaine and other narcotics with multiple levels of defendants wherein my client was charged at being on the top of the drug chain.

- 21. List up to five civil appeals you have personally handled, prior to your election to the bench. Give the case name, the court, the date of decision, and the citation if the case was reported.
 - (a) L-J, Inc., v. Bituminous Fire & Marine Insurance Company, 350 S.C. 549, 567 S.E. 2e 489 (Ct. App. 2002). L-J, Inc. v. Bituminous is an insurance coverage case. Wrote Amicus Brief for the rehearing before the South Carolina Supreme Court on behalf of South Carolina Trial Lawyers Association, September 26, 2005. Supreme Court reversed its' decision.
- 22. List up to five criminal appeals that you have personally handled, prior to your election to the bench. Give the case name, the court, the date of decision and the citation if the case was reported.
None.
- 23. Have you ever held judicial office? If so, list the periods of your service, the courts involved, and whether you were elected or appointed. Describe the jurisdiction of each of the courts and note any limitations on the jurisdiction of each court.

July 17, 2006 to present – SC Circuit Court. Elected.
General civil and criminal jurisdiction.

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.
- (a) State of South Carolina v. Ernest Daise - Death Penalty Case tried to a jury in October, 2013.
Double homicide of mother and child and also shooting of Defendant's own 15 month old child. Significant for the heightened due process requirements of a death penalty case, significant pretrial publicity, multiple complex evidence issues, contested guilt stage, and lengthy explanation of juror bias issues.
 - (b) Ex Parte James A. Brown, Jr., Attorney/Appellant. In Re: State of South Carolina, Respondent v. Alfonzo Howard, Defendant. 393 S.C. 214 (2011) Affirmed.
Significant due to the gruesome nature of the underlying criminal case (kidnapping, rape, armed robbery) combined with a defense lawyer using the trial to make a public statement about compensation for appointed attorneys. Required maintaining the decorum of the court while protecting the victims' rights to conclude the trial (avoid a mistrial) and simultaneously protect Defendant's rights to a fair trial and competent defense, while maintaining the ability to sanction the defense lawyer for his courtroom antics.
 - (c) Maureen T. Coffey v. Community Services Assoc., Inc., George F. Bread, Jr., Sea Pines Resort, LLC., Assoc. of Sea Pines Plantation Property Owners In., and the Advisory Board.
Involved slander and libel of a sitting judge, a public official. Substantial jury award given.
 - (d) Harbour Ridge Homeowners Association, Inc. v. North Harbour Development Corporation, Inc., et al. Horry County.
Non-jury trial involving condominium project. Homeowner's Association suing Developer and General Contractor for negligent construction of 8 condominium buildings. Awarded \$1,908,354. Issues involved: statute of limitations and individual contractor liability. Significant as to the competing measure of damages and that all parties agreed to allow me to try it non-jury.
 - (e) Willie Homer Stephens, Guardian ad Litem for Lillian Colvin, a minor, Appellant v. CSX Transportation, Inc., and South Carolina Department of Transportation, Respondents, Hampton County. 400 S.C. 503 Affirmed by the Court of Appeals.
Car versus train wreck wherein a car collided with a train and a 12 year old passenger suffered traumatic brain injury. Significant in length of trial (3 weeks), extensive pre-trial matters, 60+ witnesses and a defense verdict in Hampton County!!
 - (f) State of South Carolina v. George Stinney, Jr., Motion for a New Trial based on after discovered evidence and pursuant to the common law writ of *coram nobis* for a minor child given the death penalty in 1944. I vacated the Defendant's murder conviction based on multiple constitutional violations. Significant in the factual scenario of a fourteen year old boy arrested, tried and executed within 83 days of the crime, with virtually no assistance from his appointed attorney. The facts are

shocking in today's environment, but even in 1944 grossly violated Defendant's due process rights. The media scrutiny enhanced the significance of this tragic case.

25. Have you ever held public office other than judicial office? If so, list the periods of your service, the office or offices involved, and whether you were elected or appointed. Also, state whether or not you have timely filed your report with the State Ethics Commission during the period you held public office. If not, were you ever subject to a penalty? If so, give details, including dates.
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.
None.
27. Have you ever been an unsuccessful candidate for elective, judicial, or other public office? If so, give details, including dates.
Yes. Court of Appeals, Seat 7, Spring 2014.
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? If so, give details, including a description of your occupation, business, or profession, the dates of your employment, and the name of your business or employer.
One year following graduation from college and prior to graduate school, I worked as a tour guide for American Trans Air and in wireless communication sales for Cable and Wireless Communications.
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. 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.)

See attached Financial Net Worth Statement

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

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.
None.
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? If so, give details but do not include traffic violations for which a fine of \$125 or less was imposed.
No.
33. Have you, to your knowledge, ever been under federal, state, or local investigation for possible violation of a criminal statute? If yes, explain.
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? If so, give details.
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? If so, give details, including, but not limited to, dates and resolution.
No.
36. Have you ever, in South Carolina or any other jurisdiction, as a lawyer, judge, or other professional, been sanctioned or disciplined for lawyer, judicial, or other professional misconduct or has any jurisdiction found that you committed any 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.]
37. Have you ever been investigated by the Department of Social Services? If so, give the details and the resolution. Has your name ever been enrolled on the Central Registry of Child Abuse and Neglect? If so, give the details.
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?
My daughter created a Facebook page for me in December 2013. I do not have time to use it nor do I intend to use it.
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)? If so, give the dates of your employment or activity in such capacity and specify by whom you were directed or employed.
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? If so, please specify the item or items you received, the date of receipt, and the lobbyist or lobbyist's principal involved.
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. If you have spent over \$100, have you reported your expenditures to the House and Senate Ethics Committees?
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 or have you been offered a conditional pledge of support by any legislator pending the outcome of your screening? 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? If so, give details.
Note: The flash drive with your application materials contains (1) Section 2-19-70(c); (2) JMSC Rule 24, and (3) informal opinions and letters concerning pledging prohibitions, with which third parties acting on your behalf, as well as you, must comply.
No.
47. Have you requested any third parties to contact members of the General Assembly on your behalf before the final and formal screening report has been released? If so, give details. Are you aware of any third parties contacting members of the General Assembly on your behalf? If so, give details.
No. None.
48. Are you familiar with the 48-hour rule, which prohibits a candidate from seeking pledges until after the draft report becomes final, which occurs on the day and time specified on the Commission's published screening schedule?
Yes.
49. Have you or has anyone acting on your behalf solicited or collected funds to aid in the promotion of your candidacy? If so, please specify the amount, solicitor, donor, and date of the solicitation.
No.
50. Since submitting your letter of intent to become a candidate, have you or has anyone acting on your behalf contacted any member of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission about your candidacy or intention to become a candidate? If so, give details.
No.
51. 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) South Carolina Women Lawyers Association - Board Member 2012 - Present
(b) National Association of Women Judges
(c) American Bar Association
(d) Beaufort County Bar Association
(e) Hilton Head Bar Association
(f) South Carolina Bar Association
52. 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) Sea Pines Montessori, Board Member 2010 – June 2016; Board Chair - 2012-2013
- (b) Hilton Head High School Booster Club
- (c) Providence Presbyterian Church

53. 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. This information may include how your life experiences have affected or influenced the kind or type of judge you have been or plan to be.

My educational background and talent in writing will serve me well on the Supreme Court. If elected, I look forward to having more time to research and write as is required on the Supreme Court bench. My diverse legal experience as a trial lawyer handling both complex civil cases and felony criminal cases and having served on the Circuit Court bench for the last 10 years in a circuit that includes cosmopolitan and rural areas has taught me the patience and resilience necessary to be an outstanding Supreme Court Justice.

54. List the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of five (5) persons, including your banker, from whom you are providing references. Also, provide the Commission with **original letters** of recommendation from each person listed herein, including their signature (preferably in blue ink). **The Commission will not accept a photocopy or electronic submission of a letter of recommendation and failure to include all five (5) original letters of recommendation in your packet when you submit it will render your packet incomplete.** Please **do not** have references mail your reference letters to the Commission directly. *You must return the five (5) original letters of recommendation to the Commission with your application packet.*

- (a) David Deaton, Tideland Bank
52 Burnt Church Road, Bluffton, SC 29910
(843) 837-0718
- (b) Susan Sneider
69 Barony Lane, Hilton Head Island, SC 29928
(847) 707-3000
- (c) James E. Lady
171 Church Street, Suite 370, Charleston, SC 29401
(843) 364-8629
- (d) Edward Dukes
820 Bay Street, Beaufort, SC 29901
(843) 812-5000
- (e) Robert L. Wylie, IV
4717 Jenn Drive, 2nd Floor, Myrtle Beach, SC 29577
(843) 449-4800

55. 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.

Attach a copy of any contract or agreement.

None.

56. 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.

57. For sitting judges, have you used judicial letterhead or the services of your staff, for which you did not pay, while campaigning for this office?
- No.

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: C. Mulla

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

Peggy A. Medaglia
(Notary Signature)

Peggy A. Medaglia
(Notary Printed Name)

Notary Public for South Carolina

My Commission Expires: 11-21-17