

**JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION  
PERSONAL DATA QUESTIONNAIRE**

Court, Position, and Seat # for which you are applying: Court of Appeals, Seat 9

1. Name: The Honorable Alison Renee Lee

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

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

Home Address: [REDACTED]

Business Address: P.O. Box 192  
1701 Main Street, Suite 324  
Columbia, S.C. 29202

E-Mail Address: [REDACTED]

Telephone Number: (home): [REDACTED]  
(office): (803) 576-1765

2. Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 1958

Place of Birth: Washington, DC

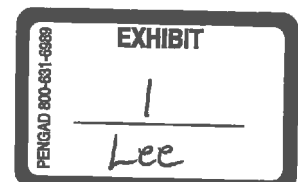
Social Security Number: [REDACTED]

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.

Family Status: Married on May 3, 1986 to Kenzil Franklin Summey  
Never divorced, two children.



- [REDACTED]
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.  
Not applicable.
  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) Vassar College, September 1975 to May 1979, graduated B.A.
    - (b) Georgetown University, Summer 1976, one class, no degree
    - (c) Tulane Law School, August 1979 to May 1982, graduated J.D.
    - (d) University of Grenoble, France, Summer 1980, comparative law class, no degree
    - (e) University of South Carolina School of Law, Summer 1983, one class, no degree
  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) Texas, admitted 1982
    - (b) Louisiana, admitted 1983
    - (c) South Carolina, admitted 1984
  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) Student Advisor to incoming Freshman (Class of 1982), Vassar College, 1978-79
    - (b) Cuba Field Study Trip, March 1978
    - (c) Vassar College Gospel Choir, Business Manager, 1977-78
    - (d) Summer Jobs Coordinator, Office of Career Planning and Placement, Vassar College (1976-79)
    - (e) Tulane Law School, Vice President Freshman Class, 1979-80
    - (f) Mardi Gras Coalition, Tulane Law 1980
    - (g) Best Oralist Freshman Moot Court Competition, 1980
    - (h) National Appellate Moot Court Team, Tulane Law, 1980-81
    - (i) Tulane Moot Court Board, 1981-82
    - (j) Academic Affairs Rep. Senior Class, Tulane Law, 1981-82
    - (k) Quarter Finalist Senior Appellate Competition, Tulane Law, 1982
  10. Describe your continuing legal or judicial education during the past five years.
    - (a) S.C. Circuit Judges Conference 05/05/11
    - (b) J. Waites Waring and the Dissent 05/09/11
    - (c) U.S. Fourth Circuit Judicial Conference 06/24/11
    - (d) S.C. Judicial Conference 08/17/11
    - (e) Women Lawyers and Leadership 10/21/11

(f)	S.C. Bar Trial and Appellate Advocacy (MJCLE)	01/20/12
(g)	S.C. Bar Criminal Law Part 2 (MJCLE)	01/20/12
(h)	S.C. Circuit Judges Conference	05/02/12
(i)	S.C. Association for Justice	08/02/12
(j)	S.C. Judicial Conference	08/22/12
(k)	S.C. Defense Trial Attorneys Conference	11/08/12
(l)	S.C. Bar Trial and Appellate Advocacy (MJCLE)	01/25/13
(m)	S.C. Bar Criminal Law Part 2 (MJCLE)	01/25/13
(n)	S.C. Circuit Judges Conference	05/01/13
(o)	U.S. Fourth Circuit Judicial Conference	06/27/13
(p)	S.C. Association for Justice	08/01/13
(q)	S.C. Judicial Conference	08/21/13
(r)	S.C. Defense Trial Attorneys Conference	11/07/13
(s)	S.C. Bar Trial and Appellate Advocacy (MJCLE)	01/24/14
(t)	S.C. Bar Criminal Law Part 2	01/24/14
(u)	S.C. Circuit Judge Conference	03/24/14
(v)	S.C. Association for Justice	08/07/14
(w)	S.C. Judicial Conference	08/20/14
(x)	S.C. Black Lawyers Retreat	09/19/14
(y)	S.C. Bar Trial and Appellate Advocacy (MJCLE)	01/23/15
(z)	S.C. Bar Criminal Law Part 2 (MJCLE)	01/23/15
(aa)	S.C. Circuit Judges Conference	03/09/15
(bb)	S.C. Judicial Conference	08/20/15
(cc)	Keys to Effective Communication	09/08/15
(dd)	Hitler's Courts: The Betrayal of the Rule of Law	10/13/15
(ee)	S.C. Defense Trial Attorneys Conference	11/05/15
(ff)	Advocacy Tips from the Bench – Charleston Livability Court	11/10/15
(gg)	S.C. Bar Trial and Appellate Advocacy	01/22/16
(hh)	S.C. Bar Criminal Law Part	01/22/16
(ii)	S.C. Circuit Judges Conference	03/09/16

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) August 1985, I lectured at a program on settling the family court record on appeal;
- (b) September 1985, I presented on pretrial orders, sanctions and local rules in federal court;
- (c) November 1993, I presented on drafting criminal laws under the Sentencing Classification Act for the attorneys in the Legislative Council;
- (d) May 1996, I lectured on practice before the Administrative Law Judge Division (now the Administrative Law Court) at Bridge the Gap.
- (e) January 1997, I gave an update on practice before the Administrative Law Judge Division.
- (f) March 1997, I lectured on practice before the Administrative Law Judge Division (now the Administrative Law Court) at Bridge the Gap.

- (g) May 1997, I lectured on practice before the Administrative Law Judge Division at Bridge the Gap.
  - (h) March 1998, I lectured on practice before the Administrative Law Judge Division at Bridge the Gap.
  - (i) March 1998, I presented an update on practice and procedure rules before the Administrative Law Judge Division.
  - (j) May 1998, I lectured on practice before the Administrative Law Judge Division at Bridge the Gap.
  - (k) May 1998, before the Women Lawyers' CLE, I participated in a panel on "what works and what doesn't".
  - (l) February 2000, I presented on circuit court motions and appeals.
  - (m) December 2002, I presented on ethics.
  - (n) April 2003, I presented on behalf of the Women Lawyers CLE on the effective use of exhibits at trial.
  - (o) October 2004, at the Black Lawyers Retreat I participated in a panel on civility and ethics.
  - (p) October 2005, I participated in a panel discussion for the Criminal and Trial Advocacy Section
  - (q) September 2006. I participated in a panel discussion for the Black Lawyers CLE on tips from the bench.
  - (r) December 2006, I spoke to lawyers with the Municipal Association on ethics.
  - (s) March 2015, participated in a panel discussion during the Circuit Judges conference on complex litigation.
  - (t) September 2014, I presided over a mock criminal hearing on Stand Your Ground for the Black Lawyers CLE.
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) Texas, 1982
  - (b) Louisiana, 1983
  - (c) South Carolina, 1984
  - (d) US District Court for the District of SC, 1984
  - (e) US Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, 1985
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.
- (a) 1982 – 1983 Judicial Law Clerk, Hon. Isreal M. Augustine, Jr. Louisiana Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit

- (b) 1983 – 1984 Judicial Law Clerk, Hon. C. Tolbert Goolsby, Jr., South Carolina Court of Appeals
- (c) 1984 – 1989 Associate, McNair Law Firm, PA. General Litigation Defense 1984 to 1986; Corporate Section 1987, Labor and Employment Defense 1987 to 1989.
- (d) 1989 – 1994 Staff Counsel, S.C. Legislative Council, drafted legislation and amendments for members of the General Assembly in the areas of transportation, crime, corrections and prisons, and education.
- (e) 1994 – 1999 Administrative Law Judge, Administrative Law Judge Division, presided over administrative hearings related to insurance, environmental permitting, alcoholic beverage permits, wages, taxes, video poker, bingo, appeals from occupational licensing boards, and hearings on regulations promulgated by certain state agencies.
- (f) 1999 – present S.C. Circuit Court Judge At Large, statewide general jurisdiction court, presiding over trials and hearings in criminal and civil matters, appellate jurisdiction over municipal, magistrate, and probate cases. Previously presided over appeals involving ALC decisions, workers' compensation, state grievance matters, and unemployment compensation until jurisdiction was moved to the Court of Appeals by the legislature. I am also one of eight judges statewide assigned to handle specialized cases in Business Court.

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.
- (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.
- (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.
- (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.  
Not rated to my knowledge

\* **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.**

17. What was the frequency of your court appearances during the five years prior to your election to the bench? Years 1984-1989.

- (a) federal: 90%  
(b) state: 10%

18. What percentage of your practice involved civil, criminal, domestic, and other matters during the five years prior to your election to the bench? Years 1984-1989.

- (a) civil: 99%  
(b) criminal: 0.5% participated in 2-3 cases  
(c) domestic: 0.5% handled 2-3 appointed cases  
(d) other:

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? Years 1984-1989.

- (a) jury: 10% most cases were resolved by motion or settlement  
(b) non-jury:

Did you most often serve as sole counsel, chief counsel, or associate counsel in these matters? I was associate counsel on cases that were tried.

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) Atkinson v. Citicorp Acceptance Co. (Federal District Court) – case involving Fair Debt Collection Act (then a new federal statute) decided on summary judgment motion.  
(b) McClain v. Westinghouse (Federal District Court) – employment case involving sex discrimination, sexual harassment, equal pay, as well as other employment claims. Case decided on summary judgment.  
(c) State of South Carolina v. Norris Stroman (state criminal case) – Defendant (with limited intelligence) was charged with murder and allegedly confessed. Jury acquitted.  
(d) Valerie Smith v. Kroger (Federal District Court) – slander or malicious prosecution case filed as a result of accusations of shoplifting.  
(e)

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. I do not have copies of any of the briefs in these appeals.
- (a) Purdie v. Smalls, 293 S.C. 216, 359 S.E.2d 306 (Ct. App. 1987)
  - (b) Hooten v. Carolina Treatment Center, Inc., 200 S.C. 37, 386 S.E.2d 287 (Ct.App. 1989). I was not the lead attorney.
  - (c) Condon v. Best View Cablevision, Inc., 292 S.C. 117, 355 S.E.2d 7 (Ct. App. 1987). I was not the lead attorney.
  - (d) Davis v. U.S. Steel Corp., 779 F.2d 209 (4<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1985). Participated on the brief only.
  - (e)
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.
- (a) I did not handle any criminal appeals while in private practice. However, as a circuit court judge I have presided over numerous appeals from magistrate and municipal court.
  - (b) As a circuit court judge, I have had the privilege of sitting with the S.C. Supreme Court on numerous occasions and on the Court of Appeals when the need arose for an acting justice or judge to serve in place of a member of those courts.
  - (c)
  - (d)
  - (e)
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.
- (a) 1994 – 1999, elected, Administrative Law Judge, Seat 3
  - (b) 1999 – present, elected, Circuit Court Judge At Large, Seat 11
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) Graham v. Town of Latta, Docket No. 2008-CP-13-00376 and 00377 (S.C. Cir. Court, Dillon Co. 2012), aff'd, 2016 WL 1239752 (Ct. App. March 30, 2016). The plaintiffs were homeowners whose property was flooded during a severe rain event. They sued the Town of Latta claiming it failed to properly maintain the sewage and rainwater drainage system. Additionally, the plaintiffs alleged that problems with the pipes led to the overflow in their yard which caused the repeated flooding of the property. They sue claiming negligence, trespass and inverse condemnation. The town raised issued of immunity under the state's Tort Claims Act, which limits liability for a governmental agency. There were numerous motions relating to the immunity and the claims. I granted many of the motions, reserving the claim of

negligence for the jury. The jury returned a verdict in favor of the plaintiffs. Both parties appealed. The Court of Appeals affirmed the rulings.

- (b) S.C. Insurance Reserve Fund v. East Richland County Public Service District, et al., Docket No. 2011-CP-40-02096 (S.C. Cir. Court, Richland Co. 2013), aff'd, 2016 WL 1125810 (Ct. App. March 23, 2016). This was a declaratory judgment action filed by the Insurance Reserve Fund to determine whether it was required to defend the East Richland County Public Service District in an action filed by Coley Brown claiming trespass, inverse condemnation, and negligence from the operation of a sewer force main and air relief valve which caused offensive odors to be released on his property multiple times as day. The lawsuit required the interpretation of the insurance policy and provisions of the Tort Claims Act. I ruled that the claims were excluded under the policy provisions. The Court of Appeals affirmed the ruling.
- (c) State v. Tony Watson, Docket No. 2010-GS-40-10224 (S.C. Cir. Court, Richland County 2013). Watson was charged with murder for killing his fiancée's abusive ex-husband when he came to Watson's house and after beating Watson in his own yard tried to go inside Watson's house to get the ex-wife. Watson filed a motion to determine his immunity from prosecution under the Protection of Persons and Property Act based upon the Castle Doctrine. After an evidentiary hearing, I ruled that he was entitled to immunity from prosecution.
- (d) Chastain v. AnMed Health Foundation, et al., Docket No. 2005-CP-04-02388 (S.C. Cir. Court, Anderson Co. 2008), aff'd, 388 S.C. 170, 694 S.E.2d 541 (S.C. 2010). The plaintiff brought a medical malpractice claim against the charitable hospital and its nurses. The plaintiff had to establish that the nurses were grossly negligent to obtain a verdict against them individually. After hearing the testimony during the course of the week, the jury returned a verdict against the hospital only. The jury specifically found that the nurses were not grossly negligent. The hospital was a charitable organization which, under the statutes, would only be liable up to \$300,000 per occurrence. Based upon post trial arguments, I reduced the verdict to the statutory cap. The plaintiff appealed claiming that there was more than one occurrence and therefore her damages should not have been limited. On appeal, the decision was affirmed.
- (e) Curtis v. South Carolina, Docket No. 99-CP-23-02463 (S.C. Cir. Court, Greenville Co. 2000). Mr. Curtis sought to enjoin the state from enforcing a statute prohibiting the sale of urine in interstate commerce and to declare the statute unconstitutional. I declined to enjoin enforcement of the statute.

- 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.
- (a) 1997, Candidate for Circuit Court At Large, Seat 10, qualified and nominated
  - (b) 2003, Candidate for Court of Appeals, Seat 6, qualified, not nominated
  - (c) 2004, Candidate for Court of Appeals, Seat 1, qualified, not nominated
  - (d) 2008, Candidate for Court of Appeals, Seat 3, qualified and nominated
  - (e) 2009, Candidate for Court of Appeals, Seat 5, qualified, not nominated
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.
- No.
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.)  
A complete, current financial net worth statement has been provided to the Commission.

**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.

I have never been sued personally. I have been sued in my capacity as an Administrative Law Judge and as a Circuit Court Judge.

- (a) Lewis v. South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, Docket No. 97-CP-46-01679 (S.C. Cir. Court, York Co.). Plaintiff sought injunctive relief to stay a case pending before me in my capacity as an Administrative Law Judge. I was dismissed from the case on September 25, 1997.
- (b) Taylor v. Womble, Docket No. 3:03-cv-03469 (Federal District Court, District of South Carolina). Plaintiff Ruben DeWayne Taylor named me in a lawsuit along with a number of other judges. I was never served. The case was subsequently dismissed in April 2005.
- (c) Taylor v. First Citizens Bank Trust Company of South Carolina, Docket No. 05-05299 (U.S. Bankruptcy Court, South Carolina). Plaintiff Ruben DeWayne Taylor sought to include in the bankruptcy proceeding any judgments issued by me as a circuit court judge. I was dismissed from the action on June 29, 2005.
- (d) Taylor v. United States, Docket No. 3:05-cv-01113 (Federal District Court, District of South Carolina). Plaintiff Ruben DeWayne Taylor named me in my capacity as a circuit court judge. Since I was never served I am not aware of the substance of the lawsuit. The action was dismissed.
- (e) CitiMortgage, Inc. v. McQuatters, et al., Docket No. 2010-CP-32-01917 (S.C. Cir. Court, Lexington Co.). I was named in my capacity as a circuit court judge as a third party defendant by the Defendant Joseph McQuatters because he did not believe I had the authority as a judge to rule on issues in the lawsuit. I was dismissed from the action on January 14, 2013.
- (f) Crawford v. S.C. Supreme Court, et al., Docket No. 0:16-cv-0992 (Federal District Court, District of South Carolina). Plaintiff named me in my capacity as a circuit court judge. I have not been served and was made aware of the action by the attorney appointed to defend the action by the Insurance Reserve Fund. This was originally one case with 5 plaintiffs; however, by order of the federal judge the original case has been split into five (5) difference suits with one plaintiff each. These cases are now:  
Sutcliffe v. S.C. Supreme Ct., et al., Docket No. 0:16-cv-0992;  
Cook v. S.C. Supreme Ct., et al., Docket No. 0:16-cv-1424;  
Duren v. S.C. Supreme Ct., et al., Docket No. 0:16-cv-1425;

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?  
I have a LinkedIn account that I do not use. I also have a Facebook account I use only to keep in contact with my children and friends. I do not "friend" any lawyers who practice before me or discuss any issues related to my work as a judge.
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) JMISC 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.

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 Bar  
(b) South Carolina Women Lawyers Association, Board of Directors, 2010-2015  
(c) South Carolina Black Lawyers Association  
(d) Richland County Bar Association  
(e) National Conference of State Trial Judges  
(f) American Bar Association  
(g) American College of Business Court Judges  
(h) John Belton O'Neill Inn of Court  
(i) S.C. Supreme Court Commission on Continuing Legal Education and Specialization, 2011-2016
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) Columbia (SC) Chapter, The Links, Incorporated, President 2013-2014, Vice President 2012-2013  
(b) Columbia City Ballet, Board of Directors, 2009-2016 (no longer a member)  
(c) Historic Columbia, Board of Directors, 2015 to present  
(d) Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.  
(e) Columbia Chapter, Moles, Inc.  
(f) St. Peters Catholic Church, Finance Committee
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.
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) Adam Davis  
First Citizen Bank  
1230 Main Street  
Columbia, SC 29201  
(803) 931-1875 (work)
- (b) Judge (Ret.) C. Tolbert Goolsby, Jr.  
Woodland Hills West  
Columbia, SC 29210  
(803) 772-9394 (home)
- (c) Deacon Michael Younginer  
St. Peter's Catholic Church  
1529 Assembly Street  
Post Office Box 1896  
Columbia, SC 29201  
(803) 315-5388 (mobile)
- (d) Martha Scott Smith  
1024 Enclave Way  
Columbia, SC 29223  
(803) 414-1704 (mobile)
- (e) Nancy M. Pearson  
106 Windward  
East Hampton, NY 11937  
(803) 920-3604 (mobile)

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.

Not applicable.

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: Al Shes Lee

Sworn to before me this 29<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2016.

Betty G. Smith  
(Notary Signature)

Betty S. Smith  
(Notary Printed Name)

Notary Public for South Carolina

My Commission Expires: 12/20/2018