

JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION
PERSONAL DATA QUESTIONNAIRE

Grace Gilchrist Knie

Circuit Court, Seventh Judicial Circuit, Seat 2

ORIGINAL

I am amending and supplement my Personal Data Questionnaire previously submitted on July 19, 2016, as follows:

Question 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: 40% including City Prosecutor Position 1995-2010

(b) non-jury: 60%

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

And additionally by way of supplement:

(a) jury: 5% jury in the last five years and 40% jury from 1995-2010 due to my serving as the City Prosecutor for jury trials at the City of Spartanburg Municipal Court for that period;

(b) non-jury: 95% non-jury in the last five years and 60% non-jury from 1995-2010 due to my serving as the City Prosecutor for jury trials at the City of Spartanburg Municipal Court for that period;

Question 31:

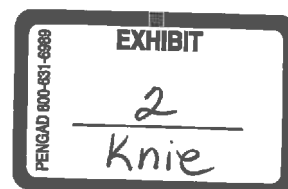
Describe any financial arrangements or business relationships you have, or have had in the past, that could constitute or result in a possible conflict of interest in the position you seek. Explain how you would resolve any potential conflict of interest.

(a) I own an office building located at 276 Magnolia Street in Spartanburg, SC, and I lease office space to William O. Pressley, Jr., a Spartanburg attorney;

(b) I am married to a Spartanburg attorney, Patrick Eugene Knie.

And additionally by way of supplement:

(a) I own an office building located in Spartanburg that I lease to a sole practitioner, Attorney William O. Pressley, Jr., whom specializes in probate and estate matters. In proceedings in which Attorney Pressley is legal counsel of record my procedure as to the resolution of any potential conflict of interest is that I would disclose on the record the nature of the relationship and give counsel and parties the opportunity discuss my disqualification outside my presence as outlined in Rule 501, SCACR, Canon 3E.(1) and 3F. the Remittal of Disqualification procedure, 'the judge may disclose on the record the basis of the judge's disqualification and may ask the parties and their lawyers to consider, out of the presence of the judge, whether to waive disqualification.' This should be balanced against the requirement of Rule 501, SCACR Canon 3B.(1) 'A judge shall hear and decide matters assigned to the judge except those in which disqualification is required.'

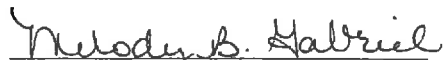


- (b) I am married to Attorney Patrick E. Knie. I would disqualify myself from hearing matters in which he is counsel of record or in other matters in which he is involved as specifically outlined pursuant to Rule 501, SCACR, Canon 3E.(1) , “A judge shall disqualify himself or herself in a proceeding in which the judge’s impartiality might reasonably be questioned,...” Canon 3E. lists specific examples of when the judge’s impartiality might be questioned, such as if the judge’s spouse is a party or lawyer in the proceeding, if the judge has or judge’s spouse has more than a de minimis interest in the proceeding, if the judge has a bias concerning a party or lawyer in the proceeding, or if the judge’s spouse is a likely to be a material witness. Canon 3E.(1)(a)-(d).

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

Signature: 
Grace Gilchrist Knie , Attorney

Sworn to before me this 21 day of October, 2016.


(Notary Signature)

Melody B. GABRIEL
(Notary Printed Name)
Notary Public for South Carolina
My Commission Expires: 09/04/17