



**JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION
PERSONAL DATA QUESTIONNAIRE**

Court, Position, and Seat # for which you are applying:
Family Court, Judge Eighth Judicial Circuit, Seat 2

1. Name: Mr. Samuel M. Price, Jr.

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

Are you currently serving in some capacity as a judge?
(Includes Municipal, Magistrate, Etc.)
Newberry County Special Referee (non-jury civil matters)

Home Address: [REDACTED]

Business Address: 1413 Main Street, P. O. Drawer 836, Newberry, South Carolina
29108

E-Mail Address: [REDACTED]

Telephone Number: (home): [REDACTED]
(office): (803) 276-0796

2. Date of Birth: [REDACTED], 1949
Place of Birth: Newberry, South Carolina
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 December 20, 1970 to Ann Renwick Price
Never divorced, three 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.

Yes

- (a) US Army from September 1, 1974, to November 30, 1974 (Active duty for training)
- (b) South Carolina Army National Guard from February 1976 to October 1, 1995
Lieutenant Colonel, Social Security number was used in lieu of serial number, Retired (after twenty plus years of service), Honorable discharge

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) Newberry College (Summer school) 1967 - left to attend Wofford College
- (b) Wofford College (1967 to 1971) BA in History
- (c) USC School of Law (1971 to 1974) JD

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.

Admitted to South Carolina in November 1974. Took the Bar Exam one (1) time.

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) Class representative in Student Government senior year (1970-1971) at Wofford College
- (b) Participated in a clinic to represent juveniles in Richland County Family Court while at USC School of Law.

10. Describe your continuing legal or judicial education during the past five years. Pursuant to Appellate Court Rules Appendix C III. Exemptions B., "members who are at least sixty (60) years old and have been admitted to the practice of law for thirty (30) or more years . . ." are exempt. On November 6, 2009, I became 60 years old. In December of 2004, I had been practicing law for thirty (30) years. Although I am exempt from CLE requirements, I continue to do some CLE.

<u>Conference/CLE Name</u>	<u>Date(s)</u>
(a) Old Republic Title Insurance Seminar	10/14/15
(b) 2015 Social Security Representatives' Workshop	09/30/15
(c) Old Republic Title Insurance Ethics Seminar	12/06/12
(d) Ethics on the River	06/22/12
(e) SC Conference on Lawyer and Judicial Conference	11/01/11
(f) Family Law Training	04/01/11

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) I was an Associate Professor at Newberry College for the years 1976, 1977, 1979 and 1980.
 - (1) Business Law, a 3 hour course survey of civil law.
 - (2) Real Estate and Insurance Law, a 3 hour course focused on South Carolina real estate law and life insurance and property casualty insurance.
 - (b) I was in the Judge Advocate section of the National Guard. One of the duties was to help prepare guardsman for deployment.
Pre-mobilization lectures. These lectures focused on the need and application of powers of attorney, last will and testaments, living wills, health care powers of attorney. The lectures also taught principles of real estate law, probate and estate law, domestic relations, and insurance law.
12. List all published books and articles you have written and give citations and the dates of publication for each.
- (a) Information for Troop Deployments Outside the Continental United States; February 3, 1990. This is a 120 compilation of guidelines for troops deployed in fifteen European countries and two Mid-eastern countries. I edited, compiled, indexed and formatted the pamphlet to be distributed through channels in the South Carolina Army National Guard.
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, 1974;
 - (b) US Federal District Court, 1975;
 - (c) US Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, 1979;
 - (d) Supreme Court of the United States of America, 1983;
 - (e) US Court of Military Appeals, 1986.
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) December 1974 to May 30, 1976: Associate attorney in the Law Office of Richard M. Kenan. I represented clients in General Sessions and Common Pleas matters. I researched and prepared two separate briefs for appeals to the South Carolina Supreme Court.
 - (b) June 1, 1976 to Date: Sole practitioner. The practice consists of both an office practice and a trial practice.
The office practice consists of real estate closings, drafting and supervising the execution of documents including, but not limited to, wills, trusts, powers of attorney, health care powers of attorney, deeds, promissory notes, real estate

mortgage, prenuptial agreements, contracts of sale, bills of sale, living wills, and specialized contracts and probate and estate work. I have spent much time counseling and advising clients as to specific legal problems.

The trial practice consists of appearances in Common Pleas Court, Family Court, Magistrate Court, City Recorder's Court, Office of Disability Adjudication and Review (Social Security Disability cases), South Carolina Court of Appeals, and South Carolina Supreme Court. Over the last ten years, I have done very little criminal work.

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.

My domestic practice started immediately after beginning to practice law. My first domestic cases were before the State had a uniform Family Court system. Judge Francis Nicholson, Judge of the Eighth Judicial Circuit, would conduct Common Pleas for domestic matters on specified Saturday mornings. Otherwise, domestic matters were squeezed into the Common Pleas docket or referred to other lawyers as special referees. Non-support cases were handled in General Sessions Court. I have handled hundreds of cases in Family Court. Some cases went to trial; however, many cases were settled after negotiations. I have been appointed on abuse and neglect cases, juvenile justice cases and I have been appointed as a Guardian Ad Litem in custody cases. I have taken and completed the training in Family Court Mediation. I have handled divorce cases, separation cases, equitable division cases, child custody cases, child support cases, adoption cases, abuse and neglect cases, and DJJ matters. I am intimately familiar with the fear, frustration, anxiety, humiliation, and sometimes terror in the hearts and minds of Family Court litigants. I am also familiar with the lawyering difficulty in bringing a case to trial. This experience gives me the ability to make fair and equitable decisions.

- (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.

N/A

- (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.
N/A
- (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.
N/A

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.

(a) Martindale-Hubbell: Peer Rated for High Professional Achievement; BV 4.4/5.1 (Peer Rating)

*** 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?

- (a) federal: My experience in Federal Court in the last five years is limited to Social Security Disability appeals. I have filed three (3) cases in Federal District Court; one of which was appealed to the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals. In these cases, the issues were submitted by briefs. No physical appearance was had before a live judge or panel.
- (b) state: I have an active practice before all courts (excepting General Sessions). I could only quesstimate an answer. I have had dozens of appearances in the past five years.

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

	Fees	Estimated Time
(a) civil:	35%	25%
(b) criminal:	0%	0%
(c) domestic:	6%	40%
(d) other:	59%	35%
Social Security disability		
Drafting documents		
Probate		
Special Referee fees		

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: 25%

(b) non-jury: 75%

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) Gilliam v. Foster, 75 F.3d 881 (4th Cir. (S.C.) January 29, 1996); 63 F.3d 287 (4th

Cir. (S.C. Aug 08, 1995). This is a criminal murder case. I was appointed to represent one of the three defendants. One of the defendants was the son of a sitting county councilman. The jury had been picked, seated and sworn in. The State had presented several witnesses. A SLED forensic investigator had taken numerous photographs of the crime scene. Some of these photographs, but not all, had been introduced into evidence by the SLED investigator. After the investigator's testimony, the Court recessed for lunch. The photographs that had not been introduced into evidence were left on the witness stand. The bailiff put the photographs on the rail of the jury box. When the jury came back from lunch, they viewed photographs that had not been entered into evidence. On the State's motion, the trial judge granted a mistrial. The case was rescheduled for retrial. An appeal was filed in the State Court system under theory of double jeopardy and a simultaneous action was filed in Federal District Court. Both the South Carolina Court of Appeals and the Federal District Court refused to find that a retrial would be double jeopardy. The District Court decision was appealed to the Fourth Circuit. The retrial began. After several State witnesses had testified, an Order was issued by the Fourth Circuit to stop the trial. The case was scheduled to be heard before the Fourth Circuit *en banc*. The Fourth Circuit found that jeopardy had attached and the retrial would be unconstitutional. Although the State filed a petition for certiorari, such petition was denied by the United States Supreme Court. The importance of this case is that it further defined and refined double jeopardy principles.

(b) Shelton v. Oscar Mayer Foods Corp., 325 S.C. 248, 481 S.E.2d 706 (S.C. 1997); 319 S.C. 81; 459 S.E.2d 851 (S.C.App. 1995). This is a wrongful termination case. Plaintiff was accused (wrongfully) of smoking marijuana in the company parking lot after his shift. Defendant was fired. After three days of trial before a jury, the trial court granted defendant employer's motion for directive verdict. The Court of Appeals affirmed the lower court. The South Carolina Supreme Court remanded the case for a new trial confirming that in South Carolina there is a covenant of good faith and fair dealing in every employment contract.

(c) Brooks v. Kay, 339 S.C. 479, 503 S.E.2d 120 (S.C. Mar. 27, 2000). This is an action to set aside a deed. Plaintiff was the only heir of grantor. Grantor was an elderly lady who transferred 200 plus acres to defendant. Defendant was a stranger to grantor who met her while hunting her land. He befriended her, did favors for her, and purchased one or two lots from her. Defendant then presented grantor with a deed transferring the property to himself. The deed was executed in the office of the

Clerk of Court for Newberry County. Defendant was present during the execution. When grantor returned to her home, she called the Clerk's office and said "Do not record the deed." Defendant had obtained a copy of the executed deed before he left the Clerk's office. After grantor's death, during the probate process, defendant submitted the copy of the deed as proof of the title transfer and ownership. The matter was tried in Common Pleas, judge only. The trial court affirmed the transfer. The Court of Appeals upheld the trial court. The South Carolina Supreme Court reversed. The Court addressed the issues of the dead man's statute, the existence of a confidential relationship and its impact on grantor, and undue influence. This case contained many factual issues that will be helpful for those persons trying to protect the elderly from being financially duped.

- (d) Hancock v. Mid-South Management Co., Inc., 673 S.E.2d 801, 381 S.C. 326 (S.C. 2009); 370 S.C. 131, 634 S.E.2d 12 (S.C.App. Jun 12, 2006). This is a slip and fall case. Plaintiff tripped over a small pot hole in the parking lot of a newspaper company when she was attempting to purchase a paper from a newspaper box. The plaintiff was elderly. When she fell, she damaged her shoulder. The case was dismissed on defendant's motion for summary judgment. The Court of Appeals affirmed. The South Carolina Supreme Court reversed finding that this was a matter to be determined by a jury on the facts which not only included the condition of the parking lot surface but also the considerations of any duty defendant may owe an invitee because of any physical limitations. The case was later tried by a jury and a verdict rendered for plaintiff (Plaintiff had died during the appellate process).
 - (e) Herbert S. Fulmer, III v. Oscar Mayer Foods Corporation, d/b/a Louis Rich, a wholly owned subsidiary of Philip Morris Companies, Inc., 1994CP36-87. Mr. Fulmer was a quality assurance supervisor for defendant corporation. Plaintiff supervised one person. Both working on a new computer system to help establish recipes but also to insure the computer system was secure. The employee worked first shift and plaintiff worked second shift. On a particular night, first shift employee had failed to leave the password to plaintiff. Plaintiff attempted to contact first shift employee by telephone numerous times. Plaintiff was able to by-pass the password system and get into the proper program so that he could do his work that night. The next day, plaintiff was fired. Defendant corporation took out a criminal warrant for computer hacking. Plaintiff was found not guilty in the criminal case. Plaintiff then brought a civil action against Louis Rich for false arrest, breach of covenant of good faith and fair dealing, and actual and punitive damages. The jury awarded plaintiff a verdict of \$200,000.
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) Daniel v. White et al., 272 S.C. 477, 252 S.E.2d 912 (S.C. 1979).
 - (b) Austin v. Taylor, 284 S.C. 414, 326 S.E.2d 656 (S.C. 1985).
 - (c) Nelums v. Cousins, 304 S.C. 306, 403 S.E.2d 681 (S.C.App. Apr. 22, 1991).
 - (d) Shelton v. Oscar Mayer Foods Corp., 325 S.C. 248, 481 S.E.2d 706 (S.C. 1997); 319 S.C. 81; 459 S.E.2d 851 (S.C.App. 1985).
 - (e) Brooks v. Kay, 339 S.C. 479, 530 S.E.2d 120 (S.C. Mar. 27, 2000).

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) None
 - (b)
 - (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) Appointed as Assistant City Recorder 1977-1978 for the City of Newberry.
Jurisdiction was limited to 30 days confinement and/or statutory fine.
 - (b) Special Referee for Newberry County. Newberry County does not have a standing master or master-in-equity. Special Referees are appointed by the Common Pleas Circuit Court to hear non-jury matters. Such cases are primarily mortgage foreclosures but also include partition actions, supplemental proceedings and quiet title actions. I have presided over such matters since 1984. I have over 900 files of special reference matters.
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) Most of these cases were very routine.
 - (b)
 - (c)
 - (d)
 - (e)
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.
- (a) Newberry County Election Commission and Registration Board. Appointed on January 8, 1999, and continue to serve. I have typically timely filed my report with the State Ethics Commission during this time; however, one year I did not file on time because of my confusion as to which year to file, i.e. unlike an income tax return which is filed for the previous year, the Ethics Report is required to be filed before the calendar year ends. I was not subject to a penalty for the late filing.
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.
- N/A

27. Have you ever been an unsuccessful candidate for elective, judicial, or other public office? If so, give details, including dates.
- (a) County Council – 1980. This was a three person race. I missed the run-off by 19 votes.
 - (b) City Council – 1995. This was a three person race. I was in the run-off but lost the race.
 - (c) Family Court Judge Eighth Judicial Circuit At-Large Seat – 2012. I withdrew.
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.)

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

A complete, current financial net worth statement was provided to the Commission.

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.
- I am aware of 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.
Yes. Coverage has been in force since June of 1976. I currently have \$1,000,000 coverage with a deductible of \$5,000.
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?
Yes. I do have a Facebook page. I am not active on Facebook. My wife and children are active on Facebook. They will sometimes post photographs and may tag me in such photographs. I sometimes use Facebook to search for information on potential witnesses and possible jurors. I also have an internet website www.samuelpricelaw.com.
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) Newberry County Bar
- (b) South Carolina Bar
- (c) South Carolina Association for Justice
- (d) American Bar Association
- (e) American Association for Justice

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) Aveleigh Fellowship of Presbyterians, Newberry, SC, Former Elder, Former Deacon, Former Coach for Church League Basketball team ages 8 through 11.
- (b) Rotary Club of Newberry, Newberry, SC, former President, Rotarian of the Year and Paul Harris Fellow
- (c) Former Assistant Scout Master of Boy Scout Troop No. 1, Assistant Scout Master of the Year, Blue Ridge Council.
- (d) Former Chairman of the Newberry County Red Cross Chapter.
- (e) Former Chairman of the Newberry County Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse.
- (f) Former Chairman of the Newberry County Family YMCA Board.
- (g) Former member of the Exchange Club of Newberry.

(h) Current Chairman of the Newberry County Election Commission and Registration Board.

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.

As a sole practitioner in a small town, I have represented people from all walks of life. I understand cash flow problems. I have numerous clients who pay me "when they can". I understand people who have financial difficulties. Dr. Lewis P. Jones, one of my history professors, introduced me to the concept of noblesse oblige (the obligation of the nobility). My personal philosophy is that the world should be a better place because of my efforts. I have always been concerned about taking care of "the little people". I believe everyone should be equal under the law. I think all persons should be treated with honor and dignity.

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) Thomas H. Pope, III, Esquire, P. O. Box 190, Newberry, SC 29108; (803) 276-2532

(b) James A. Lander, 2029 Main Street, Newberry, SC 29108; (803) 276-1736

(c) David A Carlson, CPA, P. O. Box 754, Newberry, SC 29108; (803) 276-9756

(d) Oscar F. Lovelace, M.D., 600 North Wheeler Street, Prosperity, SC 29127; (803) 364-4852

(e) Bob Burch, First Community Bank, P. O. Box 417, Newberry, SC 29108; (803) 321-3200

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;
None
 - (b) in which there have been public improvements of \$200 or that adjoins property in which there have been public improvements of \$200; or

- None
(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;
None
(b) nature and value of any public improvements; and
None
(c) South Carolina state or local public agency which purchased or is leasing or renting such property.
None

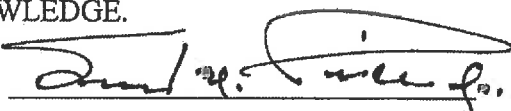
Attach a copy of any contract or agreement.

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

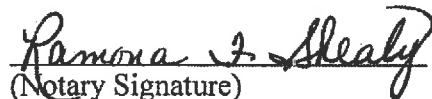
57. For sitting judges, have you used judicial letterhead or the services of your staff, for which you did not pay, while campaigning for this office?
N/A

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 29th day of July, 2016.


(Notary Signature)

Ramona F. Shealy
(Notary Printed Name)
Notary Public for South Carolina
My Commission Expires: 3/14/2024