



### Amended Personal Data Questionnaire

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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) Member of Forest Lake Elementary School PTO

(b) Member of Beth Shalom Synagogue

(c) Recipient of the 2016 Ernest F. Hollings Award for Excellence in State Prosecution in the Family Court

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L. Ed Hill

**JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION  
PERSONAL DATA QUESTIONNAIRE**

Court, Position, and Seat # for which you are applying: Family Court At-Large Seat 8

1. Name: Mrs. Laurel Eden Harvey Hendrick  
Name that you are known by if different from above  
(Example: A Nickname): L. Eden Hendrick

Are you currently serving in some capacity as a judge? No  
(Includes Municipal, Magistrate, Etc.)

Home Address:

[REDACTED]

Business Address:

1701 Main Street  
Columbia, SC 29201

E-Mail Address:

[REDACTED]

Telephone Number:

(business cell): 803-920-4803  
(office): 803-576-1889

2. Date of Birth: [REDACTED], 1980  
Place of Birth: Columbia, 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.

Married on December 16, 2006 to Matthew Richard Hendrick

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.  
I have never served in the military.
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) University of Georgia, Honors Program, Bachelor of Arts in Journalism, 1998-2002  
Magna Cum Laude  
(b) University of South Carolina, School of Law, Juris Doctorate, 2002-2005
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, 2005
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) College: The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, Kappa Tau Alpha Nation Honor Society in Journalism, Public Relations Society of America, Big Brother/ Big Sister Organization, Presidential Scholar, Dean's List  
(b) Law School: Student Bar Association, Palmetto Legal Society
10. Describe your continuing legal or judicial education during the past five years.
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| (a) Children's Law Conference                                       | 11/05/2010; |
| (b) Children's Law Office Mini Summit on Justice for Children       | 12/02/2010; |
| (c) SCWLA Ethics Seminar  | 02/03/2011; |
| (d) Attorney General's Liability and Defense for Government Lawyers | 02/18/2011; |
| (e) SCWLA Troubling Statistics on Lawyers and Substance Abuse       | 06/02/2011; |
| (f) SCWLA Social Security Disability and Children                   | 10/12/2011; |
| (g) Children's Law Conference                                       | 11/04/2011; |
| (h) SCWLA Legal Needs and Immigration Relief                        | 03/01/2012; |
| (i) Law School Symposium on Prosecutorial Ethics and Duties         | 03/15/2012; |
| (j) Ending Child Abuse Through Advocacy & Education                 | 03/30/2012; |
| (k) SCWLA Collaborative Law in South Carolina                       | 07/26/2012; |
| (l) SCDSS Immigration CLE   | 10/05/2012; |
| (m) Children's Law Conference                                       | 10/26/2012; |
| (n) SCDSS Special Issues in Child Welfare Proceedings               | 12/07/2012; |
| (o) SCDSS Trial Preparation and Trial Advocacy Skills               | 02/22/2013; |
| (p) Prosecuting Child Sexual Abuse Cases in Family Court            | 05/31/2013; |
| (q) SCDSS Effective Appellate Advocacy                              | 09/27/2013; |
| (r) SCDSS Boot Camp Training for Child Welfare Professionals        | 04/04/2014; |
| (s) SCDSS Evidentiary Challenges in Abuse and Neglect Cases         | 09/26/2014; |

(t) Children's Law Conference	10/24/2014;
(u) Forensic Science and Controlled Substances	01/23/2015;
(v) Fifth Circuit Solicitor's Office Quarterly Update	03/10/2015;
(w) Prosecuting In Family Court: Issues and Best Practices	05/18/2015;
(x) Fifth Circuit Solicitor's Office Quarterly Update	08/20/2015;
(y) National Association of Drug Court Professionals Annual Conference	07/27/2015;
(z) Solicitor's Association Annual Conference	09/20/2015;
(aa) Children's Law Conference	10/23/2015;
(bb) Human Trafficking Summit (Registered)	08/16/2016.

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) Presented at Department of Social Services Continuing Legal Education Conferences on such topics as Foregoing Reasonable Efforts and the Role of the Foster Care Review Board in the Child Welfare System.
- (b) Guest lecturer in the Juvenile Justice Clinic and Juvenile Justice Courses at the University of South Carolina, School of Law. I have also presented to the Children's Law Center's Externship Class and supervised 2 externs as part of that class.
- (c) Since 2005 I have made presentations to local law enforcement agencies, including the Richland County Sheriff's Department, City of Columbia Police Department, University of South Carolina Police Department, Irmó Police Department and Forest Acres Police Department on juvenile procedures. I also participate in training School Resource Officers at the City of Columbia Police Department and the Richland County Sheriff's Department.
- (d) Presented during training for arbitrators for the Richland County Youth Arbitration Program.
12. List all published books and articles you have written and give citations and the dates of publication for each.  
I have not published any books or articles.
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.  
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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.

Divorce and Equitable Division of Property: Because the majority of my career has been focused on juvenile justice and abuse and neglect cases, my comparative level of expertise in this area is modest. I have observed several contested and non-contested divorce hearings. I also have interpreted numerous Final Divorce Decrees as it related to either an abuse and neglect case or a juvenile justice case. I will dedicate the time and attention necessary to ensure that I have a full understanding of all pertinent statutes and case law.

Child Custody: My primary experience in this area was when child custody litigation occurred concurrently with Department of Social Services abuse and neglect cases. The outcome of the abuse and neglect case would often impact the private custody case and vice versa. This afforded me the opportunity to collaborate with private guardians and the attorneys representing the parents. While private child custody

cases are different from abuse and neglect cases, there are overlapping issues. I am confident that I will quickly be able to gain the knowledge and experience necessary to appropriately handle divorce and child custody cases.

I have also prosecuted status offense cases (incorrigible, runaway, truancy) when there is simultaneous custody litigation.

Adoption: As the Staff Attorney at the Foster Care Review Board, I worked with attorneys representing foster parents who filed private actions for termination of parental rights and adoption. This provided me the opportunity to collaborate with skilled adoption practitioners across the State. Also, during my tenure as the Foster Care Review Board Staff Attorney, I had the especially gratifying experience of attending several "Adoption Days". This is a special day of Court when the Judge dedicates the entire docket to foster care adoptions. I fondly remember the Family Court Judge's comments that said these are special days because of the happiness and encouragement the finalization of adoption provides to the parties and agencies involved.

Abuse and Neglect: From September 2010 to January 2015 I practiced exclusively in this area. As the Staff Attorney for Foster Care Review Board I participated in various types of abuse and neglect hearings across the state. During this time, I attended stake holder meetings and interacted with child welfare professionals including lawyers, social workers, volunteer Foster Care Review Board members, volunteer guardian ad litem, foster parents and various treatment providers. While at the Foster Care Review Board I did research on the public policy goals of child welfare law and monitored local and national legislation dealing with children's issues.

As a Department of Social Services County Attorney I represented the agency in all hearings and drafted all pleadings and orders associated with those cases, including termination of parental rights actions. While at Richland County, I appeared in Court at least two (2) times per week handling between ten (10) to fifteen (15) cases, while responsible for approximately seventy (70) cases. As part of managing abuse and neglect cases, I was responsible for ensuring hearings were scheduled and conducted within the statutory time frames, all parties had proper notice of each hearing, and that all pleadings, orders and other documents and appropriate paperwork were properly filed with the Court. I was tasked with responding to all discovery requests and attending or completing any necessary depositions. I interacted daily with social workers, volunteer guardians, guardian attorneys, defense attorneys and numerous *pro se* litigants. Also, it was imperative to ensure that the agency's recommendation were in accordance with the law, based on the evidence and in the best interest of the child.

Juvenile Justice: I have extensive criminal law experience. I have prosecuted cases in Magistrate Court, General Sessions and Family Court. The vast majority of my criminal law experience is in Family Court. Prosecuting in General Sessions and Family Court has afforded me the ability to compare and contrast policy goals of each system. This has granted me a unique perspective on the criminal justice system that I

believe would be beneficial as a Family Court Judge. I have conducted over ten (10) waiver hearings, some lasting multiple days. For the past eighteen (18) months I have been the manager and sole prosecutor in the Richland County Family Court Division. I prosecuted the entire spectrum of cases from status to violent offenses; truancy to murder. Richland County Family Court disposes of over a 1,000 juvenile petitions each year. A substantial percentage of those petitions are referred to divisionary programs. As the leader of the Family Court Division I coordinate with the Juvenile Pretrial Intervention Program, the Youth Arbitration Program, Juvenile Mental Health Court, Juvenile Drug Court and the Department of Juvenile Justice to ensure that each juvenile is referred to a program best suited to meet the rehabilitative goals for that juvenile. By attending Juvenile Mental Health Court every Monday night and being part of the Juvenile Drug Court team, I witnessed the transformation of many juveniles through these programs. I believe specialty courts are an essential component to the rehabilitative goals of the juvenile justice system.

As the prosecutor in the Family Court Division, I represent the State in every case and in every hearing; including detention, review, adjudication, dispositional hearings, trials and pleas. Juvenile cases are allotted two (2) days of Court time each week along with ability to schedule emergency hearings as needed. I supervise the staff responsible for providing notice and drafting Orders for every hearing. I provide courtesy legal advice to local law enforcement agencies about juvenile issues during and after normal work hours. I am consulted whenever law enforcement detains a juvenile in a secure facility.

- (b) If you are a candidate for Circuit Court, please provide a brief written description of our 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
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N/A

- (d) 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

- (e) 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.

I am not rated by any organization.

\* **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: 0%

(b) state: 100%

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: 0%

(b) criminal: 32 %

(c) domestic: 68%

(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: 0%

(b) non-jury: 100 %

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) State v. Terrence Jennings, 2010-UP-054 – This was a lengthy and complicated Armed Robbery and Murder trial of a 17 year old that shot and killed a good Samaritan that offered him and his friends a ride. One of the Co-defendants was a juvenile who only turned 14 weeks before the incident. The State moved to waive the juvenile's case to General Sessions due to the seriousness of the charge. I handled the waiver hearing in Family Court. The Family Court denied the motion to waive jurisdiction to General Sessions because of his young age and minimal prior record. After the waiver hearing, the juvenile became a cooperating witness and testified against Mr. Jennings. Mr. Jennings was also charged with Attempted Armed Robbery and Assault and Battery with Intent to Kill in which he shot a cab driver. After pre-trial hearings, the Court allowed the victim of the Attempted Armed Robbery and Assault with Intent to Kill to testify in the Murder trial. The jury found Mr. Jennings guilty of Armed Robbery and Murder and he was sentenced to life in prison. The juvenile was eventually adjudicated in Family Court to Accessory After the Fact of Armed Robbery and Murder and sentenced to serve an indeterminate amount of time at the Department of Juvenile Justice not to exceed his twenty-first birthday. I handled all of the Family Court hearings and was second seat in the General Sessions trial. This case was significant to me because the juvenile and Mr. Jennings were 3 years apart in age and participated in the same incident, but the end result for each of these teenagers was drastically different.
- (b) South Carolina Department of Social Services v. C. S., et. al. – This was a termination of parental rights action involving six (6) children with the same mother and four (4) different fathers. The first issue in this case was properly serving all the fathers. Only one of the fathers was actually able to be served by certified mail and the others had to be served by publication. When I took over the case, the termination of parental rights action had been pending for over six (6) months with none the fathers served. I was able to direct the case workers to comply with statutory requirements to obtain Orders for Publication and properly serve all of the parties. This family had been involved with the Department of Social Services for over ten (10) years and this was the third indicated case against the Mother. At the time of the termination of parental rights action, all of the children had been in foster care for thirty-two (32) consecutive months. The guardian ad litem agreed that termination of the parental rights was in the best interest of the five (5) youngest children, but not for the oldest child who was sixteen (16) years old due to his desire not to be adopted. After a trial, including testimony from the Mother, the Court terminated the parental rights of the parents to the five (5) youngest children and agreed with the guardian ad litem in regards to the older child. The five (5) younger siblings have been adopted. This case was significant to me because I was able to accomplish the legal steps necessary to provide the children with opportunity for a permanent home and to exit foster care with a positive outcome.
- (c) In the Interest of C. C. – In this case the 15 year old minor-Respondent was charged with two (2) counts of Criminal Sexual Conduct in the First Degree. The allegations in the case involved the minor-Respondent sexually assaulting his younger half-siblings. This case was very unusual because the Father of the

victims was also the Father of the minor-Respondent. The Father wanted his son held responsible but also to receive rehabilitation services. The Father did not believe his son should be on the sex offender registry for life and wanted to avoid the younger siblings having to testify against their older brother. I secured a solution that would prevent the younger children from having to testify and defer the issue of the sex offender registry to the presiding Judge. This allowed the Judge to review two (2) separate sex offender risk assessments and a full psychological evaluation before determining not to order the minor-Respondent to register as a sex offender. As a prosecutor, I felt strongly the juvenile needed inpatient sex offender treatment at a secure facility and should remain detained until the Department of Juvenile Justice located placement. The Court was concerned that the minor-Respondent had been incarcerated for several months and was not receiving treatment. I respected and gave deference to the Judge's decision and was able to collaborate with the defense attorney and the Department of Juvenile Justice to arrange that the minor-Respondent be placed at a group home near the inpatient treatment facility so outpatient treatment services could begin immediately and continue until bed space became available at the inpatient facility. This minor-Respondent is currently at the inpatient treatment facility and is progressing towards his treatment goals. Unfortunately, this is only one example of several cases I have prosecuted with juveniles sexually assaulting younger family members. This case is an example of how the prosecutor, defense attorney and Department of Juvenile Justice cooperate to accomplish a fair and just resolution for all parties involved.

- (d) Department of Social Services v. B. G., et al. – This child entered foster care at birth because the Mother abused drugs while pregnant. The child has a heart defect and while in foster care had complications during surgery causing a leg to be amputated. The Mother was successful with drug treatment but had difficulty securing stable housing and employment. To further complicate matters, the Mother's boyfriend/fiancée failed Court ordered drug screens. Throughout the case, the agency was concerned about the Mother's ability to care for her child's special medical needs. Over the course of the case the child left and reentered foster care three (3) times. The abuse and neglect case closed two (2) years after it opened with the child being reunited with her family. Nearly every hearing in this case was contested and I was responsible for drafting very lengthy and complicated pleadings and orders due to the multiple hearings and changes in custody. I was not the attorney when the case was initiated or closed; however, I did handle the majority of the litigation. I worked very diligently with the case workers, medical providers, defense attorneys and the guardian ad litem to ensure the agency followed the law and treated the Defendants fairly while never compromising the safety or welfare of the child. This case is remarkable because after three (3) entries in foster care, the child was successfully reunited with her family.
- (e) State v. Antonio Barnes and Devion Jenkins – When Mr. Barnes and Mr. Jenkins were fifteen (15) years old, they went to an apartment complex in search of a rival gang member. While they stood at the top of a hill looking into the apartment complex, Mr. Barnes encouraged Mr. Jenkins to shoot into the apartment complex

at the rival gang member. They did not hit their intended target and another person was shot and killed. Both were charged with Murder in Family Court. Both had prior history with the Department of Juvenile Justice and after separate waiver hearings were waived to General Sessions. After much negotiation, both entered a guilty plea to voluntary manslaughter and were sentenced to twenty-three (23) years. Although they were not convicted of murder, the victim's family was very appreciative of the effort it took to ensure they would have an adult conviction and serve significantly longer sentences than if the case remained in Family Court. I handled every aspect of this case from the initial forty-eight (48) hour detention hearing in Family Court to the final sentencing hearing in General Sessions. I believe that this was an appropriate result in this case because they were held accountable as adults but their young age was also considered.

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 have not personally handled any civil appeals.
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.  
I have not personally handled any criminal appeals.
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.  
I have never held judicial office.
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. N/A
  - (a)
  - (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.  
N/A
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.  
No
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.

Please 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.**

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 have no financial arrangements or business relationships that would result in any conflict of interest.
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.  
I have no criminal history.

33. Have you, to your knowledge, ever been under federal, state, or local investigation for possible violation of a criminal statute? If yes, explain.  
To my knowledge, I have never been under criminal investigation.
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.  
I have never had any collection procedures instituted against me or defaulted on a student loan. I have never filed bankruptcy.
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. I have worked at agencies that have been sued, but to my knowledge, I have not been named personally in any of those law suits.
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.  
To my knowledge, I have never been investigated by the Department of Social Services.
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.  
I have never been in private practice.
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 no social media accounts. I have been told that my picture has occasionally appeared on my friends and family's accounts.
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.  
I have no knowledge of any formal charges or informal allegations against me. I am not aware of the identity of the other candidates.
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.  
I have no knowledge of any formal charges or informal allegations against me. I am not aware of the identity of the other candidates.
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?  
At this time I have spent \$1.00 on stamps to mail my fingerprint cards to SLED.
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.  
I have made no contributions.
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.

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.

To my knowledge, 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 Association

(b) South Carolina Women's Law Association 2010-2013

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) Forest Lake Elementary School PTO

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 father is a member of the South Carolina Bar, with his practice concentrated in criminal defense. My mother is a licensed therapist who works with children and families. Growing up, I realized that both my parents were constantly helping and guiding people through difficult and emotional situations. This led me to choose a career serving others. For over a decade, I have been involved in Family Court in various capacities. This has granted me countless opportunities to witness how the Family Court operates and how it impacts the lives of the litigants and children involved. I have great



respect for those who serve as Family Court Judges. Family Court Judges have the responsibility of making difficult decisions in an emotional environment where the future of families, children, and lives are at stake.

My experience as a prosecutor in both Family Court and the Court of General Sessions, together with years of practicing in child welfare law, have equipped me with the knowledge, perspective, and insight to serve on the Family Court Bench. Furthermore, with the passage of the "Raise the Age" bill my expertise in criminal law will be a valuable asset as the jurisdiction of Family Court is set to expand in July 2019. This legislation allows the Family Court to adjudicate and rehabilitate more youth without the collateral consequences of an adult conviction. If given the opportunity, I will make a positive impact and substantial contribution to the Family Court Bench.

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.*

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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.

I do not have an interest in any property that meets these conditions and neither has any member of my immediate family.

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.

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.  
I have never sold, leased or rented any personal property to any public agency and neither has any member of my immediate family.
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?

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: L. E. [Handwritten Signature]

Sworn to before me this 26 day of July, 2016.

Rhonda P. Labounty  
(Notary Signature)

Rhonda P. Labounty  
(Notary Printed Name)

Notary Public for South Carolina  
My Commission Expires: 2-3-2021