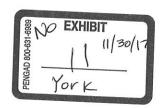
## JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION PERSONAL DATA QUESTIONNAIRE



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

1. Name: The Honorable Elizabeth Biggerstaff York

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

Are you currently serving in some capacity as a judge? (Includes Municipal, Magistrate, Etc.) Yes. Municipal Judge for the Town of Hartsville

Home Address:

THE REAL PROPERTY.

Business Address:

54 Public Square

Darlington, SC 29540

E-Mail Address:

Telephone Number:

(home):

(office): 843-968-0246

(cell):

2. Date of Birth:

1969

Place of Birth: Lancaster, SC

Social Security Number:

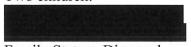
- 3. Are you a citizen of South Carolina? Yes
  Have you been a resident of this state for at least the immediate past five years? Yes
- 4. SCDL# or SCHD#: SCDL
  Voter Registration Number
- 5. Family Status: In the space below, (a) state whether you are single, married, widowed, divorced, or separated; (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: Divorced

Divorced on February 6, 2013, Darlington Co., S.C. Family Court, Ms. York was

moving party, One Year's Continuous Separation.

Two children:



Family Status: Divorced

Divorced on December 18, 1998, Chesterfield Co., S.C. Family Court, Ms. Harris was moving party, One Year's Continuous Separation. No children of this marriage.

- 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. Please provide a copy of your DD214 concerning your discharge. No military service.
- 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 South Carolina, 1987-1991, BA
  - (b) University of South Carolina School of Law, 1991-1994, 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 the South Carolina Bar in 1994. This is the only bar exam that I have taken. I am not licensed to practice in any other states.
- 9. List the significant activities in which you took part during your attendance at law school. Give the years you were involved in these activities and list any leadership positions you held.
  - (a) Student Bar Association, 1991-1994, class delegate 1991-1994, Facebook Chairman 1993-1994, Law Follies Chairman 1993-1994, SBA Service Award Winner 1994
- 10. Provide, as a separate attachment, your continuing legal or judicial education report from the past five years.

  See attached.
- 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 created a PowerPoint and lectured for the SC Bar video CLE "Yikes, I've Gotten a DSS Appointment."
  - (b) I have served on panel discussions for DSS in-house CLE programs
  - (c) I created a PowerPoint and have given presentations to law enforcement on Title 63 of the SC Code.
  - (d) I created a PowerPoint and have given a presentation to new DSS caseworkers on Title 63 of the SC Code.
  - (e) Adjunct Professor, Business Law, Coker College.
- 12. List all published books and articles you have written and give citations and the dates of publication for each. Please furnish as a separate attachment, two examples of legal articles,

briefs, orders, or other legal writings for which you can claim sole or primary authorship. If you cannot claim sole authorship, please explain the extent to which you are the primary author, to include a description of the other authors and their contributions. See attached brief and Order. No published 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.
  - (a) South Carolina, 1994;
  - (b) US District Court for the District of SC, 1998.
- 14. Describe chronologically, since graduation from law school, your legal experience. Please include a list of all positions held in which you worked in a legal capacity. Describe the general character of your practice and divide it into periods with dates if its character has changed over the years. Please also describe the extent to which you were involved with the administrative and financial management of each of these entities, including management of trust accounts.
  - (a) From 1994 into 1995, I was a law clerk to the Honorable Don S. Rushing, a Circuit Court Judge. During six months of the year term, he was Chief Judge for Administrative Purposes (Criminal) in Charleston County.
  - (b) From 1995 until 1996, I was Assistant Solicitor for the Fourth Judicial Circuit prosecuting cases in the General Sessions Courts of Chesterfield, Darlington, Dillon and Marlboro Counties.
  - (c) From 1996 until 2004. I worked at the Law Firm of Jennings and Harris. I began as an associate and became partner after several years. The firm had a general trial practice. My personal practice included a focus on the Family Court, although I practiced in all trial courts. I was also a contract attorney for the South Carolina Department of Social Services handling abuse and neglect case for Chesterfield County. During that time, I was also an adjunct professor with Coker College, where I taught Business Law through their adult program. Additionally, I became a certified mediator for the Family Court in 2002. I assisted in supervising personnel and utilized the trust account.
  - (d) From 2004 until 2006, I worked at the Law Office of Nancy Bailey, located in Florence South Carolina. This practice focused almost exclusively on Family Court matters. As Florence was an initial mandatory-mediation county, I conducted mediations, including <u>probono</u> mediations for the Family Court during this time. I also continued to work as a contract attorney for the South Carolina Department of Social Services handling abuse and neglect cases for Chesterfield County. I assisted in supervising personnel and utilized the trust account.
  - (e) In 2006, I began working for the South Carolina Department of Social Services on a full-time basis handling their abuse and neglect cases for Darlington and Chesterfield counties and assisting other counties.
  - (f) In 2016, I opened the Law Office of Elizabeth York with a focus on Family Court matters. Additionally, I have a contract with SCDSS to handle abuse and neglect cases in three regions of South Carolina. I am part-time Municipal Judge for the City of Hartsville. I supervise personnel and have access to all accounts, including trust accounts.

- 15. Please answer the following (if you are a judge and <u>are not seeking a different type of judgeship</u>, 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 and procedural knowledge has prepared you to preside over such matters as a Family Court Judge. Please also indicate the frequency of your appearances before a Family Court Judge within the past five years.

My professional experience has included a focus in the Family Court since 1996, and I have experience in each of the above-mentioned areas. I have represented the South Carolina Department of Social Services in abuse and neglect cases since 1996. From 1996 until 2006, I handled all types of family court cases including divorce, equitable division of marital property, child custody, adoption, and juvenile justice in addition to my work with abuse and neglect cases. In 2006, I began handling abuse and neglect cases on a full-time basis. In this capacity with DSS, I have handled cases involving with the overlap of these cases with custody, adoption, and juvenile justice issues. In 2016, I again entered private practice and handle all types of Family Court matters in each of these categories.

- (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 and procedural knowledge 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. Please also indicate the frequency of your appearances before a Circuit Court Judge within the past five years.
- (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 or a Circuit Court Judge within the past five years.
- (d) If you are a candidate for Administrative Law Court, 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 or Circuit Court within the past five years.

16. What is your rating or membership status, if any, by any legal rating organization, such as, Best Lawyers, Chambers, Legal 500, Martindale-Hubbell, Who's Who Legal, Super Lawyers, Million Dollar Advocates Forum, etc.? If you are currently a member of the judiciary, list your last available rating, if any.

My last rating by Martindale-Hubbell was in 2009; Distinguished BV.

\*Justices/judges applying for re-election to their <u>current</u> position may omit Questions 17–22. <u>If you are a judge seeking a judgeship different than your current position, Questions 17-22 should be answered based on your experience <u>prior to serving on the bench.</u></u>

- 17. What was the frequency of your court appearances during the past five years or in 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 past five years or in the five years prior to your election to the bench?
  - (a) civil:
  - (b) criminal:
  - (c) domestic: 25%
  - (d) other: abuse and neglect in the Family Court 75%
- 19. What percentage of your practice in trial court during the past five years or in 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:
  - (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. Give citations if the cases were reported and describe why these matters were significant.
  - (a) SCDSS v. J.E., Case Number 96-DR-13-778

This was an abuse and neglect case in which the defendant was a foster mother who severely beat a foster child in her care, killing the child. The defendant mother had other foster children and an adopted child in her care. The deceased child was one of ten siblings in foster care. I not only handled the Family Court abuse and neglect side of the case, I also actively participated in the criminal trial of Ms. E. (97-GS-13-77, 98-GS-13-10) and a civil trial against SCDSS and a school principal (97-CP-13-145, 98-CP-13-03). This case occurred as the child abuse code was changing nationwide. It involved the new code as well

as the issues of severe abuse, mandatory reporting of abuse and neglect, and foster care licensing.

### (b) <u>SCDSS, In the Interests of Baby Doe,</u> Case Numbers 14-DR-13-645 and 15-DR-13-0628

Chesterfield County was thrust into the national news when a newborn was abandoned at the Health Department. The child was determined to be approximately three days old at the time she was left in a restroom at the health department. SCDSS had to obtain a birth certificate for the child whose parents were never located. Additionally, I had to weigh the interests of the privacy of the infant as DSS received nationwide requests to adopt the child. This balancing required considering the rights of the unknown parents, while expediting permanency for the child, who has since been adopted.

#### (c) SCDSS v. LJ, SJM, OG, Case Number 15-DR-16-667

This is the most recent case among many involving three children. The agency's involvement with this family began in 2006 and has continued off and on until today. Two of the children are twins and all of the children have delays and have exhibited behavioral issues. The children have spent the majority of their lives in foster care, but now seem secure in a possible stable, long term, hopefully adoptive placement(s). The reason that this case is listed is because it involved the importance of the correct use of expert witnesses. Numerous psychological evaluations have been used, as well as medical experts in child abuse. Further, I tried a termination of parental rights action in this matter for three days wherein the Court allowed the children to return to a relative placement alternative. This case is significant because in emphasizes, at least to me, the need for permanency for the children weighed against the efforts to place children with relatives and/or a return home.

### (d) State v. Grandison, Case Number 01-GS-241,242

A week long armed robbery trial. My client was convicted of armed robbery. The jury determined that my client was the driver of the get-away-car. This case involved video surveillance and its admission which was fairly new at the time as well the cases involving the "hand of one is the hand of all." Mr. Grandison was a college student who grew up in Delaware and was attending college in Virginia. He was in South Carolina with "friends" from college, one of who was from this State. The first two friends apprehended gave statements and the admissibility of those statements and the weight given was an issue. Additionally, I filed several Motions to try to have the State try my client separately from the gunman.

#### (e) SCDSS, In the Interests of JC, Case Number 09-DR-13-378

This case involved severe abuse and neglect of three siblings. The abuse included locking the children out of the family home during the day in severe heat. One sibling was placed into a dark storage building for days with no electricity or water and forced to wear a shock collar. A sibling of this child was asked to shock the other child and to empty the bucket that the child used for a restroom. All siblings had to empty the bucket that the children used as a restroom while working in the yard. The case involved media attention, a corollary trial, and required expediting of the case to assist these children. Personally, I will never forget preparing these children for trial. The perpetrators no longer have parental rights to the child. Two of the siblings have been adopted. The sibling who was asked to perform the shocking of the other siblings has been opposed to adoption and has requested to remain in a placement in an area where had been placed initially. He is an honors student at a high school in South Carolina.

- 21. List up to five civil appeals you have personally handled. Give the case name, the court, the date of decision, and the citation if the case was reported.
  - (a) SCDSS, Respondent, v. FV, JV and TD, of whom FV and JV are Appellants. In the Interests of three minors. Case Number 2011-UP-467

This appeal from the Family Court of Darlington County involved Appellants FV and JV's challenging the Court's finding of abuse and/or neglect, the Treatment Plan ordered, and the placement of their name onto the Central Registry of Child Abuse and Neglect. The Court of Appeals upheld the findings of abuse and/or neglect, found the issue presented on the Treatment Plan was moot as argued by SCDSS, and reversed placement of the names of FV and JV onto the Central Registry of Abuse and Neglect.

(b) <u>SCDSS</u>, Respondent, v. GMP, AKA, ZP, MP, and John Doe, In the Interest of a minor child under eighteen years, Case Number 20012-UP-470.

MP appealed the termination of his parental rights. The Court of Appeals reviewed his case pursuant to Ex Parte Cauthen, 291 S.C. 465, 354 S.E. 2d 381 (1987), and upheld the termination of his parental rights.

(c) <u>SCDSS</u>, Respondent, v. ZP, MP, of whom EP is the Appellant, In the Interests of one minor child under the age of eighteen, Case Number 2010-UP-240.

ZP appealed the Family Court's Order from a Permanency Planning hearing alleging that the evidence did not support the finding that the reunification was no longer a viable plan for the child and contending that the child's guardian ad litem did not perform her duties as mandated. The Court of Appeals upheld the decision of the Family Court.

(d) <u>SCDSS</u>, Respondent, v. SG, LG, GB, and John Doe, of whom SG is the Appellant. <u>In the interests of five children under the age of eighteen</u>, Case Number 2009-UP-164

SG appealed the termination of his parental rights. The Court of Appeals reviewed this case pursuant to Ex Parte Cauthen, 291 S.C. 465, 354 S.E. 2d 381 (1987), and upheld the termination of his parental rights.

- (e) <u>SCDSS v. BL, TH,</u> Case Number 20015-002525 This is a pending appeal pursuant to <u>Ex Parte Cauthen,</u> 291 S.C. 465, 354 S.E. 2d 381 (1987), of an Order from a judicial review hearing in the Family Court.
- 22. List up to five criminal appeals you have personally handled. Give the case name, the court, the date of decision and the citation if the case was reported.

  None.
- 23. Have you ever held judicial office? If so, list the periods of your service, the courts involved, and whether you were elected or appointed. Describe the jurisdiction of each of the courts and note any limitations on the jurisdiction of each court.
  I was appointed as a Municipal Judge for the City of Hartsville on July 1, 2016, and I presently serve in that capacity.
- 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.

The cases over which I preside in the Municipal Court do not involve or require written

orders.

- 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.
  - I have never held public office other than my appointment as a Municipal Judge.
- 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. By agreement with the South Carolina Department of Social Services (SCDSS), and with the consent of both SCDSS and the City of Hartsville, I represented DSS in abuse and neglect cases on a full-time basis from July1, 2016 until August 19, 2016. Since this date, I am in private practice in the Law Office of Elizabeth York which focuses on family law. I represent SCDSS on a contract basis.
- Have you ever been an unsuccessful candidate for elective, judicial, or other public office?If so, give details, including dates.Yes. Unsuccessful candidacy for Family Court, At-Large Seat 8, in 2016. I was found qualified but was not one of the three candidates who was 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.

  Other than part-time positions while in junior high school, high school, college or law school, I have held no other positions other than practicing law and serving as part-time Municipal Judge.
- 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. I am the managing officer of the Law Office of Elizabeth York as indicated. I am not involved in the management of any other business enterprise.
- 30. Please explain why you think you meet the professional and academic ability criteria for the seat you seek.
  I have been licensed to practice law since 1994 and the majority of that practice has been in the Family Court. I am often contacted by other member of the Bar seeking advice on Family Court matters and I am blessed with referrals from other attorneys and appointments from the judiciary in complex and difficult maters. SCDSS has given me a contract in three different regions, often handling Termination of Parental Rights actions and other complex matters.

- 31. 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.

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

(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.

- 32. 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 or currently hold. Explain how you would resolve any potential conflict of interest. I am not aware of any financial arrangements or business relationships that I have or have had that could result in a possible conflict of interest.
- 33. 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 which are subject to a penalty of \$125 or less. You must include any and all arrests, including, but not limited to, offenses for driving under the influence or similar traffic offenses. Include all arrests that resulted in expungement, which will be redacted. If you have questions regarding whether to include an offense, please contact the Commission. [All answers have been received and considered by the Commission, and as noted above, any expunged matters are redacted from the record.]
- 34. Have you, to your knowledge, ever been under federal, state, or local investigation for possible violation of a criminal statute? If yes, explain.

  [All answers have been received and considered by the Commission, and as noted above, any expunged matters are redacted from the record.]
- 35. 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.
- 36. Have you ever been sued by a client? Have you ever been a named party (personally or professionally) in or had a pecuniary interest in any civil or criminal proceedings? If so, give details, including, but not limited to, dates, and resolutions.

<u>Bahaadur 'Aali Abdulahad v. SCDSS and Elizabeth Harris,</u> Case Number 03-CP-13-137 A defendant in an abuse and neglect case sued me personally after a child who received iron burns to his face was removed from his custody. His case against me was dismissed by the Court quickly on February 11, 2004.

- 37. 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. Include any and all confidential and public sanction, discipline, or finding of misconduct of any kind.

  [Yes and no responses are redacted for all candidates unless there is a public discipline.]
- 38. 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.
- 39. 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. When I took the appointment of Municipal Judge, I took out a policy for malpractice insurance. I have not been covered by a tail policy. My policy is for \$1,000,000.00 each claim and \$1,000,000.00 aggregate. My deductible is \$5000.00 for each claim.
- 40. 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 am minimally involved in social media and abide by the Judicial Canons in that use.
- 41. 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.

  None.
- 42. 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.
- 43. 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.

- 44. List the recipient and amount of all contributions made by you, a member of your immediate family, or by a business with whom you are associated, to members of the General Assembly within the past four years.

  None.
- 45. 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.

- 46. 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? Describe the campaigning you have done for this election and include a list of those individuals you have asked to campaign on your behalf and, to the best of your knowledge, those who have campaigned for you on their own initiative.

  No.
- 47. 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.
- 48. 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.
- 49. 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.
- 50. 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) Darlington County Bar Association

Former President, 2016

(b) South Carolina Bar Association

Nominating Committee, multiple terms

Board of Governors, 2010-2013

House of Delegates, multiple terms

(c) Young Lawyers Division of the South Carolina Bar

Circuit Representative, multiple terms

Co-Chair, Community Law Week

(d) Law Related Education, South Carolina Bar

Middle School Mock Trial Coach

Middle School Mock Trial Judge

- (3) Florence County Bar
- 51. 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) Central United Methodist Church, Florence, South Carolina

Finance Committee Member

Education and Spiritual Growth Team Member

Greeter. The Well

Member

(b) United States Tennis Association

Team Captain, Pee Dee Region

- (c) Florence Tennis Association
- (d) All Saints' Episcopal Day School, parent guild
- 52. 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.

Having been involved in Family Court as an attorney and a litigant gives me a fair perspective into the difficulties and stress of the Family Court.

53. List the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of five (5) persons from whom you are providing references. Also, provide the Commission with <u>original letters</u> 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 <u>do not</u> 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) Ms. Tammy Gardner, Carolina Bank, P.O. Box 70, 20 Chesterfield Highway, Cheraw, SC 29520. (843-537-0900.
- (b) Zoe Sanders, Esquire, 1513 Hampton Street, Columbia, SC 29201 (803) 960-3109
- (c) D. Kay Tennyson, Esquire, U.S. Courts, 401 West Evans Street, Florence, SC 29501, (843) 292-5630.
- (d) Gena Phillips Ervin, Esquire, Orr, Elmore and Ervin, LLC, P.O. Box 2527, 504 South Coit Street, Florence, SC 29503 (843)667-0340.
- (e) Doug Jennings, Esquire, Jennings Law Firm, 151 Broad Street, Bennettsville, SC 29512, (843) 479-2865
- 54. Describe any interest you or a member of your immediate family has in real property:
  - 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 of the above.

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.

- 55. 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.
- 56. For sitting judges, if you currently hold an interest in stock or other securities or have held such an interest, list each stock you currently own or owned during the prior calendar year. If you prefer, you may attach broker or account records containing the requested information instead of listing it here.

  No.
- 57. For sitting judges, have you ever accepted anything of value from an attorney or litigant in a matter currently or previously before you or your court? If so, please give the details, including the name of the attorney or litigant and the thing of value you received.

  No.
- 58. For sitting judges, have you used 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:	4866
Sworn to before me this day of	, 2017.
(Notary Signature)	
(Notary Printed Name) Notary Public for South Carolina My Commission Expires:	