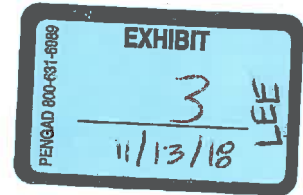


JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION  
PERSONAL DATA QUESTIONNAIRE



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

1. Name: Mr.  
Mrs.  
Ms.  
The Honorable Alison Renee Lee

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

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

Home Address: [REDACTED]

Business Address: P.O. Box 192  
1701 Main Street, Ste 324  
Columbia, SC 29202

E-Mail Address: [REDACTED]

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

2. Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 1958  
Place of Birth: Washington, DC  
Social Security Number: [REDACTED]

3. Are you a citizen of South Carolina? Yes.  
Have you been a resident of this state for at least the immediate past five years? Yes.

4. SCDL# or SCHD#: [REDACTED]  
Voter Registration Number: [REDACTED]

5. 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.  
N/A

6. 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 May 3, 1986 to Kenzil Franklin Summey.

Never divorced.

Two children.



7. List each college and law school you attended, including the dates of your attendance, the degrees you received, and if you left an institution without receiving a degree, the reason for your departure.

(a) Vassar College, September 1975 to May 1979, graduated B.A.

(b) Georgetown University, summer 1976, one class, no degree

(c) Tulane Law School, August 1979 to May 1982, graduated J.D.

(d) University of Grenoble, France, summer 1980, comparative law class, no degree

(e) University of South Carolina Law School, summer 1983, one class, no degree

8. 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 Advisor to incoming Freshman (Class of 1982), Vassar College, 1978-79

(b) Cuba Field Study Trip, March 1978

(c) Vassar College Gospel Choir, Business Manager, 1977-78

(d) Summer Jobs Coordinator, Office of Career Planning and Placement, Vassar College (1976-79)

(e) Tulane Law School, Vice President Freshman Class, 1979-80

(f) Mardi Gras Coalition, Tulane Law 1980

(g) Best Oralist Freshman Moot Court Competition, 1980

(h) National Appellate Moot Court Team, Tulane Law, 1980-81

(i) Tulane Moot Court Board, 1981-82

(j) Academic Affairs Rep. Senior Class, Tulane Law, 1981-82

(k) Quarter Finalist Senior Appellate Competition, Tulane Law, 1982

9. 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. Please indicate the number of times you took the exam in each state.

(a) Texas, 1982. Took exam once.

(b) Louisiana, 1983. Took exam once.

(c) South Carolina, 1984. Took exam once.

10. 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) 1982 – 1983 Judicial Law Clerk, Hon. Isreal M. Augustine, Jr. Louisiana Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit
  - (b) 1983 – 1984 Judicial Law Clerk, Hon. C. Tolbert Goolsby, Jr., South Carolina Court of Appeals
  - (c) 1984 – 1989 Associate, McNair Law Firm, PA. General Litigation Defense 1984 to 1986; Corporate Section 1987, Labor and Employment Defense 1987 to 1989.
  - (d) 1989 – 1994 Staff Counsel, S.C. Legislative Council, drafted legislation and amendments for members of the General Assembly in the areas of transportation, crime, corrections and prisons, and education.
  - (e) 1994 – 1999 Administrative Law Judge, Administrative Law Judge Division (now Administrative Law Court), presided over administrative hearings related to insurance, environmental permitting, alcoholic beverage permits, wages, taxes, video poker, bingo, appeals from occupational licensing boards, and hearings on regulations promulgated by certain state agencies.
  - (f) 1999 – present S.C. Circuit Court Judge At Large, statewide general jurisdiction court, presiding over trials and hearings in criminal and civil matters, appellate jurisdiction over municipal, magistrate, and probate cases. Previously presided over appeals involving ALC decisions, workers' compensation, state grievance matters, and unemployment compensation until jurisdiction was moved to the Court of Appeals by the legislature. I am also one of eight judges statewide assigned to handle specialized cases in Business Court. Currently Chief Administrative Judge for the Eleventh Circuit until end of December 2018.
  - (g) March to May 2016 – Acting Judge, S.C. Court of Appeals. Member of three judge panel hearing appeals. Authored 6 opinions and responsible for several unpublished memoranda opinions.

**Justices/judges applying for re-election to their current position may omit Questions 11–17. If you are a judge seeking a judgeship different than your current position, Questions 11-17 should be answered based on your experience prior to serving on the bench.**

11. Please answer the following:
- (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.

N/A

- (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.

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 or a Circuit Court Judge within the past five years.

N/A

- (c) 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.

N/A

12. 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? Years 1984 - 1989

(a) federal: 90%

(b) state: 10%

13. 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? Years 1984 - 1989

(a) civil: 99%

(b) criminal: 0.5% participated in 2-3 cases

(c) domestic: 0.5% handled 2-3 appointed cases

(d) other:

14. 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? Years 1984 - 1989

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

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

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

16. 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) Purdie v. Smalls, 293 S.C. 216, 359 S.E.2d 306 (Ct. App. 1987)
- (b) Hooten v. Carolina Treatment Center, Inc., 200 S.C. 37, 386 S.E.2d 287 (Ct. App. 1989). I was not the lead attorney.
- (c) Condon v. Best View Cablevision, Inc., 292 S.C. 117, 355 S.E.2d 7 (Ct. App. 1987). I was not the lead attorney.
- (d) Davis v. U.S. Steel Corp., 779 F.2d 209 (4<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1985). Participated on the brief only.

17. 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.

I did not handle any criminal appeals while in private practice. However, as a Circuit Court judge I have presided over numerous appeals from magistrate and municipal court. During the three months I was an Acting Judge on the Court of Appeals, I reviewed some criminal cases.

18. Have you ever held judicial office? If so, list the periods of your service, the courts involved, and whether you were elected or appointed. Describe the jurisdiction of each of the courts and note any limitations on the jurisdiction of each court.

- (a) 1994 – 1999, elected, Administrative Law Judge, Seat 3
- (b) 1999 – present, elected, Circuit Court Judge At Large, Seat 11

- (c) March – May 2016 – Acting Judge, Court of Appeals. Appointed by Chief Justice of Supreme Court to serve during the absence of one of the judges.
19. If the answer to question 18 is yes, describe or list five of your most significant orders or opinions and give the citations if they were reported. Also list citations to any appellate review of these orders or opinions.
- (a) Graham v. Town of Latta, Docket No. 2008-CP-13-00376 and 00377 (S.C. Cir. Court, Dillon Co. 2012), aff'd, 417 S.C. 164, 789 S.E.2d 71 (Ct. App. 2016). The plaintiffs were homeowners whose property was flooded during a severe rain event. They sued the Town of Latta claiming it failed to properly maintain the sewage and rainwater drainage system. Additionally, the plaintiffs alleged that problems with the pipes led to the overflow in their yard which caused the repeated flooding of the property. They sue claiming negligence, trespass and inverse condemnation. The town raised issue of immunity under the state's Tort Claims Act, which limits liability for a governmental agency. There were numerous motions relating to the immunity and the claims. I granted many of the motions, reserving the claim of negligence for the jury. The jury returned a verdict in favor of the plaintiffs. Both parties appealed. The Court of Appeals affirmed the rulings.
- (b) S.C. Insurance Reserve Fund v. East Richland County Public Service District, et al., Docket No. 2011-CP-40-02096 (S.C. Cir. Court, Richland Co. 2013), aff'd, 419 S.C. 149, 789 S.E.2d 63 (Ct. App. 2016), vacated on other grounds, \_\_\_ S.C. \_\_\_, 813 S.E.2d 873 (2018). This was a declaratory judgment action filed by the Insurance Reserve Fund to determine whether it was required to defend the East Richland County Public Service District in an action filed by Coley Brown claiming trespass, inverse condemnation, and negligence from the operation of a sewer force main and air relief valve which caused offensive odors to be released on his property multiple times as day. The lawsuit required the interpretation of the insurance policy and provisions of the Tort Claims Act. I ruled that the claims were excluded under the policy provisions. The Court of Appeals affirmed the ruling.
- (c) State v. Tony Watson, Docket No. 2010-GS-40-10224 (S.C. Cir. Court, Richland County 2013). Watson was charged with murder for killing his fiancée's abusive ex-husband (the victim) when he came to Watson's house. After beating Watson in his own yard, the victim tried to go inside Watson's house to get the ex-wife and Watson shot him. Watson filed a motion to determine his immunity from prosecution under the Protection of Persons and Property Act based upon the Castle Doctrine. After an evidentiary hearing, I ruled that he was entitled to immunity from prosecution.
- (d) Chastain v. AnMed Health Foundation, et al., Docket No. 2005-CP-04-02388 (S.C. Cir. Court, Anderson Co. 2008), aff'd, 388 S.C. 170, 694 S.E.2d 541 (S.C. 2010). The plaintiff brought a medical malpractice claim against the charitable hospital and its nurses. The plaintiff had to establish that the nurses were grossly negligent to obtain a verdict against them individually. After hearing the testimony during the course of the week, the jury returned a verdict against the hospital only. The jury specifically found that the nurses were not grossly negligent. The hospital was a charitable organization which, under the statutes, would only be liable up to \$300,000 per occurrence. Based upon post trial arguments, I reduced the verdict to the statutory

cap. The plaintiff appealed claiming that there was more than one occurrence and therefore her damages should not have been limited. On appeal, the decision was affirmed.

- (e) Curtis v. South Carolina, Docket No. 99-CP-23-02463 (S.C. Cir. Court, Greenville Co. 2000). Mr. Curtis sought to enjoin the state from enforcing a statute prohibiting the sale of urine in interstate commerce and to declare the statute unconstitutional. I declined to enjoin enforcement of the statute.
20. List all courts in which you have been admitted to practice and list the dates of your admission. Give the same information for administrative bodies that require a special admission to practice.
- (a) Texas, 1982
  - (b) Louisiana, 1983
  - (c) South Carolina, 1984
  - (d) US District Court for the District of SC, 1984
  - (e) US Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, 1985
21. Have you taught law-related courses or lectured at bar association conferences, educational institutions, or continuing legal or judicial education programs? If so, briefly describe each course or lecture.
- (a) August 1985, I lectured at a program on settling the family court record on appeal;
  - (b) September 1985, I presented on pretrial orders, sanctions and local rules in federal court;
  - (c) November 1993, I presented on drafting criminal laws under the Sentencing Classification Act for the attorneys in the Legislative Council;
  - (d) May 1996, I lectured on practice before the Administrative Law Judge Division (now the Administrative Law Court) at Bridge the Gap.
  - (e) January 1997, I gave an update on practice before the Administrative Law Judge Division.
  - (f) March 1997, I lectured on practice before the Administrative Law Judge Division (now the Administrative Law Court) at Bridge the Gap.
  - (g) May 1997, I lectured on practice before the Administrative Law Judge Division at Bridge the Gap.
  - (h) March 1998, I lectured on practice before the Administrative Law Judge Division at Bridge the Gap.
  - (i) March 1998, I presented an update on practice and procedure rules before the Administrative Law Judge Division.
  - (j) May 1998, I lectured on practice before the Administrative Law Judge Division at Bridge the Gap.
  - (k) May 1998, before the Women Lawyers' CLE, I participated in a panel on "What Works and What Doesn't".
  - (l) February 2000, I presented on circuit court motions and appeals.
  - (m) December 2002, I presented on ethics.
  - (n) April 2003, I presented on behalf of the Women Lawyers CLE on the effective use of exhibits at trial.

- (o) October 2004, at the Black Lawyers Retreat I participated in a panel on civility and ethics.
  - (p) October 2005, I participated in a panel discussion for the Criminal and Trial Advocacy Section
  - (q) September 2006. I participated in a panel discussion for the Black Lawyers CLE on tips from the bench.
  - (r) December 2006, I spoke to lawyers with the Municipal Association on ethics.
  - (s) March 2015, participated in a panel discussion during the Circuit Judges conference on complex litigation.
  - (t) September 2014, I presided over a mock criminal hearing on Stand Your Ground for the Black Lawyers CLE.
  - (u) August 2016. I spoke to the SC Summary Court Judges about appeals to Circuit Court.
  - (v) August 2017, Association of Corporate Counsel, panel discussion on “Things Corporate/In-House Counsel should know about appearing in court.”
22. Provide, as a separate attachment, your continuing legal or judicial education report from the past five years.  
In addition to the reports attached, I attended the American College of Business Court Judges meeting in Atlanta, Georgia in 2016 and in Charleston, SC in 2018 during which there were lectures on matters pertinent to business court. I did not seek to obtain South Carolina CLE credit for those lectures. I have attached the agendas for those meetings.
23. List all published books and articles you have written and give citations and the dates of publication for each  
None.
24. 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. The writing samples are for the Commission’s use only and will not be published. (If you are a judge and are not seeking a different type of judgeship, this question is inapplicable.)  
I have furnished the Commission with two orders of which I am the primary author.
25. 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.  
N/A
26. List all bar associations and professional organizations of which you are a member and give the titles and dates of any offices you have held in such groups.
- (a) South Carolina Bar
  - (b) South Carolina Women Lawyers Association, Board of Directors, 2010-2015
  - (c) South Carolina Black Lawyers Association



- (d) Richland County Bar Association
- (e) National Conference of State Trial Judges
- (f) American Bar Association
- (g) American College of Business Court Judges
- (h) John Belton O'Neill Inn of Court
- (i) S.C. Supreme Court Commission on Continuing Legal Education and Specialization, 2011-2016
- (j) Louisiana State Bar
- (k) Texas State Bar

27. 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

28. For sitting or former judges, 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

29. Have you ever been an unsuccessful candidate for elective, judicial, or other public office? If so, give details, including dates.

- (a) 1997, Candidate for Circuit Court At Large, Seat 10, qualified and nominated
- (b) 2003, Candidate for Court of Appeals, Seat 6, qualified, not nominated
- (c) 2004, Candidate for Court of Appeals, Seat 1, qualified, not nominated
- (d) 2008, Candidate for Court of Appeals, Seat 3, qualified and nominated
- (e) 2009, Candidate for Court of Appeals, Seat 5, qualified, not nominated
- (f) 2016, Candidate for Court of Appeals, Seat 9, qualified and nominated

30. 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.

31. 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.

32. 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.

33. 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 net worth statement form 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.

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. 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.
36. 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.
37. 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.
38. 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.

39. 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.

N/A

40. 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.

N/A

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.

N/A

41. 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.

N/A

42. 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.

A copy of the statement has been provided to the Commission.

43. 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.

44. For sitting judges, have you used the services of your staff, for which you did not pay, while campaigning for this office?

No.

45. 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.]

46. Have you, to your knowledge, ever been under federal, state, or local investigation for possible violation of a criminal statute? If yes, explain.  
No.
47. 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.  
No.
48. If you are in private practice, are you covered by malpractice insurance and, if so, how long have you carried malpractice insurance? If applicable, have you ever been covered by a tail policy? If so, please explain when you were covered by a tail policy. Also, if applicable, indicate your coverage and deductible for your current malpractice policy.  
Not applicable.
49. 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.]

50. 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.

**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.**

51. 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.

No.

52. 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. I have not done any campaigning at this time and have not asked anyone to campaign on my behalf.

53. 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.

54. 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.

55. List the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of five (5) persons from whom you are providing references. Also, provide the Commission with **original letters** of recommendation from each person listed herein, including their signature (preferably in blue ink). **The Commission will not accept a photocopy or electronic submission of a letter of recommendation and failure to include all five (5) original letters of recommendation in your packet when you submit it will render your packet incomplete.** Please **do not** have references mail your reference letters to the Commission directly. *You must return the five (5) original letters of recommendation to the Commission with your application packet.*

(a) Adam Davis

First Citizen Bank  
1230 Main Street  
Columbia, SC 29201  
(803) 931-1875 (work)

(b) Judge (Ret.) C. Tolbert Goolsby, Jr.

558 Woodland Hills West  
Columbia, SC 29210  
(803) 772-9394 (home)

(c) Deacon Michael Younginer

Basilica of St. Peter  
1529 Assembly Street  
Post Office Box 1896  
Columbia, SC 29201  
(803) 315-5388 (mobile)

(d) Martha Scott Smith  
1024 Enclave Way  
Columbia, SC 29223  
(803) 414-1704 (mobile)

(e) Nancy M. Pearson  
106 Windward  
East Hampton, NY 11937  
(803) 920-3604 (mobile)

56. Are you active on or a member of a social media or Internet site or have you, to your knowledge, been featured or depicted on a social media or Internet site, such as, Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, etc.? If so, how would your use of social media or other similar types of Internet sites be affected if you were serving in a judicial capacity?  
I have a LinkedIn account that I do not use. I also have a Facebook account I use only to keep in contact with my children and friends. I do not “friend” any lawyers who practice before me or discuss any issues related to my work as a judge.

57. List all civic, charitable, educational, social, and fraternal organizations of which you are or have been a member during the past five years and include any offices held in such a group, any professional honors, awards, or other forms of recognition received and not listed elsewhere.

(a) Columbia (SC) Chapter, The Links, Incorporated, President 2013-2014, Vice President 2012-2013 (Alumna member)

(b) Columbia City Ballet, Board of Directors, 2009-2016 (no longer a member)

(c) Historic Columbia, Board of Directors, 2015 to present

(d) Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

(e) Columbia Chapter, Moles, Inc.

(f) Basilica of St. Peter, Finance Committee

(g) Received the Judge Matthew J. Perry, Jr. Award for Outstanding Legal Service from the SC Black Lawyers Association in 2014

(h) Received the Matthew J. Perry Civility Award from the Richland County Bar Association in 2017

58. 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.

Growing up, I watched my family work together to accomplish tasks and goals. My mother and three of her six siblings lived in Washington, DC. As a single mother she worked two jobs: school teacher by day and waitress/hostess at the Holiday Inn restaurant in the evening. I spent lots of time with my aunts and uncles who lived nearby. I loved to work puzzles, figure math problems, read mystery books, and being a “handy girl” in family projects. They were extremely supportive of all my educational and work

endeavors. Most importantly, I learned the value of helping others. I am fortunate to blend all of this together in my profession as a lawyer and as a circuit court judge.

Over 24 years ago, members of the General Assembly selected me as one of the first Administrative Law judges and subsequently a Circuit Court Judge. I have served in this capacity for almost 20 years. I am grateful to the Commission and the Legislature for their confidence in selecting and electing me to the bench. During these years, I have done my best to treat those who have appeared before me with respect and dignity. Often times lawyers and their clients are seeking solutions to issues and problems. My goal is to help them find the appropriate solution within the guidelines of the law. This is the fair and impartial administration of justice. I am not the advocate only the arbiter. Sometimes resolution may be through agreement or by jury or by judge, but the goal is always the same: to listen impartially, determine the issues, and find the solution that best meets the needs of the parties based on the law. It is like searching for that puzzle piece that finishes the picture.

I wish to continue serving others as an appellate court judge. In the past two decades I have presided over the types of cases within the appellate court's jurisdiction and have been given the opportunity to work side by side with appellate judges. I am prepared for the challenge. If given the opportunity I will continue to be diligent in pursuing justice for all. It is an awesome responsibility and one that I consider an honor.

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 \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018.

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