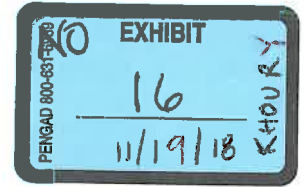


**JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION
PERSONAL DATA QUESTIONNAIRE**



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

Family Court Judge Sixth Judicial Circuit Seat 1

1. Name: The Honorable Coreen B. Khoury

Name that you are known by if different from above: None

Are you currently serving in some capacity as a judge? Yes

Home Address: [REDACTED]

Business Address: Post Office Box 1809
Lancaster, SC 29721

E-Mail Address: [REDACTED]

Telephone Number: (home): [REDACTED]
(office): 803-416-9799
(cell): [REDACTED]

2. Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 1959
Place of Birth: Greenville, 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. 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.

I have never served in the military.

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.

Family Status: Married on January 31, 1987 to Jeff Hammond.
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) University of South Carolina, August 1977 - May 1980, Bachelor of Arts in Education, Magna Cum Laude.
- (b) University of South Carolina School of Law, August 1982 – May 1985, Juris Doctor.

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.

I did not take part in any significant activities in law school.

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) South Carolina, 1985
- (b) I have not taken the bar exam in any other state.
- (c) I sat for the South Carolina bar exam one time.

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) Thomas, Goldsmith, Folks and Hodges August 1985-August 1987
- (b) Goldsmith, Folks and Hodges August 1987-March 1990
- (c) Goldsmith, Folks, Khoury and DeVenny March 1990-December 1991
- (d) Folks, Khoury & DeVenny December 1991-March 7, 2014
- (e) Family Court Judge, Sixth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1 March 17, 2014-present

The law firm of Folks, Khoury and DeVenny was a general practice firm. I became a partner with the firm in January of 2000. I practiced predominately in the area of family law throughout my legal career. As a partner in the firm, I shared in the administrative and financial management of the firm.

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: Not Applicable
- (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.
 - (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.

I am applying for re-election to my current position so I have omitted questions 12 – 17.

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?
 - (a) federal:
 - (b) state:

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?
 - (a) civil:
 - (b) criminal:
 - (c) domestic:
 - (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?
 - (a) jury:
 - (b) non-jury:

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

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)
 - (b)
 - (c)
 - (d)
 - (e)

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)
 - (b)
 - (c)
 - (d)
 - (e)

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.
 - (a)
 - (b)
 - (c)
 - (d)
 - (e)

18. Have you ever held judicial office? Yes 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) Family Court Judge Sixth Judicial Circuit Seat 1
March 17, 2014-present.
Elected February 5, 2014 by the legislature.
Family Court is a court of limited jurisdiction. Exclusive and concurrent jurisdictions are conferred on this Court by the SC General Assembly. The Family Court has exclusive jurisdiction over all matters involving family relationships including actions for separate support and maintenance, divorce, alimony, custody, visitation, child support, adoption, termination of paternal rights, division of marital assets and debts, name changes, minors charged with crimes or status offenses and cases involving the abuse and neglect of minor children and vulnerable adults.
- (b) Lancaster County Juvenile Drug Court
2005 to present.
Appointed by Chief Justice
- (c) Lancaster County Adult Drug Court
2018 (as needed)
Appointed by Chief Justice.

My responsibility is to preside over the hearings scheduled during my assigned weeks and impose sanctions for violations of Drug Court rules and conditions.

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.

The only Orders issued from Drug Court hearings are bench form Orders. Five of my most significant Family Court Orders are

- (a) South Carolina Department of Social Services vs. Boulware, 422 S.C. 1, 809 S.E.2d 223 (2018). This case is significant because it clarified the issue of standing to pursue a private action for adoption of children in the care of the Department of Social Services. To attain standing, the person who petitions for adoption must first be a resident of South Carolina. Second, the child must not have been placed by the Department of Social Services for adoption at the commencement of the adoption action. The South Carolina Supreme Court reversed the decision of the Court of Appeals and remanded the case to the Family Court to proceed with Petitioners' action for adoption.
- (b) Mary Ann Guinta vs. Joseph L. Giunta, 2012-DR-29-364. This case involved contested issues of identification and characterization of assets, transmutation and distribution of assets. The property to be divided included real property, trust property, annuities, whole life insurance policies, automobiles, bank accounts,

furniture/household belongings and a home health care policy. This case is significant because it is representative of the issues and assets involved in complex equitable distribution determinations.

- (c) Sherrie Storey vs. Scott Souza, 2011-DR-43-1390. This case was a contested custody action involving two fit parents. Each party possessed strengths and characteristics that would be beneficial to the growth and development of the children. Each parent had the ability to provide for the child financially, physically, emotionally and spiritually. This case is significant in that it is representative of the difficulty faced by Family Court judges in crafting decisions that serves the best interest of the children by allowing the children to spend quality time with both parents but still providing the children with a normal and stable life routine. Contested custody cases are always difficult for children, litigants, lawyers and judges but are representative of decisions made in Family Court affecting family relationships.
 - (d) Jennifer Martin vs. James Martin, Jr. 2014-DR-23-3632. This was an action for Separate Support and Maintenance that included the determination of most issues found in family court cases---custody, visitation, parental guidelines, child support, health insurance, uncovered health expenses, tax dependents, life insurance, division of property/debt, alimony, college expenses, transmutation of non-marital assets and attorney fees.
 - (e) Stradford vs. Wilson, 378 S.C. 301, 662 S.E. 2d 491 (Ct.App. 2008). This was a case that I tried as an attorney but it remains a significant order. I have used the findings and legal arguments in deciding cases involving the name change of minor children. The parties to this action were not married. Father petitioned the Court to change the child's surname to the name of his family. The Court determined that both parents have an equal interest in a child bearing their respective surname. The Court held that the party attempting to change the child's name must establish by a preponderance of the evidence that the name change is in the child's best interests. The Court further enumerated the factors to consider when making a determination as to whether the name change is in the child's best interest.
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) State Courts of South Carolina in 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.

I have not taught or lectured at any conference, institution or education program.

22. Provide, as a separate attachment, your continuing legal or judicial education report from the past five years.

See attached reports.

23. 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 written any articles.

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.)

Not applicable, I am seeking re-election to my current judicial seat.

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.

My rating in Martindale-Hubbell is BV.

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) Lancaster County Bar Association
- (b) South Carolina Bar Association
- (c) South Carolina Women Lawyers Association
- (d) South Carolina Conference of Family Court Judges

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.

I have never held public office other than my current judicial office.

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.

- (a) Lancaster County Juvenile Drug Court-2005 to present
- (b) Lancaster County Adult Drug Court-2018 (as needed)

Both programs are run through the office of the Sixth Judicial Circuit Solicitor. My responsibility is to preside over the hearings scheduled during my assigned weeks and impose sanctions for violations of Drug Court rules and conditions. These hearings take place after regular business hours. I serve in these capacities without additional compensation.

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

Yes, In 2008, I was unsuccessful in my run for Family Court Judge, Sixth Judicial Circuit Seat 2. This election was won by W. Thomas Sprott, Jr.

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.

Yes, I was an elementary school teacher in the Richland One School District from August of 1980 until I entered law school in August of 1982. I taught at Gadsden Elementary located in Gadsden, SC.

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.

I am not an officer or director or involved in the management of any business enterprise.

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.

I have not been employed as a lobbyist or acted in the capacity of a lobbyist's principal.

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 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.

I have never had a tax lien or other collection procedure instituted against me. I have never defaulted on a student loan or filed for bankruptcy.

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.

Since filing my letter of intent, I have not received any items from a lobbyist or lobbyist's principal.

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?

I have not made any expenditures in furtherance of my candidacy.

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.

I have not made any contributions to a member of the General Assembly within the past four years.

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 one has solicited or collected funds to aid in the promotion of my candidacy.

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.

I own a one half interest in a house and boat with my former law partner, Alston DeVenny on Lake Wateree. I own a one third interest in lake lots with former partners Alston DeVenny and Robert Folks in Great Falls, SC. I do not hear any cases in which my former law partners or their firm represent any of the litigants.

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; None
 - (b) in which there have been public improvements of \$200 or that adjoins property in which there have been public improvements of \$200; None or
 - (c) which was sold, leased, or rented to a state or local public agency in South Carolina. None

List the interest you hold and the value and location of the property. Identify as applicable the:

- (a) nature of any potential conflict of interest; Not Applicable
- (b) nature and value of any public improvements; and Not Applicable
- (c) South Carolina state or local public agency which purchased or is leasing or renting such property. Not Applicable

Attach a copy of any contract or agreement.

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.

None

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) 40 shares of Duke Energy stock

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.

I have not accepted anything of value from an attorney or litigant in a matter currently or previously before me.

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

No, I have not used the services of staff which I did not pay.

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.

I have never to my knowledge been under investigation for the possible violation of any criminal statute.

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.

I have never been sued by a client. I have never been named as a party in or had a pecuniary interest in any civil or criminal proceedings.

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.

I have never been investigated by the Department of Social Services. My name has never been enrolled on the Central Registry of Child Abuse and Neglect.

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.

I have not requested the pledge of any member of the General Assembly. I have not received the assurance of any public official or public employee that they will seek the pledge of any member of the General Assembly.

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.

I have not requested any third party to contact members of the General Assembly on my behalf. I have not done any campaigning for this election.

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? No. If so, give details.

Since I submitted my letter of intent, I have not nor has anyone acting on my behalf contacted any member of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission.

55. List the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of five (5) persons from whom you are providing references.

- (a) Bruce A. Brumfield, Founders Federal Credit Union
737 Plantation Road, Lancaster, SC 29720 803-289-5930
- (b) Benjamin B. Dunlap, Post Office Box 607, Lancaster, SC 29721 803-416-9367
- (c) Lynn M. Ferguson, 300 S. Catawba Street, Lancaster, SC 29720 803-286-6972
- (d) Robert K. Folks, Post Office Box 1657, Lancaster, SC 29721 803-286-4867
- (e) Susan W. DeVenny, 800 N. White Street, Lancaster, SC 29720 803-286-8772

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 never had a social media account.

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.

None

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.

As a parent, community participant, teacher, lawyer and judge, I have seen how decisions made in Family Court affect the lives of litigants, their families and friends. I have dealt with clients in distress and turmoil. I have experienced the stress and pressures of a family court lawyer. As a judge, I hope to never lose sight of the emotions of litigants, the pressures of family court practitioners and the importance of each and every decision made in Family Court. I behave in a way that facilitates conflict resolutions and not in a fashion that spurs emotional strife. I am courteous to litigants, lawyers and court personnel. I am attentive during the hearing, well versed in the law and render decisions in a timely fashion. I try to remember that what is routine and common to me as a regular participant in family court hearings is new and terrifying to most litigants and witnesses. I hope to be viewed as a judge who uses her gut, heart and head to render good decisions. I hope to have litigants and lawyers leave the courtroom, whether successful or not, feeling their stories were heard, their positions considered and they were treated with respect in the resolution of their disputes.

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.

(Notary Signature)

(Notary Printed Name)
Notary Public for South Carolina
My Commission Expires: _____