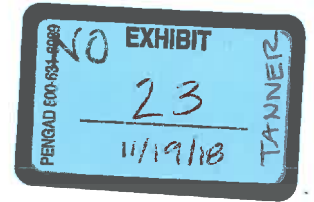


JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION
PERSONAL DATA QUESTIONNAIRE



Court, Position, and Seat # for which you are applying:
Family Court, Fifth Judicial Circuit, Seat 3

1. Name: Mr.
Mrs.
Ms. Carrie Hall Tanner

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

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

Home Address: [REDACTED]

Business Address: 708 Lafayette Avenue
Camden, South Carolina 29020

E-Mail Address: [REDACTED]

Telephone Number: (home): [REDACTED]
(office): (803) 432-6034
(cell): [REDACTED]

2. Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 1971
Place of Birth: Florence, 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. No.

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: Divorced.

Divorced on May 8, 2015, Kershaw County, S.C. Family Court, Carrie Tanner was moving party, One Year's Continuous Separation.

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) Furman University: September 1989 – May 1993; Bachelor of Arts in English;
 - (b) University of South Carolina, Columbia: August 1993 – August 1995, then August 1999 - November 1999 for portfolio project completion; Master of Criminal Justice;
 - (c) University of South Carolina School of Law: August 1995 - May 1998; 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. N/A

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, 1998, took the 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) November 1998 – March 1999: Law Office of H. Dewayne Herring, Jr.
I was an associate attorney to Mr. Herring who was a solo practitioner specialist in Estate Planning, Probate and Trust law. I assisted him in drafting complex wills and trusts as well as probate administration. We also handled some residential real estate closings. In addition, my duties included managing the accounts receivables and payables for the firm and maintaining the operating and trust accounts. I handled any law office management issues with computers, office supplies and subscriptions. I

trained the support staff in administrative duties and handled these tasks myself when needed.

- (b) March 1999 – June 2000: Fifth Circuit Solicitor’s Office, Kershaw County
I served as an Assistant Solicitor to Barney Giese, assigned specifically to Kershaw County. I assisted the First Assistant prosecute General Sessions cases and handled all juvenile petitions for Kershaw County.
- (c) June 2000 – October 2001: Fifth Circuit Solicitor’s Office, Kershaw County
During this period of time, after entering private practice, I served as the Family Court juvenile prosecutor for Kershaw County on a contract basis.
- (d) June 2000 – present: Speedy, Tanner, Atkinson & Cook, LLC
I have been in private practice in the same location since June 2000. I began as an associate with the firm then known as Furman, Speedy & Stegner. As a new lawyer I handled primarily Family Court cases but occasionally handled estate planning and probate matters. I assisted the partners with some real estate loan closings and with any research or preparation necessary for their civil or criminal cases.

That partnership dissolved and became Law Offices of George W. Speedy in 2006. I continued my focus on Family Court cases with the occasional estate planning and probate matters.

In January 2009 we became a partnership known as Speedy, Tanner & Atkinson, LLC which then became Speedy, Tanner, Atkinson & Cook, LLC in April 2013. Since 2009 I have devoted my practice exclusively to Family Court cases.

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.

My practice has been primarily in the Family Court for the last eighteen years. Within the past five years, I have appeared before a Family Court Judge, on average, once per week. During many terms of Court, I have multiple cases. I have extensive experience in every Family Court practice area.

I have handled cases involving every ground for divorce including fault cases of adultery, habitual drunkenness and/or drug use and physical cruelty as well as no-fault divorces. I have proven adultery cases both with a private investigator's testimony and with testimony and evidence from my client's family and friends. The habitual drunkenness and/or drug use cases have involved DUI or drug offense arrests and records from rehabilitation facilities. The physical cruelty cases have stemmed from the spouse's arrest for Domestic Violence.

Many of these cases have had contested issues involving equitable division of property and debt. I have handled contested litigation regarding the identification, valuation and division of marital assets, including issues of inherited and gifted property, transmutation and special equity. I have had disputes over marital homes and other real property where a third party claimed an interest and where I have had to employ an expert to testify regarding value. Many of my property cases have issues of valuation of retirement benefits and at times disputes over identification and valuation of marital household items and vehicles. I have had to trace contributions in investment and bank accounts through subpoenaed records to prove assets to be non-marital. In cases involving businesses, I have employed experts to value business interests and determine income. Many cases involve identification and division of marital debts, some with the added issue of bankruptcy. Mediation frequently resolves a lot of the issues surrounding equitable apportionment.

For issues of child custody, I have represented mothers and fathers, both married and unmarried, as well as grandparents and other third parties seeking custody. Although truly contested custody cases are not the norm, there are frequently issues of parenting schedules and often conditions and guidelines for visitation. Most of these cases have involved the appointment of a guardian ad litem for the child(ren), either an attorney or lay guardian. My cases have run the spectrum of first time unmarried parents of an infant to long term married couples with older teens. Every case is unique with its own set of obstacles. Along with the custody and scheduling issues comes the issue of child support which is often more contested. Many of my cases require diligence in determining accurate income figures as well as child care and health insurance credits for the parties. My more contested custody cases have required psychological and/or psychiatric evaluations and custody evaluations. Some of these cases have been resolved at mediation. I have represented grandparents in custody actions against the biological parents where drug issues are present or other concerns involving the parents' ability to care for a child. I have also handled cases for "de facto custodians" and "psychological parents".

In the area of adoptions, I have handled numerous step-parent adoptions, both contested and uncontested where consents were secured, as well as other

relative and non-relative adoptions. The latter requires securing pre and post placement investigations. I have litigated jurisdiction under the UCCJEA and a contest over validity of a consent to relinquishment of parental rights. Following DSS termination of parental rights actions, I have represented many foster parents in adopting their foster child.

For the first ten years of my private practice, I took nearly monthly appointments over two counties representing defendants in Department of Social Services abuse and neglect actions. I have negotiated and tried numerous cases, helping parents navigate through their treatment plan or identifying appropriate alternatives with relative placement. Over my career, I have handled cases, both appointed and retained, involving parents with drug addictions, in abusive relationships, lacking education, work skills and family support. Some of these cases have involved a shaken baby, babies born addicted and parents using excessive corporal punishment. In addition, I have represented parents in the ultimate termination of parental rights actions that have stemmed from the original abuse and neglect case. Over the last approximately ten years I have also represented many Kershaw County volunteer guardian ad litem in their appointments in these DSS cases.

At the beginning of my legal career, I worked as a juvenile prosecutor for Kershaw County for approximately two years. I handled essentially all juvenile petitions that came through our county during this period, from truancy to assaults, drugs, larceny, bomb threats, robbery and sex crimes. I worked closely with the Department of Juvenile Justice, Department of Mental Health, Department of Social Services and the school district in handling these cases, some which had to be waived to general sessions and some that entered pre-trial intervention. Once I left my role as prosecutor, I handled several cases for my firm defending juveniles both at the adjudication and disposition stages.

- (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

- (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.

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?

- (a) federal: None
(b) state: Weekly

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: 0%
(b) criminal: 0%
(c) domestic: 100%
(d) other: 0%

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: 0%
(b) non-jury: 100%

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

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) Melissa Leaphart Hagood v. James Buckner Hagood, Melody "Suzie" Hagood Sharpe, Third Party Defendant; 2014-DR-40-1541: I represented the Husband/Father in this case which involved divorce, property division, alimony and child custody. My client's adult daughter was joined as a third party Defendant to take custody of the child during the litigation which involved the child being committed at a mental health facility, two forensic interviews (one on a private basis

and the other by DSS referral) and two DSS involvements due to allegations of abuse against my client. The Court ordered a counselor for the child and the parties submitted to a custody evaluation as well as psychological evaluations. This was deemed a complex case and spanned two years of litigation with multiple Court appearances. The Mother had seven attorneys during the course of the case. The case was ultimately bifurcated for trial with the child related issues tried over five days and the property division / alimony over two separate days. We had two experts in the child custody trial. My client and his daughter were granted joint custody of the child and the Mother was required to have supervised visitation. The property division portion of the case involved issues of transmutation of real property and investment accounts and the Wife's allegation of her inability to work and request for alimony. My client prevailed in the Court's denial of alimony for the Wife and a determination that his property was non-marital. Both portions of this case are currently on appeal.

- (b) Margaret McLaurin Barnes Pennebaker v. Gordon Elliott Pennebaker; 2014-DR-28-523: This case involved a long term marriage between my client and her husband who is a local physician. There were issues of valuation of his business interests, division of marital property, alimony and attorney fees. With the assistance of valuation experts we settled the business and property division issues. The issues of alimony and attorney fees were tried over two days. Our expert testified regarding the parties' standard of living and the Husband had an economic expert to testify regarding his allegation that the Wife was underemployed. The Wife prevailed with an alimony award of \$8,000 per month and her full attorney fees.
- (c) Cherie Morgan Brown and Troy Artis Brown v. Carter, a minor under the age of seven years; 2012-DR-40-4513 consolidated with Jonathan D. Haggler v. Morgan L. Stanfield Hagler; 2012-DR-40-4465: This was a contested grandparent adoption. I represented the maternal grandparents in what began as an uncontested matter. However, the biological father, who lived in the state of Washington, contested the validity of the relinquishment he signed in the state of Alabama and brought a parallel action against the mother who lived in the state of Virginia. The Court first had to address the jurisdictional issues under the UCCJEA with a joint hearing with the judge from the state of Washington. The biological father filed a Notice of Removal to Federal Court and a Motion to Set Aside the Consent in our action. The grandparents prevailed and the adoption was granted.
- (d) SCDSS v. George A. McCaskill, Patricia Hancock and Evelyn Grantham; 2009-DR-28-593: This DSS action involved allegations of physical abuse against my client Father. Both parties completed a treatment plan. The contested issue was which parent should receive custody of the child. The parties reached an agreement but prior to the Order being signed, we discovered evidence of the Mother's commitment to a mental health facility that was not previously disclosed. I filed a motion to vacate the agreement under Rule 60(b) which was granted. A two day trial was scheduled to hear the custody matter but the Mother agreed to my client having primary custody immediately prior to the start of trial.

- (e) Rumi Lopez v. Megan Elizabeth Reno; 2012-DR-40-1476 (also ending 2013-DR-40-2163): I represented the Defendant/Mother in this custody action between an unmarried couple. The Plaintiff/Father was represented throughout the case until immediately prior to the trial where he proceeded pro se. My client alleged their relationship was physically abusive. An issue in dispute was the Father's ability to work and his underemployment as it related to child support. The Mother prevailed by getting custody with the Father's visitation suspended until he completed anger management counseling, parenting classes and a psychological evaluation. The Father's request for a reduction in child support was denied and the Mother was awarded attorney fees.
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) Melissa Leaphart Hagood v. James Buckner Hagood, Melody "Suzie" Hagood Sharpe, Third Party Defendant, Court of Appeals Case No. 2016-001637, still pending.
- (b) Melissa Leaphart Hagood v. James Buckner Hagood, Melody "Suzie" Hagood Sharpe, Third Party Defendant, Court of Appeals Case No. 2016-001898, still pending.
- (c) John Doe v. Jane Doe, 370 S.C. 206, 634 S.E.2d 51 (S.C. App., 2006), decided July 3, 2006. My partner, George W. Speedy, was the attorney of record but I was solely responsible for the briefing on behalf of the Respondent, John Doe.
- (d) William Settlemeyer v. Katherine McCluney, 359 S.C. 317, 596 S.E.2d 514 (S.C. App., 2004), decided May 11, 2004. My partner, George W. Speedy, was the attorney of record but I was solely responsible for the briefing on behalf of the Respondent McCluney.
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) None
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. No.
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) N/A

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) South Carolina, 1998;
(b) US District Court for the District of SC, 2005.
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. No.
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. None published.
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.)
- See attached briefs for which I was the sole 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. None.
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) Kershaw County Bar Association: President, 2000-2001.
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. No.
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 complete, current financial net worth statement was provided to the Commission.

(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.

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? N/A
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. N/A
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.

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;
- (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.
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. N/A

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. N/A
44. For sitting judges, have you used the services of your staff, for which you did not pay, while campaigning for this office? N/A
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? No. Have you ever been a named party (personally or professionally) in or had a pecuniary interest in any civil or criminal proceedings? Yes. If so, give details, including, but not limited to, dates, and resolutions.
- (a) Named Defendant in an automobile accident case filed in 1998; settled by insurance company;
 - (b) Reda D. Rietveld v. Carrie H. Tanner, 2018-CP-28-00187, filed March 2, 2018, pending. My former neighbor alleges by Labrador retriever knocked her to the ground causing injuries.

48. If you are in private practice, are you covered by malpractice insurance and, if so, how long have you carried malpractice insurance? Yes, I have been covered since 2000. If applicable, have you ever been covered by a tail policy? No. 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. The current coverage is \$2,000,000 per claim and \$2,000,000 aggregate and the deductible is \$5,000 per claim.

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? No. 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? No. 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 spoken with members of my local bar association and attorneys with whom I have a working relationship to inform them of my candidacy. I have asked my law partners, George W. Speedy, Zack O. Atkinson, and Dexter L. "Trey" Cook, III, to assist in my campaign.

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) George W. Speedy, Zack O. Atkinson, Dexter L. "Trey" Cook, III; Speedy, Tanner, Atkinson & Cook, LLC; 708 Lafayette Avenue, Camden, SC 29020; (803) 432-6034;
- (b) Alana Powers; 49 Southern Oak Drive, Camden, SC 29020; (803) 669-0018;
- (c) Margaret Pennebaker; 709 Mill Street, Camden, SC 29020; (803) 432-6902;
- (d) Elizabeth May, Esquire; 733 Old Kelly Mill Road, Elgin, SC 29045; (803) 315-9126; and
- (e) Carol A. Tolen, Esquire; Post Office Box 914, Winnsboro, SC 29180; (803) 712-9792

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?

Yes, I have a personal Facebook account where I sporadically comment but rarely post. My firm has a website to inform prospective clients about our attorneys and services offered. If I were serving as a Family Court judge, I would no longer be associated with the firm website and my personal Facebook page would likely be unchanged considering my current limited use.

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) None in the last five years.

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.

My legal career has been devoted to Family Court. I have represented parties in every aspect of domestic law. I have served as guardian ad litem for numerous children in all types of circumstances. In 2008, I was certified as a Family Court mediator. As my experience has grown, so has the quality of my representation. My compassion and genuine concern for my clients has not waned. My personal experience having gone through a divorce in 2015 with children has given me a unique perspective in what litigants face in being involved in a Family Court case. I believe this personal experience coupled with my extensive professional experience and knowledge makes me the best candidate for the next Family Court judge for seat 3 in the Fifth Judicial Circuit.

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: _____