



**JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION  
PERSONAL DATA QUESTIONNAIRE**

The court, Position, and Seat # for which you are applying: Family Court, Tenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 3.

1. Name: Mr. Rame L. Campbell

Name that you are known by if different from above  
(Example: A Nickname): Not Applicable

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

Home Address: [REDACTED]

Business Address: 111 Sharpe St., Anderson, South Carolina, 29621.

E-Mail Address: [REDACTED]

Telephone Number: (home): [REDACTED]  
(office): (864) 965-9148  
(cell): [REDACTED]

2. Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 1969  
Place of Birth: Deland, Florida  
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, a 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: Married on June 22, 2002, to Jennifer Parham Campbell  
Never Divorced, one child



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. St. Johns River Community College (now St. Johns River University), 1987-1989, graduated with an Associate Arts degree.
  - b. University of Central Florida, 1989-1992, graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration degree.
  - c. Cumberland School of Law of Samford University, 1994-1997, graduated with a Juris Doctor degree.
  - d. The University of Victoria, British Columbia, Cumberland School of Law Summer Abroad Program, 1996. Earned credit towards my Juris Doctor 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. Phi Delta Phi Legal Fraternity, 1995-1997.
  - b. Moot Court Competitions, 1996-1997.
  - c. Legal Intern with Bessemer District Attorney's Office, 1997.
  
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, 1997. Took bar exam one time.
  - b. Georgia, 1997, I sat for the bar exam one time but was not admitted
  
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. Assistant Solicitor, Fourteenth Judicial Circuit. August 1997 – November 2000. I managed and prosecuted circuit, magistrate and juvenile court cases in the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit for the counties of Allendale, Colleton, Hampton, and Jasper. My caseload required me to handle every aspect of a criminal case including conducting bond hearings, preliminary hearings, preparation of indictments, guilty pleas, motion arguments, and jury trials in violent felony and misdemeanor cases.
- b. Associate, Law Firm of Epps & Nelson. December 2000 – December 2004. I practiced law in a small general practice law firm in Anderson, South Carolina, which focused primarily on domestic relations litigation, personal injury and criminal defense in both state and federal court. I also served as a city prosecutor for the Town of Belton handling municipal criminal violations.
- c. Assistant Solicitor, Tenth Judicial Circuit. January 2005 – October 2015. I was a senior assistant solicitor who handled and prosecuted hundreds of cases in Anderson County. I represented victims and law enforcement in the prosecution of individuals charged with trafficking drugs, burglary, armed robbery, attempted murder, murder, and death penalty cases. I maintained a docket of approximately 300 cases at any given time, throughout my ten years.
- d. Deputy Solicitor, Tenth Judicial Circuit Solicitor's Office. October 2015 to May 2016. I maintained a court docket, which consisted of managing and trying violent felonies, career criminals, high profile cases and murder. My duties expanded to include administrative tasks and managing the day to day activity of the office. I worked closely with eight different law enforcement agencies, reviewed SLED investigations, and advised law enforcement on legal matters. In my prosecuting career, I tried over fifty (50) felony cases to a jury verdict.
- e. Rame Campbell Law Firm, LLC: July 2016 to October 2016. I entered private practice and operated a general practice law firm in Anderson, South Carolina as a sole practitioner. My practice focused on litigation in the area of civil, criminal and domestic relations in state court. I was responsible for managing my firm's bank and IOLTA accounts.
- f. Newton & Campbell Law Firm, October 2016 to present. In October 2016, I partnered to form a two-person general practice law firm. My legal practice focuses primarily on litigation mainly in the areas of domestic relations, divorce, separate support and maintenance, adoptions, custody, child support, civil matters, criminal defense, personal injury, and probate litigation. I also serve as guardian ad litem in private family court cases and for juveniles charged with criminal and status offenses. I am directly involved in the hiring and supervising office personnel.

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.

a. Divorce and equitable division of property

In my practice, I have represented many clients who are seeking a divorce or counterclaiming for divorce. My experience has ranged from simple uncontested divorces to contested complex cases involving substantial assets and division of property. I have brought divorce proceedings on all statutory grounds except desertion. I work closely with my clients to identify the marital issues, determine what constitutes marital property, and ultimately obtain a final resolution either through mediation or with a final contested hearing. I appeared at least weekly in Family Court, from 2000 to 2004 and since July, 2016, in divorce and equitable division cases.

b. Child custody

Child custody is an issue that frequently arises in my divorce cases and is one of the most litigated areas of my family law practice. Most of my cases deal with child-related issues, whether it is custody, placement, visitation, or support. I am regularly appointed by the court to serve as the guardian ad litem in private actions dealing with custody or visitation disputes. I regularly handle issues dealing with parent alienation, children testing positive for illegal substances, children with special needs, parental fitness, termination of parental rights and removal actions.

c. Adoptions

Adoptions have been one of the most rewarding aspects of practicing family law. I have represented parents and step-parents in adoption proceedings and have served as the guardian ad litem in several private actions. I have counseled clients on issues dealing with the relinquishing of parental rights to determining parental fitness. I have been involved thoroughly in the entire adoption process, from preparing and filing pleadings, investigating the parties, interviewing children and witnesses, and the preparation of court orders.

d. Abuse and neglect

My experience in abuse and neglect cases has been both as a prosecutor of abuse and neglect cases and as an attorney in Family Court. I have represented clients who were involved in an ongoing investigation being conducted by the South Carolina Department of Social Services (SCDSS) for child neglect and I have represented neglected children as a court appointed guardian ad litem. My cases have involved the removal of the child from his or her home and the implementation of SCDSS safety plans, treatment plans, and kinship caregiver plans. The children are usually placed into the custody of another family member or placed into foster care. My experience with abuse and neglect cases has not been as extensive as my involvement with the other categories. However, this is offset by my twenty plus years of practical courtroom work and trial experience as a prosecutor in these matters. I have the legal knowledge, experience and background to preside over this type of case, in part because all hearings and trials conducted in any court in the State of South Carolina adhere and use the same rules of evidence and procedure. I have seen all sides of this problem.

e. Juvenile justice

I began prosecuting juvenile cases during my time as an assistant solicitor in the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit. In private practice, I have represented and defended minors charged with everything from simple status offenses to minors charged with murder. I am regularly court appointed to serve as a minor's guardian ad litem in DJJ cases. I have been involved in every possible aspect of a juvenile's case, from the initial detention hearing to adjudication. I have also defended a juvenile charged with two counts of murder in a waiver hearing to determine if the juvenile should be tried as an adult in General Session Court.

I have practiced law for over twenty years. My main emphasis has been litigating cases in Family Court, Circuit Court in Common Pleas and General Sessions. I regularly appear in Family Court in Anderson, Oconee, Pickens, and Greenville counties. I am usually in Family Court at least once, if not multiple times a week, depending on the docket. Prior to entering private practice, I was employed with the Solicitor's Office and was in Circuit Court for at least two weeks out of each month.

- (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.

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: 0%

(b) state: 100%

13. What percentage of your practice involving 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: 15%

(b) criminal: 40%

(c) domestic: 40%

(d) other: 5%

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: 75%

(b) non-jury: 25%

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) State v. Raymondeze Rivera, 741 S.E.2d 694 (2013). This case was the second of two murder cases I tried against Mr. Rivera. Mr. Rivera was from Atlanta and by chance

stopped in Anderson during his travels on Interstate I-85. He met both of his victims at the Anderson Mall and obtained their contact information. He murdered his first victim within hours of meeting her. Two days later, he returned to Anderson where he met and murdered the second victim at her home. The first case I tried was for the death of the first victim. A jury found him guilty and he received a life sentence. The verdict in the first case served as the aggravating circumstance which allowed the State to seek the death penalty in his second murder trial. This case involved the testimony of many lay and expert witnesses and lasted three weeks. The jury ultimately found him guilty and recommended a death sentence. However, his sentence was overturned on appeal due to the trial court's failure in not allowing him to testify in his own defense. In 2013, he plead guilty to two consecutive life sentences.

- (b) State v. Johnny Mahaffey, 2008 WL 5586017 (Ct.App. 2008). This case involved the murder of a young man who was shot eight times while he was walking home at night along the side of the road. This case is significant because the murder investigation began with no suspects, no eyewitnesses, and limited physical evidence. Law enforcement did not identify a suspect for several months, but over time, the case came together. The case was eventually solved through the use of cell phone records, recovering the murder weapon by a dive team, tracing ownership of the gun back to its original owner, and persistent law enforcement investigation. Ultimately, Mr. Mahaffey was charged with murder and tried by a jury, who returned a guilty verdict. He is currently serving a life sentence.
- (c) State v. Linda Taylor, 355 SC 392, 585 S.E.2d 303 (2003). I tried Ms. Taylor for the unlawful issuance of driver's licenses to illegal aliens through her position as manager of the SCDMV office in Walterboro, South Carolina. The case is significant because of the novel issue of what constitutes a "fictitious" driver's license. Ms. Taylor used her position with the SCDMV to profit monetarily by providing illegal aliens valid South Carolina drivers licenses without requiring them to provide proper identification, taking the written portion of the driving exam or taking the driving test. She was found guilty by a jury and appealed her sentence. Ms. Taylor's conviction was overturned by the South Carolina Court of Appeals. The Supreme Court then reversed and reinstated her conviction on the grounds that the evidence presented was sufficient to support convictions for two counts of issuing a fictitious driver's license.
- (d) State v. Steward. A Colleton County drug case I prosecuted before the Honorable Diane Goodstein. This is important to me because it is a reminder of the attorney oath I took when admitted to the South Carolina bar. Our oath states that "An attorney will not maintain any suit or proceeding which shall appear to me to be unjust" and "not mislead the judge or jury by any artifice or false statement of fact or law." In this case, I had called several witnesses during my case in chief. Each witness testified that the drugs found in the car belonged to the defendant. The witnesses body language and testimonies led me to believe they were not telling the truth. I questioned the witnesses during a trial break, which only furthered a reasonable doubt in my mind of the defendant's guilt. Therefore, I felt the only

course of action was to dismiss my case, which I did, and not allow a jury to decide the defendant's fate. My reasoning was I did not want to deny a man his freedom for the sake of obtaining a guilty verdict when it appeared to me he was innocent.

- (e) In the matter of Jesse Osborne, Juvenile Petition No.: 2016-JU-04-236 >245. Jesse Osborne had just turned 14 years old when he murdered his father and committed a school shooting at the Townville Elementary School. The school shooting resulted in the death of a child and injury to several other people. In February 2018, I served as co-counsel in a week-long waiver hearing to determine if Mr. Osborne would be tried as a juvenile in Family Court or as an adult in General Sessions Circuit Court. The Family Court judge ruled Mr. Osborne should be tried as an adult based upon the witnesses' testimonies and the evidence presented in the hearing.

16. List up to five civil appeals you have personally handled. Give the case name, the court, the date of the decision, and the citation if the case was reported.
- (a) I have not handled a civil appeal.
  - (b)
  - (c)
  - (d)
  - (e)
17. List up to five criminal appeals you have personally handled. Give the case name, the court, the date of the decision and the citation if the case was reported.
- (a) I have not handled a criminal appeal.
  - (b)
  - (c)
  - (d)
  - (e)
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) Not Applicable
  - (b)
  - (c)
  - (d)
  - (e)



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 special admission to practice.
- a. Admitted to practice before the State Courts of South Carolina on 11/18/1997.
  - b. Admitted to practice before the United States District Court for the District of South Carolina on 7/31/01.

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 lectured on trial advocacy and courtroom testimony at the 2016 South Carolina Coroner's Association Conference.

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

See Attachment

23. List all published books and articles you have written and give citations and the dates of publication for each.

Not Applicable

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.)

- a. Final Divorce Decree, Rodriquez v. Rodriquez, 2017-DR-04-106.
- b. Guardian ad litem report, Seigler v. Franklin, 2018-DR-04-767.

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.

To my knowledge, I am not a member of, nor have I sought a legal rating with any attorney rating organization

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) Anderson County Bar Association
  - (b) South Carolina Bar Association
  - (c) Accredited with the Department of Veterans Affairs.
  - (d) South Carolina Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers
27. Have you ever held public office other than the 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. No
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 the elected judicial office. Specify your dates of employment, employer, major job responsibilities, and supervisor. Not Applicable
29. Have you ever been an unsuccessful candidate for elective, judicial, or other public office? If so, give details, including dates. Yes
- (a) I was an unsuccessful candidate for Circuit Court, Tenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1, vacated by the retirement of the Honorable J.C. "Buddy" Nicholson, Jr., in 2009. I successfully completed the judicial screening process and was found qualified to hold judicial office by the Judicial Merit Selection Commission. However, I voluntarily withdrew as a candidate prior to the election. The Honorable R. Lawton McIntosh was elected to fill the seat.
  - (b) In 2016, I was an unsuccessful candidate for Solicitor of the Tenth Judicial Circuit.
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.
- I was employed with the Canadian lumber company, MacMillian Bloedel in Jacksonville, Florida. I worked as a salesman from 1992-1994. My duties and responsibility included the sale of cedar lumber and engineered floor joists, maintaining the lumber yard inventory and scheduling the delivery routes for ten tractor trailers throughout our geographical territory.
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?

I have not made any expenditures at this time.

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.

Not Applicable

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.

Not Applicable

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.

Not Applicable

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.

Not Applicable

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

- (a) nature of any potential conflict of interest;
- (b) nature and value of any public improvements; and
- (c) South Carolina state or local public agency which purchased or is leasing or renting such property.

Attach a copy of any contract or agreement.

Not Applicable

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.

Not Applicable

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.

Not Applicable

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.

Not Applicable

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

Not Applicable

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.

I have been covered by malpractice insurance since entering private practice in July 2016. I have never been covered by a tail policy. My current policy has a liability limit of \$1,000,000 with a \$2,500 deductible.

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.
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) Dr. Donna Maddox  
115 Carter Woods Drive  
Anderson, South Carolina 29621  
(803) 834-9953
  
- (b) J. David Standeffer, Esq.  
2124 Highway 81 North  
Anderson, South Carolina 29621  
(864) 933-8299
  
- (c) Sheriff Chad McBride  
Anderson County Sheriff's Office  
305 Camson Road  
Anderson, South Carolina 29625  
(864) 260-4400
  
- (d) Matt Harbin  
702 Westchester Dr.  
Anderson, South Carolina 29621  
(864) 376-4968
  
- (e) Frank L. Eppes  
Eppes & Plumblee, PA  
P.O. Box 1006  
Greenville, South Carolina 29603  
(864) 235-2600

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 do not use social media and I am not on any Internet sites to my knowledge. I have a personal Facebook account which is not active or in use. I have used Facebook messenger to communicate with one of my clients but otherwise I never use social media. I had a political campaign Facebook page when I ran for Solicitor. My campaign manager created the Facebook page, monitored the content and was completely responsible for making posts to it. To my knowledge, the Facebook page was deleted after the election.

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) Board Secretary – Anderson County Department of Disability and Special Needs
- (b) Member of Grace Episcopal Church in Anderson, South Carolina
- (c) Member of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Clemson, South Carolina
- (d) Member of Phillip Simmons Artist Blacksmith Guild
- (e) Member of Anderson County Bee Keeper Association
- (f) Eagle Scout with three palms

58. Provide any other information that may reflect positively or negatively on your candidacy, or which you believe should be disclosed in connection with the 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.

The biggest influences in my early life were my family, my scout leaders, and my church. I was fortunate to have been mentored by the men and women from the generation we now term “The Greatest Generation.” The values of hard work and perseverance were instilled in me at an early age and were instrumental in making me the person I am today. One of my attributes is treating people in the same manner that I would like to be treated no matter a person’s race, religion, financial status, or social standing.

I am proud to say I obtained the rank of Eagle Scout with three palms. I am goal oriented and have a strong work ethic. I am punctual and on time. I place a high value on the court time we are allotted and try my best to make efficient use of it. It is a litigator’s most valued commodity. Earning a living by practicing law has given me the experience of dealing with people from all walks of life. I understand the daily pressure attorneys are under and what it is like to have hearings in four different courts on the same day. I have handled hundreds of cases of all types in my career. However, there are two cases I am most proud of in my career. One is a drug case that I prosecuted before the Honorable Diane Goodstein in Colleton County Court of General. The case never reached the jury because I dismissed it during the middle of trial. I believed after hearing my witnesses testimonies that the defendant was innocent of the crime he was charged with. My belief is that everyone should be treated equally under the law. Justice is not served if one innocent person’s liberties are taken away. This has stayed with me my entire career. The second case I am proud of is a recent one where I served as a guardian for a seventeen-year-old autistic girl who was being adopted by her step-grandfather and grandmother. The case dealt with the termination of the biological parent's rights. The case exemplified to me what is right with our legal system. The young lady overcame her handicap and limitations to be a successful student who will attend college this upcoming school year.

I have a special affinity for children especially those with special needs. My daughter is autistic so I understand firsthand the challenges and struggles parents of special needs children face each day. I have a reputation for being fair, impartial and a devoted advocate for children’s interest which is why I am appointed as guardian ad litem in many custody cases. Additionally, I am dedicated to increasing awareness of children with autism spectrum disorders and advocating for the needs of individuals with



disabilities by currently serving on the Anderson County Department of Disabilities and Special Needs board.

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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