



**JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION
PERSONAL DATA QUESTIONNAIRE**

Court, Position, and Seat # for which you are applying: S.C. Family Court At Large, Seat 3

1. Name: The Honorable James Gladney McGee, III
Mrs.
Ms.

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

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

Home Address: [REDACTED]

Business Address: 181 N. Irby Street, Suite 2810, Florence, SC 29501

E-Mail Address: [REDACTED]

Telephone Number: (home): [REDACTED]
(office): (843) 676-1219
(cell): [REDACTED]

2. Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 1959
Place of Birth: Hartsville, SC
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 Military Service

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.

- (a) Married
- (b) May 28, 1983. Kathy Shirley McGee
- (c) Never divorced
- (d) [REDACTED]

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) 1977-1979 Clemson University/No Degree/Transferred to USC to study journalism which not offered at Clemson University;
- (b) 1979-1982 University of South Carolina, Bachelor of Arts;
- (c) 1992-1995 University of South Carolina School of Law, 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) Law Clerk-SC Senate Judiciary Committee 1994-1995
- (b) Law Clerk-Bridges, Orr, Derrick and Ervin, P.A., Florence, SC 1993

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.

I was admitted to the South Carolina bar in 1995. I took the bar exam one time.
I have not applied for admission to practice law in any other state nor have I taken the bar exam in any other state.

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.

After being admitted to the bar in 1995, I began work at Dusenbury and Snow, P.A. in Florence, SC, which later became Dusenbury, Snow & McGee, P.A. I was employed by the firm until my election to the bench in 2013. I practiced in Family Court primarily, comprising an estimated 95% of all my cases. In addition to my law practice, I became part-time General Counsel to Francis Marion University in 2008 and held that position until my election to the bench in 2013. I was not responsible for the administrative or financial management for either entity nor was I responsible for the management of the trust account at Dusenbury, Snow & McGee, P.A.

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.
 - (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:
 - (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? If so, list the periods of your service, the courts involved, and whether you were elected or appointed. Describe the jurisdiction of each of the courts and note any limitations on the jurisdiction of each court.

I currently hold the position of South Carolina Family Court Judge, At Large, Seat 3. 2013-Present. Jurisdiction is limited to matters as set forth in the SC Codes of Laws as promulgated by the SC General Assembly, which are primarily divorce, child support, custody and visitation, adoption, abuse and neglect of children, protection from domestic abuse, vulnerable adults, name change, and juvenile justice.

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) Davis v. Davis (Spartanburg County) 2015-DR-42-2940. This was a matter involving equitable division of a small business.

(b) Williams v. Williams (Georgetown County) 2015-DR-22-233. This was a weeklong trial involving legal custody of minor children.

(c) Durden v. Watford (Florence County) 2001-DR-21-36. This was a contempt action involving a minor child.

(d) SCDSS v. Davis and Miller (Greenville County) (Unpublished: APC-2016-002260). This was a termination of parental rights action.

(e) SCDSS v. Jenkins (Dorchester County) (Unpublished: APC-2015-002632) This was a weeklong termination of parental rights action involving an adopted child.

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.

I was admitted to practice before the State Courts of South Carolina in 1995.

21. Have you taught law-related courses or lectured at bar association conferences, educational institutions, or continuing legal or judicial education programs? If so, briefly describe each course or lecture.

(a) 2008-2012 Adjunct Professor, Francis Marion University teach Political Science 101. This was an entry level political science taught mostly to freshmen covering US and State government;

(b) 2006-2012 *Pro se* divorce seminar for Centers for Equal Justice. I taught this seminar periodically for self-represented indigent litigants seeking a divorce on one year separation;

(c) 2004-2012 Training seminars for volunteer GALs. As attorney for the 12th Guardian ad litem program I taught new volunteers in courtroom procedure and effective witnessing in abuse and neglect matters before Family Court

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

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

None

24. Please furnish as a separate attachment, two examples of legal articles, briefs, orders, or other legal writings for which you can claim sole or primary authorship. If you cannot claim sole authorship, please explain the extent to which you are the primary author, to include a description of the other authors and their contributions. The writing samples are for the Commission's use only and will not be published. (If you are a judge and are not seeking a different type of judgeship, this question is inapplicable.) N/A

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.

I have no membership status in any legal rating organization as set forth above and am not aware of any rating by the same.

26. List all bar associations and professional organizations of which you are a member and give the titles and dates of any offices you have held in such groups.

(a) South Carolina Bar Association (held no offices)

(b)

(c)

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 served as a member of the South Carolina House of Representatives from 1997-2006. During my service, members of the General Assembly file reports with their respective chamber's ethics committees. Based upon my recollection, I filed one campaign disclosure report late and was fined \$100 which was paid from my personal funds. The disclosure was not timely mailed from my law office. It was my responsibility to timely file the report.

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.

None

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.

From 1982-1991 I served as a broadcast journalist and news anchor at WBTW-TV, in the Florence/Myrtle Beach market.

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.

I have been employed as a lobbyist. I have never acted in the capacity of lobbyist's principal. My activity as a lobbyist is as follows:

- a) Francis Marion University (2008-2011)
This position required monitoring legislation pertaining to higher education and being available to members of the General Assembly regarding matters pertaining to FMU. I was directed by Fred Carter, President FMU;
- b) Electric Cooperatives of South Carolina (2008-2012)
This position required monitoring of legislation on matters pertaining to the transmission and delivery of electricity and to be available to members of the General Assembly, the Governor's Office and/or other Constitutional Officers for matters pertaining to the transmission and delivery of electricity. I was directed by John Frick, VP Legislative Affairs Electric Cooperatives of S.C.;
- c) South Carolina Physical Therapy Association (2010-2012)
I was retained by SCPTA be available to members of the General Assembly for information regarding the practice of Physical Therapy in South Carolina in response to pending legislation the organization believed would significantly change the practice of PT in S.C. I was directed by Jim Stoker;
- d) Tucker-Wells Medical, Florence SC (2011)
An owner-operator durable medical equipment provider in Florence, SC, Mr. Ken Wells, retained my services in 2011 to specifically assist him with proposed changes in SC Health and Human Services Medicaid policy

pertaining to the delivery of adult incontinent supplies to Medicaid patients. I was directed by the small business owner, Ken Wells;

e) SC Medical Equipment Services Association (2009)

I worked on a specific issue regarding durable medical equipment in 2009. I was directed by Dan Grosh.;

f) US Tobacco (2009)

I was retained to assist with proposed legislation regarding weight based taxation of smokeless tobacco products. I was directed by UST VP for Legislative Affairs.

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.

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 to all of the questions as set forth in item 34.

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 made no expenditures in furtherance of my candidacy for this position as of the date of this filing.

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 made no contribution nor has any immediate family member made any contribution to a member of the General Assembly in the past four (4) years. I am not associated with a business.

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.

I have not, nor have directed anyone nor do not have knowledge of anyone soliciting or collecting 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.

None known to the candidate

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 of the above known to the candidate.

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.

None of the above known to the candidate.

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.

I hold a SEP IRA with Fidelity. The money in the IRA is invested in Fidelity Value Mutual Fund – FDVLX1039.

43. For sitting judges, have you ever accepted anything of value from an attorney or litigant in a matter currently or previously before you or your court? If so, please give the details, including the name of the attorney or litigant and the thing of value you received.

No

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

No

45. Have you ever been arrested, charged, or held by federal, state, or other law enforcement authorities for violation or for suspicion of violation of any federal law or regulation, state law or regulation, or county or municipal law, regulation, or ordinance, or any other law, including another country's law? If so, give details but do not include traffic violations which are subject to a penalty of \$125 or less. You must include any and all arrests, including, but not limited to, offenses for driving under the influence or similar traffic offenses. Include all arrests that resulted in expungement, which will be redacted. If you have questions regarding whether to include an offense, please contact the Commission.

I had an Open Container charge in 1993 in Horry County. This is listed as a traffic violation, however, I cannot recall if the fine amount exceeded \$125.

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 am no longer in private practice

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) Paulette Lowe, 412 Haven Drive, Hartsville, SC 29550 (843) 861-2252

(b) Luther F. Carter, P.O. Box 100547, Florence, SC 29501 (843) 661-1210

(c) John Frick, 808 Knox Abbot Drive, Cayce, SC (803) 796-6060

(d) Marty Coates, 1082 Greenview Drive, Florence, SC 29501 (843) 229-3546

(e) John Martin, 701 Prince Alston Cove, Florence, SC 29501 (843) 992-4199

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 am not an active member of social media nor, to my knowledge, have I been featured or depicted on the same.

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) Inns of Court (held no offices)

(b)

(c)

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.**

When elected to the bench in 2013, I said I would treat litigants and attorneys respectfully and cordially, listen patiently and rule fairly. I have given each case that has come before me my full attention, knowing that my ruling would personally affect those appearing before me. Even though I have heard hundreds of cases since my appointment, it

is not lost on me that for the litigants who appear before me, their case is the most important case I will hear. I treat their case that way. I have not deviated from these principles over the five plus years I have served this State as Family Court Judge. My experience has allowed me to hone these skills. My goal every day on the bench is to be the type of judge that I would want to appear before if I were a litigant or attorney.

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: _____