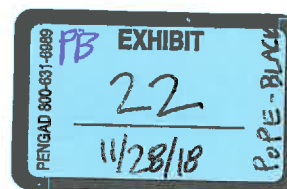


JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION  
PERSONAL DATA QUESTIONNAIRE



Court, Position, and Seat # for which you are applying: Family Court At Large Seat #1

1. Name: Mr.  
Mrs. Honorable Kelly Pope-Black  
Ms.

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

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

Home Address: [REDACTED]

Business Address: 180 Magnolia Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Spartanburg, SC 29306

E-Mail Address: [REDACTED]

Telephone Number: (home): [REDACTED]  
(office): 864-596-3601  
(cell): [REDACTED]

2. Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 1973  
Place of Birth: Greer, 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?

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: Married on May 11, 2013 to Johnny "Jody" Harold Black. One step-daughter – [REDACTED]

Family Status: Divorced on May 18, 2011. Seventh Circuit Family Court, State of South Carolina, one year continuous separation. Kelly D. Pope was the moving party. One child [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) Presbyterian College, 1991-1995, B.S. in Political Science and Sociology
  - (b) Cumberland School of Law, 1998-2001, J.D.
  
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) Dean's List
  - (b) Advocate of the Year, 2000-2001
  - (c) ABA National Trial Team – Regional Finalist
  - (d) Tournament of Champions Trial Team – National Semi-Finalist
  - (e) Order of Barrister
  - (f) Albert C. Brewer Client Counseling Competition – Semi-Finalist
  - (g) Haley Trial Competition – Spring 2000, Semi-Finalist
  - (h) South Carolina Student Bar Association - President
  
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) I was admitted to practice law in South Carolina in 2001 and remain in good standing.
  - (b) In 2002-2003, I was working for a law firm that had offices in SC and NC. I took the NC bar exam in 2002 and 2003, but did not pass.
  
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) Cunningham & Associates, Tega Cay, SC – I worked for Kevin Cunningham as an associate from August 2001 to April 2002. My practice focused on family law, personal injury representing both plaintiffs and defendants. I also handled the firms' DSS court appointed cases. I was not involved in the financial management of the firm.
- (b) Cobourn & Saleeby, Spartanburg, SC – I was an associate with the firm from approximately May 2002 to November 2003. The primary focus of the firm of my work at the firm was plaintiff personal injury cases. While an attorney with the firm, I handled all South Carolina litigation except for worker's compensation and social security disability. Cases ranged from simple motor vehicle collisions to wrongful death and third party worker's compensation claims. I handled most of the firm's DSS court appointed matters ranging from vulnerable adult issues to child custody and TPR cases. I was not involved in the financial management of the firm.
- (c) Christian and Davis, Greenville, SC – I was an associate with Christian and Davis from November 2003 to October 2005. The firm focuses on plaintiff personal injury matters. While an associate with the firm, I handled simple to complex motor vehicle collisions, tractor trailer collisions, medical malpractice, wrongful death, breach of contract and bad faith cases. I was not involved in the financial management of the firm.
- (d) Babb and Brown, Greenville, SC – I was an associate with Babb and Brown from October 2005 to September 2007. The firm primarily focuses on real estate issues. However, I handled all of the litigation for the firm, which included family law, personal injury, construction law, insurance law and homeowner association law. I worked in a variety of courts. Family law cases included contested and uncontested divorces, equitable distribution, alimony, child support and child custody. The personal injury matters ranged from simple motor vehicle collisions to complex medical malpractice/wrongful death cases. The firm also represented several residential homebuilders and I handled all of the litigation concerning these homebuilders that was not covered by their insurance carrier. I also represented homeowners in cases against builders alleging defective construction. In addition, the firm represented several homeowner associations. The by-laws and restrictive covenants of the communities would be reviewed and I would provide legal advice on situation presented by the board of the homeowners associations. There were also matters that would need to be litigated on behalf of the associations and I handled those matters as well. I was not involved in the financial management of the firm.
- (e) Mooneyham Berry & Pope, LLC, Greenville, SC – In October 2007 the law firm of Mooneyham Flowers Berry & Karow, LLC was formed. In August 2008, David Flowers left the firm and it became Mooneyham Berry & Karow, LLC. Following my divorce in May 2011, I resumed my maiden name and the firm became Mooneyham Berry & Pope, LLC. Our firm represented clients throughout the state of South Carolina. My practice consisted of civil, family law and criminal defense work. The civil cases ranged from simple to complex. My areas of civil litigation included motor vehicle collisions, wrongful death, medical malpractice, business disputes and construction

litigation. The family law cases ranged from adoptions, equitable distribution to custody. Criminal defense was a small area of my practice and I handled smaller cases.

As a partner in the firm, I along with my fellow partners, were responsible for the day to day management of the firm. We had regular meetings to review the finances of the firm, including the trust accounts.

- (f) South Carolina Family Court Judge At Large Seat 1 – In January of 2013, I was elected to the South Carolina family court bench by the General Assembly. I officially took office July 1, 2013 and continue to hold this position. As a family court judge, I preside over cases in the areas of custody, support, alimony, equitable distribution, divorce, adoption and abuse and neglect. The family courts of South Carolina also hear the majority of crimes related to juveniles. In 2017, I assisted in starting the first juvenile drug court for Spartanburg County.

**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.

In January 2013 I was elected to Family Court At Large Seat 1 by the South Carolina General Assembly. I officially took the bench July 1, 2013. I currently still hold this position. I can serve as a family court judge in any circuit within South Carolina. Since July 1, 2013, I have only handled cases in family court.

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) SCDSS v. Danielle Vess Headley and William D. Headley. Case No.: 2015-DR-42-1877
- (b) Paulo L. Zortea v. Anne C. Zortea, n/k/a Anne C. Spearman. Case No.: 2014-DR-42-213. Appellate Case No.: 2017-UP-281
- (c) SCDSS v. Kimberly Lowe, et al. Case No. 2014-DR-42-0780 and 2015-DR-42-3108
- (d) SCDSS v. Janet Bright, et al. Case No. 2014-DR-42-3156. Appellate Case No. 2017-UP-293.
- (e) Matthew and Terra Coyle v. Wilmer and Lilyana Garcia. Case No. 2014-DR-11-400. Notice of Appeal Filed April 13, 2016.

20. List all courts in which you have been admitted to practice and list the dates of your admission. Give the same information for administrative bodies that require a special admission to practice.

- (a) State Courts of South Carolina 2001
- (b) US District Court for the State of South Carolina 2004

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.

Please see attached.

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

Please see attached.

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.)

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.

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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

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.

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 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.

In 2017 I applied for Circuit Court At Large Seat 9, but withdrew.

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.

(a) Foothills Rape Crisis Center, Anderson, SC – I worked for the FRCC from August 1995 to August 1996. This position was through the AmeriCorp program. My responsibilities included developing safety awareness programs for K-12 for Anderson, Abbeville and Oconee Counties. I would make presentations at schools, churches and civic organizations for grades K-6 based on a program helping children define between a good touch and a bad touch. For grades 8-12, the program was geared towards prevention of date abuse and date rape. In addition to developing, coordinating and presenting these programs, I would also provide counseling and support to children and teens that were victims of physical and sexual abuse.

(b) Safe Harbor Domestic Violence Shelter, Greenville, SC - I worked from Safe Harbor from August 1996 until August 1998. My responsibilities continued to focus on presenting safety awareness programs to grades K-6 and date abuse prevention programs for grades 8-12. I was also responsible for coordinating volunteer efforts. In coordination with my awareness programs, I provided counseling and support to children and teens that were victims of physical and sexual abuse. This work included children that were staying at the shelter as well as children in the community. Following my work at Safe Harbor, I attended law school. Prior to leaving for law school, my goal was to implement a date abuse prevention program for the Greenville County School District. I wrote "The Megan Project", a date abuse prevention program that was approved by the Greenville County School District right before I left to attend law school in 1998. The program is still being presented by Safe Harbor.

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.**

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.
- (a) I have had state and federal tax liens instituted against me, but they have been paid and released. A partially released federal tax lien shows in Spartanburg County. As of July 2018 we are in the process of refinancing our home to pay the IRS so that the lien will be fully released instead of partially. At the time of the deadline of this paperwork the refinancing has not been finalized. I do plan to file an amended financial statement reflecting the release as soon as it is all finalized, which should be within the next sixty days according to the bank handling the refinance.
  - (b) During law school I obtained some private student loans to supplement my federal student loans. In 2007 one of the private student loans was sent to a collection agency. This was during the time I was experiencing a high risk pregnancy with my daughter, who was born in April of 2007. I paid the outstanding balance owed on the loan in full in 2007 and it was satisfied.
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?

To date I have no expenditures. I do plan to purchase a name badge, stationary, envelopes and stamps.

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.

No

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.

I do not hear any cases that involve my former law partners, Kimberly Berry and Joe Mooneyham unless there is an agreement. In those cases, I make all parties aware on the record of my former law partnership with Kimberly Berry/Joe Mooneyham and on the record receive consent from all parties to take the agreement.

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.

None

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.

None

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

No

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

No

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

[All answers have been received and considered by the Commission, and as noted above, any expunged matters are redacted from the record.]

46. Have you, to your knowledge, ever been under federal, state, or local investigation for possible violation of a criminal statute? If yes, explain.

No

47. Have you ever been sued by a client? Have you ever been a named party (personally or professionally) in or had a pecuniary interest in any civil or criminal proceedings? If so, give details, including, but not limited to, dates, and resolutions.
- (a) In 2007 the law firm of Mooneyham Flowers Berry & Karow, LLC was formed. In August 2008, David Flowers left the firm. Following his departure, David Flowers sued me personally for monies he claimed the law firm owed him. In addition, he sued me personally for an outstanding loan that was made from him to Eric Karow. William Herlong represented me on both matters and is allowed to discuss the cases. The case numbers are 2009-CP-10253 and 2009-CP-23-10254. Both matters were dismissed.
- (b) Booker, #297590 v. SCDSS, et al, 2012-CP-35-20 is a case where I was a defendant. I was court appointed to represent an inmate in a DSS action regarding his parental rights. I met with him before the first hearing at the courthouse because he was incarcerated. Following the hearing, he asked me to go to the lobby, get a package from his mother and take it to him. I had learned the package supposedly contained a cell phone. I refused to make the exchange and he became very upset with me. I immediately filed to be relieved as counsel, which was granted. New counsel was appointed within 10 days. The plaintiff made a claim against me for legal malpractice, which was dismissed. Paul Agnew in Abbeville represented me on this matter and is allowed to discuss the case.
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.
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) Carmenlita Sayles  
41 Beck Avenue  
Greenville, South Carolina 29605  
864-365-7985

(b) James H. Price, III  
644 East Washington Street  
Greenville, South Carolina 29601

864-271-3535

- (c) Sheriff Chuck Wright  
Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office  
P.O. Box 771  
Spartanburg, South Carolina 29304  
864-503-4500
- (d) Hope Blackley  
Spartanburg County Clerk of Court  
180 Magnolia Street  
Spartanburg, South Carolina 29306  
864-764-4760
- (e) Charles Crite, Jr., Ed. D.  
Forrester Center for Behavioral Health  
187 W. Broad Street  
Spartanburg, South Carolina 29306  
864-934-2886

56. Are you active on or a member of a social media or Internet site or have you, to your knowledge, been featured or depicted on a social media or Internet site, such as, Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, etc.? If so, how would your use of social media or other similar types of Internet sites be affected if you were serving in a judicial capacity?

I have a Facebook page and an Instagram account. I also use Pinterest. My Facebook and Instagram account use is limited to keeping up with family that do not live in South Carolina and close friends. My work is never discussed. My occupation is not listed.

I may have a Twitter account, but am not positive and if I do it is inactive. I set one up to follow Lanie Hudson when she was Miss South Carolina 2014 and was posting during her trip to Miss America. My daughter was Lanie's Palmetto Princess and we had to have a Twitter account to follow her and vote for her for the People's Choice Award at Miss America. If I still have the Twitter account, I could not get into it because I do not know the password and have not used it since Lanie Hudson went to Miss America.

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) Inman First Baptist Church
- (b) Oakbrook Preparatory School – Former Board Member
- (c) Paws to the Rescue – Volunteer
- (d) Zeta Tau Alpha

- (e) Miss South Carolina Organization – Volunteer
- (f) Greer Christian Basketball Association – Volunteer Coach
- (h) BRHJA – Blue Ridge Hunter Jumper Association, Member
- (i) SCHJA – South Carolina Hunter Jumper Association, Member

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.

In seventh grade I tried out for the middle school basketball team. I thought it would be fun. At the time, I did not realize the amount of hard work and dedication it would take to be a part of the team. Two weeks into practices I wanted to quit. I begged, pleaded and at times had an awful attitude because I was not getting my way. My parents would not let me quit the team. If I started something, it was my responsibility to finish it. I ended up loving not only basketball, but volleyball too and used that passion as a tool to help pay for college. My parents taught me that if you make a commitment, you keep it and work hard at it. They taught me to take responsibility for my actions. I remember at times my parents working two jobs because that was what had to be done. I have a strong work ethic and an attitude of determination as a result of lessons I learned from my parents.

My lesson in compassion began with volunteering. My passion as an advocate for victims began in college when I became a volunteer for SAFE Homes Domestic Abuse Shelter and Rape Crisis Center and The Children's Shelter in Spartanburg. I later expanded my volunteer work into other counties and other organizations. The experience I gained as a volunteer lead to my job with the Foothills Rape Crisis Center and later with Safe Harbor Domestic Violence Shelter.

My work with these organizations was filled with humbling and life changing experiences. While at Safe Harbor, the organization did not have the funds to support a separate staff office space from the shelter. Therefore, our offices were in the shelter. At times that situation made it difficult to work because of the distractions, but it also allowed us to provide immediate support to the women and children staying at the shelter. There were times when difficult and painful decisions had to be made in order to protect the children. The children I worked with taught me the value of life. I witnessed those children at one of the most painful points in their lives and most still found strength and courage to want to trust and love again. They continue to inspire me. My gavel is engraved with a message about those precious children.

Before taking the bench as a family court judge, I thought I knew the practice of patience, open mindedness and academic growth. The past five years as a family court judge have shown me that I had a lot to learn and still have a lot to learn. In family court we deal a lot with self-represented litigants that require a lot of patience as they do not understand the law. There are many times parties, represented and unrepresented, grow angry with you as a judge because the outcome is not what they expected. Dealing with their anger and

frustration requires patience and open mindedness because a judge must realize, appreciate and respect the positions of those in front of him or her. During the past five years, I have encountered many cases that were academically stimulating and challenging. There are situations and circumstances that I never thought until I encountered them as a judge. As a result, I am learning and growing daily not only professionally, but personally as well.



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