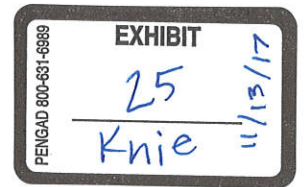


JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION  
PERSONAL DATA QUESTIONNAIRE



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

1. Name: Mrs. Grace Gilchrist Knie  
Circuit Court Judge, Seventh Judicial Circuit, Seat 2

Are you currently serving in some capacity as a judge?

Yes; Judge for the Circuit Court, Seventh Judicial Circuit , Seat 2.

Home Address: [REDACTED]

Business Address: The Spartanburg County Courthouse  
180 Magnolia Street  
Spartanburg, South Carolina 29306

E-Mail Address: [REDACTED]

Telephone Number: (home): [REDACTED]  
(office): (864) 596-2285  
(cell): [REDACTED]

2. Date of Birth: [REDACTED]/1964  
Place of Birth: Augusta, GA  
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#: SCDL# [REDACTED]  
Voter Registration Number: [REDACTED]

5. 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) August 16th, 2003, Patrick Eugene Knie;  
(c) Divorced; October 30th, 2000; Moving party was Grace Gilchrist Dunbar; Family Court of the Seventh Judicial Circuit; Divorce ground: One year's separation without co-habitation; Civil Action Number: 2000-DR-42-3749;  
(d) No biological children.

Two Step-children: [REDACTED]

6. 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.
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) Columbia College, Columbia, South Carolina, Bachelor of Arts Degree, 1982 - 1986;
  - (b) University of South Carolina, School of Law, Juris Doctor Degree, 1986 - 1989.
8. 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. If you took the bar exam more than once in any of the states listed, please indicate the number of times you took the exam in each state.
  - (a) South Carolina, 1989.
9. 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.
  - University of South Carolina School of Law: 1986 -1989
    - Chairperson, Legislative Council
    - Vice President, Student Bar Association
    - Women's Law Association (President)
    - Orientation Committee (Chairperson)
    - American Bar Association/Law Student Division, (ABA/LSD) Representative and 4<sup>th</sup> Circuit Lt. Governor for Membership
    - Member, Outstanding Young Women of America
    - Phi Alpha Delta (PAD), (Community Service Fraternity)
10. Provide, as a separate attachment, your continuing legal or judicial education report from the past five years.  
Please see the requested Attachment attached hereto;
11. 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) I have lectured at the 2002 SCAJ Annual Convention, to the Family Law Section on the subject Family Court Visitation and Custody Issues (Excluding Patel) ;
  - (b) I have lectured at the 2003 SCAJ Annual Convention, to the Family Law Section, on the subject What Family Court Judges Want at Temporary Hearings;
  - (c) I have lectured at the 2004 SCAJ Annual Convention, to the Family Law Section on the subject Family Law- Case Law Update, September 2003 -July 2004;

- (d) I have lectured at the 2005 SCAJ Annual Convention, to the Family Law Section on the subject Family Law- Case Law Update, September 2004 -July 2005;
  - (e) In 2007 I chaired the Family Law Section of the SCAJ and enlisted speakers for the CLE presentation. I presided over and moderated the Family Law presentation at the 2007 Annual Convention.
12. List all published books and articles you have written and give citations and the dates of publication for each. 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. Please see the requested Attachment attached hereto;
13. 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) All South Carolina State Courts , admitted 11/15/1989; SC Bar# 12873;
  - (b) US District Court, for the District South Carolina admitted June 17th, 1991; Federal Bar # 5337;
14. 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) Kermit S. King, Attorney, Columbia, South Carolina, Clerkship August, 1988-June, 1989;  
Upon graduating from law school in the Summer of 1989, while studying to take the Bar Exam in August, I continued to work for Kermit S. King, Attorney at Law, Columbia. Mr. King's practice primarily focused on divorce or domestic litigation. My job responsibilities were to research aspects of the law as instructed, to assist in organizing files and accompanying him and other lawyers in the firm to court, when necessary. In addition, I performed general clerkship duties. The position ended at the conclusion of the Bar Exam preparation and upon my taking a position as Clerk to The Honorable James B. Stephen, Circuit Court Judge.
  - (b) Honorable James B. Stephen, Circuit Court Judge, Spartanburg, South Carolina, Law Clerk, August, 1989-August, 1990;  
I obtained the position of Law Clerk to The Honorable James B. Stephen, Circuit Court Judge for the 7<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Spartanburg, SC in August 1989. I had the opportunity to shadow Judge Stephen in his court room and in his office for one year. I traveled with him while he rotated throughout the state when he held court in Beaufort, Charleston, Columbia, Aiken, Cherokee, Spartanburg and other counties and had a unique and distinct career opportunity which was priceless in gaining valuable experience and insight into the practice of law. During that year,

I sat beside Judge Stephen on the bench, in the courtroom on a daily basis and was able to observe first hand General Sessions Court and Common Pleas Court. He had me research legal issues, assist in writing decisions, and also had me serve as the conduit of information between himself and counsel appearing before him concerning decisions, calendaring, and scheduling.

- (c) Bruce Foster, P.A., Spartanburg, South Carolina, Associate, 1990-1992;  
In August of 1990 I became an associate of Bruce Foster, P.A., in Spartanburg. The practice was a general litigation practice with focus on domestic litigation, and plaintiff's personal injury. As an associate attorney, I initially served as co-counsel with Mr. Foster in on-going, pending litigation and then accumulating my own clients and represented them in both family court, civil litigation, and some criminal defense, as well as, employment discrimination and sexual harassment litigation. At the conclusion of two years, I continued to share office space with Mr. Foster, but formed my own firm as Grace Gilchrist Dunbar, P.A.
- (d) Grace Gilchrist Dunbar, PA , Spartanburg, South Carolina, Attorney, 1992-2004;  
1992 through 2004, I had a general litigation practice handling domestic litigation, plaintiff's personal injury, workers' compensation, employment discrimination and criminal defense work. During this time, Mr. Foster's health began to deteriorate and he retired. I purchased and renovated an office building in Spartanburg and moved my practice to a location approximately one block from Mr. Foster's office. I was a sole practitioner and solely handled the administrative and financial management of the law firm which required that I was in charge of payroll, payroll tax deposits, quarterly and annual tax returns, and I was in charge of the management of the law firm's trust account/s. A CPA firm calculated payroll, tax deposits, and withholding amounts.
- (e) City of Spartanburg, Spartanburg, South Carolina, City Prosecutor, 1995-2010; part-time position;  
In 1995, I took the position as the City Prosecutor for the City of Spartanburg. I held this position until 2010. It was part-time. My job responsibilities included the prosecution of all criminal jury trials for the City of Spartanburg. These cases ranged from minor traffic citations to Criminal Domestic Violence and Driving Under the Influence 1<sup>st</sup> Offense and Driving Under Suspension. There were multi-day terms of Court on a monthly basis. I dealt with attorneys representing defendants, as well as, pro-se litigants on a regular basis. Additionally, I served as legal counsel at City Council meetings when the City Attorney could not be present. I handled the majority of the appeals from the Spartanburg City Municipal Court to the Circuit Court.
- (f) Grace Gilchrist Knie, PA , Spartanburg, South Carolina, Attorney, 2004 - February 23, 2017.  
In 2004, although the nature of my practice remained the same, after my marriage, I changed the name of my law practice and professional association to Grace Gilchrist Knie, P.A. Approximately 6-8 years ago I transitioned the nature of my firm from contested domestic litigation to Social Security disability in addition to personal injury. I was a sole practitioner and solely handled the administrative and

financial management of the law firm which required that I was in charge of payroll, payroll tax deposits, quarterly and annual tax returns, and I was in charge of the management of the law firm's trust account/s. A CPA firm calculated payroll, tax deposits, and withholding amounts.

15. Please answer the following (if you are a judge and are not seeking a different type of judgeship, this question is inapplicable):

Not applicable.

- (a) If you are a candidate for Family Court, please provide a brief written description of your experience within each of the following Family Court practice areas: divorce and equitable division of property, child custody, adoption, abuse and neglect, and juvenile justice. Include information about cases you have handled in each of these practice areas, or if you have not practiced in an area, describe how your background and procedural knowledge has prepared you to preside over such matters as a Family Court Judge. Please also indicate the frequency of your appearances before a Family Court Judge within the past five years.

Not applicable.

- (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.

Not applicable.

- (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.

Not applicable.

- (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.

Not applicable.

16. 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.
- (a) AV Preeminent Rating Martindale -Hubbell in Legal Ability and Ethical Standards;
  - (b) Best Lawyers in America, Member;
  - (c) Super Lawyers, Member;
  - (d) Litigation Counsel of America Trial Lawyer Honorary Society Fellow;

**\* Justices/judges applying for re-election to their current position may omit Questions 17–22. If you are a judge seeking a judgeship different than your current position, Questions 17-22 should be answered based on your experience prior to serving on the bench.**

17. 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:
- Omitted.

18. 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:
- Omitted.

19. 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:
- Omitted.

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

Omitted.

20. 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.
- Omitted.

21. 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.  
Omitted.
22. 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.  
Omitted.
23. 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.  
Yes, I was elected on February 1, 2017, by the SC General Assembly and took the oath on February 24th, 2017, for the position of Circuit Court Judge for the Seventh Judicial Circuit, Seat 2. The Circuit Court is a court of general trial jurisdiction and limited appellate jurisdiction from the Probate Court, Magistrate's Court and Municipal Court in South Carolina.
24. If the answer to question 23 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.  
In my brief time on the bench since April 3, 2017, the most significant sentences or jury trials over which I have presided are as follows:  
(a) State v. James Williams, 2017-GS-32-2175/ 2176/ 2178;  
(b) State v. Grant Helms, 2017-GS-28-0642;  
(c) State v. Damian Marquez Copeland, 2015-GS-30-1584;  
(d) State v. David McClinton, 2017A1210100168;  
(e) Anders J. Sorensen v. Norwood Sherman Wilner, 2016-CP-32-2604.
25. 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.  
Not Applicable.
26. 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.
27. Have you ever been an unsuccessful candidate for elective, judicial, or other public office? If so, give details, including dates.  
No.
28. 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.

While in junior high, high school, college and law school, I held several part-time employment positions. These included fast food clerk, produce grader, produce sales person, grocery store stocker and cashier, clothing store clerk, hostess, waitress, gift shop clerk, receptionist, page, intern, and law clerk. My only profession has been to practice law.

29. 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.

30. Please explain why you think you meet the professional and academic ability criteria for the seat you seek.

After 28 years in numerous courtrooms at the magisterial, administrative, circuit court, and federal levels, I have appeared in front of numerous judges. I spent my first year as a lawyer clerking for a Circuit Court judge. As would be expected, I have observed all types of judicial demeanor and a wide range of decisions. From those experiences, I have developed an overview of what qualities are possessed by a good jurist and how a courtroom should be run. I have 27 years of experience practicing law in the trial courts of SC, both in criminal and civil cases. I have served as a prosecutor in Municipal Court for 15 years. As a prosecutor I prosecuted criminal cases, primarily in jury trials. I dealt regularly with victims, pro se defendants, and legal counsel. In my private practice of 27 years, I have represented defendants in criminal cases, I have represented litigants in civil personal injury actions, family court matters, work-related injury cases, and social security disability cases. I have managed a small business, my law firm, for approximately 22 years. I routinely wrote memorandum on legal issues and proposed orders. I also regularly researched specific legal issues in cases. I, of necessity, routinely reviewed the SC Rules of Civil Procedure, Rules of Evidence, Criminal Procedure, SC case and statutory law.

31. 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 is provided with this questionnaire and you must use this format for submission of your financial statement.)

Please see the requested Attachment attached hereto: Financial Statement and supporting documents.

**NOTE: The Commission may require written confirmation that financial obligations have been satisfied or that the parties have agreed upon a payment schedule.**



32. 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 am married to Attorney Patrick Eugene Knie. I would disqualify myself from hearing matters in which he is counsel of record or in other matters in which he involved as specifically outlined pursuant to Rule 501, SCACR, Canon 3E., "a judge shall disqualify himself or herself in a proceeding in which the judge's impartiality might reasonably be questioned." Canon 3E. lists specific examples of when the judge's impartiality might be questioned, such as if the judge's spouse is a party or lawyer in the proceeding; if the judge has or judge's spouse has more than a de minimis interest in the proceeding; if the judge has a bias concerning a party or lawyer in the proceeding; or if the judge's spouse is a likely to be a material witness. Canon 3E.(1)(a)-(d).

33. 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.]  
In approximately 1993 I was given a Traffic Citation for disregarding a control device in Richland County, South Carolina. It is my belief that the fine exceeded \$125.00.

34. Have you, to your knowledge, ever been under federal, state, or local investigation for possible violation of a criminal statute? If yes, explain.  
[All answers have been received and considered by the Commission, and as noted above, any expunged matters are redacted from the record.]

35. 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.

36. 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) Roberta D. Ringler v. Jack W. Ringler, Sr., W. Marsh Robertson, P.A., Grace Gilchrist Dunbar, P.A., Susan Ingles, P.A., James Fivecoat Pension Manager;  
6:01-cv-04290- HMH

Pro se Plaintiff alleged that during the course of her divorce proceedings she did not receive a fair divorce hearing because her spouse, the attorneys and judges did not

follow proper court procedures. The action was filed in 2001 in SC Federal District Court. The District Court judge assigned to the case dismissed the action on December 11, 2001, for lack of subject matter jurisdiction. The defendants, including myself, were never served with the lawsuit. I learned of this matter for the first time while conducting an electronic document search in conjunction with completing this application for my initial judicial election;

- (b) Fred Ciacelli v. Barbara Audet, Grace Dunbar, James Cothran, and Anne Katherine Ciacelli; 1999-CP-42-2514;

The was filed on September 24th, 1999, by a Pro Se Plaintiff alleging that during the course of a post divorce proceeding against him for contempt in which I represented his former wife, his daughter Anne Katherine Ciacelli, a named defendant, obtained a felony warrant against him which caused him to be extradited from the state of Florida. Once in SC he was served with a Rule to Show Cause seeking to hold him in contempt. Legal counsel for defendants filed 12(b) 6 motions to dismiss. Plaintiff thereafter filed a request with the Court for a dismissal of the action. The action was dismissed with prejudice on November 18th, 1999, by order of the Circuit Court;

- (c)\* SC State Housing Finance and Development Authority v. Ralph L. Garner, Phyllis H. Garner, William G. Wynn, Jr., Bell Atlantic Mobile, Phillip Morrow, DMD, Grace Gilchrist Dunbar, Gregory J. Nield, Karen M. Nield; 1997-CP-42-2106

This matter was a foreclosure action against Ralph and Phyllis Garner. I previously represented one of the parties and was awarded attorneys fees in the Family Court Order. I was named a party in the foreclosure action due to my status as a potential inferior lien holder to the Plaintiff and the potential to receive the attorneys fee from the foreclosure sale by virtue of the fact that a Family Court Order listed that I was to receive attorney fees from one of the Garners.

- (d) \* First Citizens v. Ralph Garner, et.al.;1997-LP-42-00639

This case number was listed on the public index for Spartanburg County. I requested assistance in locating these files from the Clerk of Court's Office for Spartanburg County. The office was unable to locate this file because the file number suggests that this is a Lis Pendens. I assume that this is another foreclosure action where I was named as a party because I had been listed as legal counsel in the Family Court Order to be paid attorney's fees.

- (e)\* First Citizens v. Ralph Garner, et.al.;1997- LP-42-00738

This case number was listed on the public index for Spartanburg County. I requested assistance in locating these from the Clerk of Court's Office for Spartanburg County. The office was unable to locate this file because the file number suggests that this is a Lis Pendens. I assume that this is another foreclosure where I was named as a party because I had been listed as legal counsel in the Family Court Order to be paid attorney's fees.

- (f)\* Regions Bank v. Christopher J. Green, Crystal M. Green, Grace Gilchrist Dunbar et.al.; 2008-CP-11-1062; I assume that this was a foreclosure action in which I was named as a party because I had been listed as legal counsel in the Family Court Order to be paid attorney's fees.

\* There was a period of time that legal counsel handling foreclosure actions believed that it was necessary to name any potential, inferior, or subsequent lien holders, including domestic relations attorneys who had been awarded attorney's fees in a Family Court Order. I did not request to be named in the foreclosure actions.

(g) Grace Gilchrist Knie v. Grace Gilchrist Knie, PA and The Hartford;  
WCC File Number: 1303436

I suffered a work-related injury on April 3rd, 2013, and filed a WCC Claim against my PA and my WCC insurance carrier. The claim was later resolved on June 25th, 2014. The claim resulted from an assault and battery by a client attempting to flee from arrest by his probation officers at the Office of Adjudication and Review (ODAR) in Greenville, SC, immediately following his Social Security disability hearing.

37. 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.]

38. 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.

39. 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.

(a) Yes, when I was in private practice I was covered by legal malpractice insurance;

(b) My legal malpractice carrier is The General Agency, Inc., with mailing address P.O. Box 30459, Charleston, SC 29417-0459 with contact telephone number (843) 766-9091;

(c) My first policy with that agency was effective 2/2/1993; and has been with them since that date;

(d) The limit while in private practice was \$500,000 each claim and \$1,000,000 aggregate. The deductible was \$1,000.

(e) My policy, now that I am no longer in private practice, provides coverage for all prior acts and past exposure subject to all policy terms and conditions.

40. 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 account which I do not use and is not active.

41. 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.
42. 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.
43. 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?  
- 7/3/17 USPS Certified Mailings x 3; \$19.77 in conjunction with completing the application and other required documents for this position as required by the JMSC.
44. 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.  
Please see the requested Attachment attached hereto.
45. 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.  
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.**

46. 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.

47. 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.
48. 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.
49. 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.
50. 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) Spartanburg County Bar Association;  
President, 2012; Vice President, 2011; Executive Committee member, 2009 -2013;  
Chairperson, Spartanburg County Bar's Cinderella Prom Dress Project 2008-2013;  
(b) SC Bar Association 1989 - Present;  
Member, Judicial Qualifications Committee 2012 - January, 2016;  
Member, Solo and Small Firm Section  
(c) American Bar Association;
51. 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) First Presbyterian Church;  
(b) The YMCA;  
(c) The Piedmont Club;  
(d) The Spartanburg County Library.
52. Provide any other information that may reflect positively or negatively on your candidacy, or which you believe should be disclosed in connection with consideration of you for nomination for the position you seek. This information may include how your life experiences have affected or influenced the kind or type of judge you have been or plan to be.

As a young person, it was always my goal to complete college and law school. Out of necessity in order to pay the tuition and the necessary costs involved, I worked multiple jobs at the same time while attending school and was able to pay my way through undergraduate school and law school. I believe that I have a strong work ethic that has carried over to my professional practice. I was always willing to put in the long hours necessary to be fully prepared in every case which I handled. As a circuit court judge, I bring that work ethic with

me everyday to insure that whatever tasks are assigned to me are fully and timely completed. My work ethic has also made me very independent and I believe that such independence is very important to being a good and ethical jurist.

53. 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) Kenneth C. Anthony, Jr., Attorney, The Anthony Law Firm, P.A., P. O. Box 3565, Spartanburg SC, 29304 ; (864) 582-2355;
  - (b) H. Spencer King, Attorney, The Ward Law Firm, P.A., P.O. Box 5663, Spartanburg, SC 29304; (864) 591-2364;
  - (c) Timothy E. Madden, Attorney, Nelson Mullins Riley and Scarborough, LLP, 104 South Main Street, Greenville, SC 29601; (864) 250-2279;
  - (d) Norman F. Pulliam, Pulliam Enterprises, Inc., 812 East Main Street, Spartanburg, SC 29302; (864) 583-6964;
  - (e) Matthew W. Myers, SVP & City Executive, South State Bank, 320 East Main Street, Spartanburg, SC 29302; (864) 621-1820.
54. 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.

My husband owns a commercial building located at 310 North Limestone Street in Gaffney S.C. On February 1st, 1994, he leased a portion of the building to the Public Defenders' office located in Gaffney, SC, which was part of the Seventh Judicial Circuit Public Defenders' office. He initially received rent in the amount of \$500.00 per month. At some point the rent amount was increased to \$600.00 per month. That arrangement terminated as September 1st, 2015, by mutual agreement.

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.

I own no interest in the property. It is valued at \$150,000. The location is 310 North Limestone Street, Gaffney, SC. Initially there was a written lease agreement a copy of which is attached. The lease arrangement was month-to-month for at least ten years.

55. 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.
56. 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.  
Please see the requested Attachment attached hereto.
57. 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.
58. For sitting judges, have you used the services of your staff, for which you did not pay, while campaigning for this office?  
No.

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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Notary Signature)

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