

**JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION
PERSONAL DATA QUESTIONNAIRE**



Court, Position, and Seat # for which you are applying: South Carolina Court of Appeals, Seat 8

1. Name: The Honorable Thomas Ellis Huff

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

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

Home Address: [REDACTED]

Business Address:

E-Mail Address: [REDACTED]

Telephone Number: (home): [REDACTED]
(Office): 803-734-1541
(Cell): [REDACTED]

2. Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 1949
Place of Birth: Augusta, Georgia
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#: 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.

Family Status: Married on May 5, 1974 to Patricia Tucker
Never divorced, one child

[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.

University of South Carolina-Aiken
1967-1969
Associate Degree-Science

Augusta State University
1969-1971
Bachelor of Business Administration (Management)

University of South Carolina School of Law
1972-1975
JD

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.

South Carolina 1976 (3)

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.

None

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

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. YES.

SC Bar CLE; 12/12/03; TIPS FROM THE BENCH IV

This CLE provided an overview of recent cases of significant importance and the process of handling appellate matters in summary courts and the circuit court.

SC Bar CLE; 6/18/04; HOT TIPS FROM THE BENCH IV. This CLE focused on handling matters before the magistrate court and perfecting an appeal properly. It also addressed the distinctive differences in appealing civil and criminal matters.

SC Bar CLE; 11/19/04; 14th Annual Criminal Practice in South Carolina. This CLE was a review and examination of the most recent court opinions and the impact upon criminal practice.

NATIONAL DISTRICT ATTORNEY ASSOCIATION COURSE NUMBER 01-01-AA1;
11/12-12/1/00. "APPELATE ADVOCY"

I served as a faculty member for a week of training for District Attorneys from across the country. The week involved mock trials, argument and trial technique along with trial preparation. The course materials also stressed effective appellate advocacy and preparation.

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.
NONE
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) South Carolina, 1976
 - (b) US District Court for the District of SC, 1978
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) 1976-1996: I had a solo practice with an emphasis in domestic, workers compensation and tort law. I assumed the duties as corporate counsel for Aiken Electric Cooperative in 1990. Aiken Electric in size is in the top three co-ops for South Carolina. I represented them before the Public Service Commission, Circuit Court and Supreme Court. While I served as their attorney I had the privilege of litigating and arguing in the Supreme Court a precedent setting issue involving territorial assignment as it relates to the impact of municipal annexation.
15. Please answer the following (if you are a judge and are not seeking a different type of judgeship, this question is inapplicable):
 - (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.
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.
MARTINDALE-HUBBEL rating BV
- * **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:
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:

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:

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

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.
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.
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.
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.
- I was first elected to the South Carolina Court of Appeals in Feb.1996 and served continuously since then. The Court of Appeals has statewide jurisdiction of all courts, agencies, commissions and administrative law courts and serves to correct errors of law. The Court of Appeals can hear all appeals except those matters exclusively reserved to the Supreme Court.
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.
- SEE ATTACHMENT
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.
- I was elected to the South Carolina House of Representatives in 1978 and served continuously until 1996 when I resigned to seek a seat on the South Carolina Court of Appeals. I timely filed all reports and disclosures.

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.
YES. I ran for a seat on the Court of Appeals in 1993 but lost in a two candidate race by seven votes.
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.
NO
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.

I have served on the South Carolina Court of Appeals almost 21 years and it is evident to me that I have learned more in those 21 years of experience than I could have initially imagined. It is in doing and performing the tasks of being a judge that matures the mind and attributes of being that judge. The years have heightened my skills to analyze, express and discuss very difficult matters of law. It is not only the skill to recognize legal questions but the ability to define the issue and to craft an answer in a succinct way to be understandable and useable. I believe my skills of communication with the judges on the court have been refined and made me a better judge as well. Without the skill to reasonably and effectively express your analysis of an issue any academic or professional ability is muted and dulled. The experience of working with my law clerks and other judges on the court to prepare opinions and see them evolve and develop thru research, discussion and oral argument has likewise educated me in an intellectual and maturing way. It has matured me to accept fair comment and improvement to my writings. What "we" produce in our court opinions must be done well with word and reason. I believe the work, the effort and the experience has made me a better judge and qualified me for continued service on the Court of Appeals.

31. Provide, **as a separate attachment**, a complete, current financial net worth statement that itemizes in detail: SEE ATTACHMENT
- (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.)

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.
NONE
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.]
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.
A state lien was filed in error in the 1980's, in error, and was removed immediately when it was brought to their attention that they had filed it against the wrong person.
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.
NO
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.

NOT APPLICABLE

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 am not active on or a member of a social media site. I do have an e-mail address but do not use Facebook. I do have a Facebook account but only use it to keep up with my grandchildren and what they are doing. I have been and will continue to be very cautious and circumspect in the use of any social media. In the society we live in its ability for good things is tempered by the potential harm and improper use. Communication in this arena needs to be measured, filtered and sensitive.

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?

NONE

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.

NONE

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? NO Describe the campaigning you have done for this election and include a list of those individuals you have asked to campaign on your behalf and, to the best of your knowledge, those who have campaigned for you on their own initiative.

No campaigning has been conducted by me or anyone at my request.

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) South Carolina Bar Association

(b) American Bar Association

(c) Aiken County 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.
NONE

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.

I have served in the capacity of a Judge on the South Carolina Court of Appeals over the last twenty years. I have worked with some of the most intelligent members of the bench. One of my mentors, Judge Burt Goolsby, now retired, had such a positive influence on me. He allowed me to see and understand that a good judge is made up so many qualities, attributes and abilities. In my service with him I came to understand why a judge's temperament, understanding, and respect for the individual litigant are so important. It is not only what is heard by the attorneys but how we say it, the manner of our inquiry and how we probe the matters at issue. Those skills can be innate but more often are learned and developed and honed with experience and observation. It is critical that we, as judges, build and maintain respect for the court and the rule of law. A sense of fair treatment and consideration of their grievances does much to nurture that respect and it is imperative that our citizenry honestly believes that all are equal before the law.

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) Mr. William Clay Lee
218 Post Oak Drive
North Augusta, SC 29841
803-215-6675
- (b) Mr. Ward Aston
1399 Ascauga Lake Road
North Augusta, SC 29841
803-279-7703
- (c) Ronald A. Maxwell, Esquire
Maxwell Law Firm P.C.

225 Chesterfield Street, NW
Aiken, SC 29801
803-641-6700

(d) Mr. J. Robert Brooks
1918 Green Forest Drive
North Augusta, SC 29841

(e) Mr. Mark E. Alison
4 Woodsprings Ct.
North Augusta, SC 29860
706-533-1799

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; NONE
 - (b) in which there have been public improvements of \$200 or that adjoins property in which there have been public improvements of \$200; NONE 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; NONE
- (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. NONE

Attach a copy of any contract or agreement.

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.
NO STOCK OR SECURITIES
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: _____

**JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION
PERSONAL DATA QUESTIONNAIRE
FOR RETIRED JUDGES/JUSTICES**

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

1. Name: The Honorable Thomas Leslie Hughston, Jr.

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

Home Address: [REDACTED]

Business Address: 100 Broad Street, Suite 368, Charleston, SC 29401

E-Mail Address: [REDACTED]

Telephone Number: (home): [REDACTED]
(office): 843-958-5100
(cell): [REDACTED]

2. Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 1943

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]

5. Family Status:

(a) Are you single, married, widowed, divorced, or separated? Married.

(b) If married, state the date of your marriage and your spouse's full name.

Married on May 30, 1993 – present to Mary Anne McLean Hughston.

(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.

Divorced on November 30, 1990 from Jeanne G. Hughston (moving party), in the Fifth Judicial Circuit Family Court on grounds of one year separation.

(d) State the names of your children and their ages. If your children are old enough to work, include the occupation of each child.

[REDACTED]

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

7. Have you practiced law or served as a mediator or arbitrator since your retirement from the judiciary? If so, please describe. I have been trained as a mediator and arbitrator, but have done very few cases. None in last few years. Do not expect to do any more while still doing court work.
8. List your positions of employment on and/or appointment to the bench chronologically. You are not required to list dates of employment or appointment prior to your last screening. I have continued to work as a Retired But Active Circuit Court Judge since my last screening.
9. 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.
10. Provide, **as a separate attachment**, a complete, **current** financial net worth statement that itemizes in detail:
 - (a) the identity and value of all financial assets held, directly or indirectly, including, but not limited to, bank accounts, real estate, securities, trusts, investments, and other financial holdings: and
 - (b) the identity and amount of each liability owed, directly or indirectly, which is in excess of \$1,000, including, but not limited to, debts, mortgages, loans, and other :financial obligations.

A complete, current financial net worth statement was provided to the Commission.

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

11. Since your last screening, have you 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 for which a fine of \$125 or less was imposed.
[All answers have been received and considered by the Commission, and as noted above, any expunged matters are redacted from the record.]
12. Since your last screening, have you, to your knowledge, 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.]
13. Since your last screening, has a tax lien or other collection procedure been instituted against you by federal, state, or local authorities? Since your last screening, have you defaulted on a student loan? Since your last screening, have you filed for bankruptcy? If so, give details.
No.

14. Since your last screening, have you been sued, either personally or professionally? If so, give details. No.
15. Since your last screening, have you, as a lawyer, judge, or other professional, in South Carolina or any other jurisdiction, been sanctioned for lawyer, judicial, or other professional misconduct or been found to have committed such misconduct? If so, give the details and describe any final disposition.
[Yes and no responses are redacted for all candidates unless there is a public discipline.]
16. Since your last screening, have you been criticized, whether informally or in a matter taken to a disciplinary authority, for the manner in which you treated litigants or attorneys before you on the bench? If so, give the details and the reasons why you believe you were the target of such criticism.
See attached letter of October 8, 2014 to me from the Commission on Judicial Conduct. You have my permission to look further into this if you so desire.
17. Describe your personal policy for the acceptance of food, meals, beverages, lodging, transportation, entertainment, social hospitality, or other things of value from an attorney, a group of attorneys, or from other individuals. I attend the meetings of South Carolina Association for Justice and South Carolina Defense Trial Attorneys Association approved by Chief Justice. I do not accept the items mentioned from attorneys or others.
18. 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.
19. Provide any other information which 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. None.
20. For the last fully completed calendar year, itemize the income, expenses, fees, payments, or additional benefits exceeding \$500, in the aggregate, received by you or a member of your immediate family from South Carolina state and local entities. List the type, source, and amount or value of the benefit. Be sure to list any expense reimbursement you received separately from your income.
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| <u>2016</u> | |
| S.C. Judges Retirement | \$97,239 |
| SCGA Retirement | \$10,211 |
| SC Comptroller General – Retired But Active Salary | \$38,482 |
| Judge’s Travel Reimbursement | \$ 7,704 |
| S.C. Police Retirement – Wife’s Retirement | \$33,727 |
21. 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.

22. 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.
23. 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? Not on social media.

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: _____