

JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION PERSONAL DATA QUESTIONNAIRE 2024

Court, Position, and Seat # for which you are applying: Master-in-Equity Seat for Berkeley County.

1. Name: Mr. James Camden West

Name that you are known by if different from above:

Cam West

(Nickname – most commonly used)

J. Camden West

(professionally appears as)

James C. West

Are you currently serving in some capacity as a judge? If part-time, please note. (Includes Municipal, Magistrate, Etc.)

ANSWER:

No. I am not currently serving in some capacity as a judge.

Home Address:

[Redacted]

County of Residence: Berkeley County

Business Address:

P.O. Box 1869

207 Carolina Avenue Moncks Corner, SC 29461

E-Mail Address:

[Redacted]

Telephone Number:

(home):

[Redacted]

(office):

843-761-5626

(cell):

[Redacted]

2. Date of Birth:

[Redacted] 1985

Place of Birth:

North Charleston, South Carolina

Social Security Number:

[Redacted]

3. Are you a citizen of South Carolina?

ANSWER:

Yes.

Have you been a resident of this state for at least the immediate past five years?

ANSWER:

Yes.

4. SCDL# or SCHD#: [Redacted]
Voter Registration Number: [Redacted]

5. Have you served in the military? If so, give the dates, branch of service, highest rank attained, serial number (if applicable), present status, and the character of your discharge or release. Please provide a copy of your DD214 concerning your discharge.

ANSWER: No. I have not served in the military.

- 6. Family Status: Married on October 15, 2011 to Whitney L. West. Whitney is a stay-at-home mother. Never divorced, three children. [Redacted]
 - (a) State whether you are single, married, widowed, divorced, or separated.

ANSWER: Married.

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

ANSWER: Married on October 15, 2011 to Whitney L. West. Whitney is a stay-at-home mother.

(c) If widowed, list the name(s) of spouse(s).

ANSWER: Not Applicable.

(d) 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.

ANSWER: Not Applicable. Never divorced.

(e) State the names of your children and their ages. If your children are NOT full-time students, also include the occupation and employer of each child.

ANSWER: [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.

ANSWER:

(a) I attended Trident Technical College during high school as dual credit courses through Berkeley High School from August 2002 – May 2003.

- (b) I attended the College of Charleston from August 2003 May 2007 earning a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration.
- (c) I attended Charleston School of Law from August 2007 May 2010, earning a Juris Doctor.
- 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.

ANSWER: During law school I was employed by West Law Firm, LLC of Moncks Corner, South Carlina, as an Office Assistant, Runner and Law Clerk 2007–2010.

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.

ANSWER: I was admitted to practice law in the State of South Carolina in November of 2010. I took the South Carolina Bar Exam one (1) time, specifically in July of 2010.

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 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.

Justices/judges applying for re-election to their <u>current</u> position may omit Questions 11–17. <u>If you are a full-time judge seeking a judgeship different than your current position</u>, <u>Questions 11-17 should be answered based on your experience prior to serving on the bench</u>.

ANSWER:

- (a) 2005 2010: West Law Firm, LLC. West Law Firm, PA is a family owned and operated law firm in Moncks Corner, South Carolina. West Law Firm was founded by my grandfather, H. Norman West, Sr. My father, John S. West, reestablished operations of the firm in 2005, at which time I joined my father as an office assistant, runner and law clerk.
- (b) 2010 Present: West Law Firm, LLC (now West Law Firm, PA). Upon my admission to the South Carolina Bar in the year 2010, I joined West Law Firm as a legal associate, becoming a partner in the year 2012. In the early years of my career as a general practitioner in a small town law firm, I became involved in

various matter types including estate planning, criminal defense, DUI prosecution, child protective services actions, civil asset forfeitures, property disputes and general litigation. In 2013 my practice shifted predominantly toward real estate, probate and estate planning. I focused on real estate litigation, quiet title and partition actions, and Eminent Domain litigation.

- (c) 2011 2015: Berkeley County Bar Association. I served as a member of the Berkeley County Bar Association, beginning in 2011, serving as Secretary-Treasurer from 2013 2015.
- (d) 2016 2018: The Center of Heirs Property Preservation. I served as a member of the Board of Directors of The Center for Heirs Property Preservation.
- (e) 2024 Present: West Law Firm, PA. In May of 2024 I undertook daily financial management for West Law Firm, PA. This includes maintaining various bank accounts, managing client funds, managing ongoing firm income and expenses, payroll management, and the day-to-day financial operations of West Law Firm.

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.

ANSWER: 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, and 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.

ANSWER: 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.

ANSWER:

Over the past five years, and since my admission to the Bar, I have extensively practiced in the Master's Court. I have appeared before the Master-in-Equity on a regular basis for hearings and trials, monthly and at times weekly. During the 2024 calendar year, my practice largely shifted towards law practice management. The frequency of appearances before the Master-in-Equity diminished to an average of a few appearances per quarter. I have continued to represent juvenile defendants in the Family Court, averaging 1-2 appearances per month during the 2024 calendar year.

I have extensively represented landowners in property disputes, quiet title actions and partition actions. Further, I have represented various Condemnors in Eminent Domain litigation. The central issue of any Eminent Domain action is just compensation of the Landowners for the acquisition of real property interests by a governmental or quasi-governmental entity. Significantly, I represented Condemnors in Eminent Domain proceedings involving heirs property, during which time I tried multiple actions before the Master-in-Equity to establish just compensation. This experience taught me the value of a Landowner's voice, the significance of an individual's right to be heard and the necessity of judicial process. Most importantly, trying cases involving heirs property, often times with pro se litigants, instilled within me patience and a deep understanding of the power of kindness.

While the majority of my practice has been in the Master's Court, I have also served as co-counsel on several jury trials in the Circuit Court in Eminent Domain matters.

(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.

ANSWER: Not Applicable.

- 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: None. I have never appeared in federal court.
 - (b) state: Prior to the Covid-19 Pandemic, I appeared in the Master's Court on a monthly basis, with periodic appearances in the Berkeley County Probate Court and Berkeley County Family Court. During the pandemic, court appearances slowed

significantly. Through the use of electronic means, and eventually in-person hearings, the frequency of court appearances gradually increased to multiple times a quarter. In 2021, my practice shifted towards real estate litigation, estate planning, probate administration and law office management. During this period the frequency of court appearances was again multiple times a quarter in the Master's Court, Probate Court, and Family Court. During the 2024 calendar year, my practice largely shifted towards law practice management. The frequency of appearances before the Master-in-Equity diminished to an average of a few appearances per quarter. I have continued to represent juvenile defendants in the Family Court, averaging 1-2 appearances per month during the 2024 calendar year.

- 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: 45%
 - (b) criminal: 5%
 - (c) domestic: 0%
 - (d) other: 50%
- 14. During the past five years
 - (a) What percentage of your practice was in trial court, including cases that settled prior to trial?

ANSWER: Approximately 50%.

(b) What number of cases went to trial and resulted in a verdict?

ANSWER: Approximately 50 cases.

(c) What number of cases went to trial and resolved after the plaintiff's or State's case? (Resolved may include settlement, plea, by Judge's order during a motion hearing, etc.

ANSWER: None.

(d) What number of your cases settled after a jury was selected but prior to opening statements?

ANSWER: None.

During the past five years, did you most often serve as sole counsel, chief counsel, or cocounsel?

ANSWER: I most often served as co-counsel.

For sitting judges seeking a judgeship different than your current position,

During the five years prior to your election to the bench, what percentage of your practice was in trial court, including matters that settled prior to trial?

ANSWER: Not Applicable.

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.

ANSWER:

- (a) County of Berkeley v. Heirs of Heyward England, et al. (Case No.: 2016-CP-08-1929)
- (b) South Carolina Public Service Authority v. Calvary A.M.E. Church, et al. (Case No.: 2017-CP-10-1223)
- (c) The South Carolina Department of Commerce, Division of Public Railways, d/b/a Palmetto Railways v. The Heirs of Joseph Mack, et al. (Case No. 2019-CP-08-00206)
- (d) The South Carolina Department of Commerce, Division of Public Railways d/b/a Palmetto Railways v. The Heirs of Robert Mack, et al. (Case No.: 2019-CP-08-00197)
- (e) Central Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. v. Blue Maple Group, LLC (Case No.: 2018-CP-18-1831)

The above-referenced civil actions are Eminent Domain proceedings in which my firm represented Condemnors for the acquisition of real property interests for public purposes. As a representative of a governmental entity, I became the face of the government in the eyes of individual landowners. The nature of takings inevitably leads to some level of hostility in litigation. These matters were significant to me because each matter, although unique in their own right, taught me the value of civility, respect for the judicial process, the significance of an individuals right to be heard, and the importance of an individual to feel respected in a contested environment. Zeal should not overshadow fundamental fairness, nor kindness. Maintaining civility, common courtesy and displaying respect for the individual landowner are as important as the legal question in contention.

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.

ANSWER: None. I have not handled civil appeals.

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.

ANSWER: None. I have not handled criminal appeals.

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.

ANSWER: No. I have not held judicial office.

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.

ANSWER: Not applicable.

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.

ANSWER: I was admitted to practice law in the State of South Carolina in November of 2010.

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.

ANSWER: No. I have not taught law-related courses or lectured at bar association conferences, educational institutions, or continuing legal or judicial education programs.

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

ANSWER: See enclosed:

- (a) 2019-2020 Compliance Report;
- (b) 2020-2021 Compliance Report;
- (c) 2021-2022 Compliance Report;
- (d) 2022-2023 Compliance Report; and
- (e) 2023-2024 Compliance Report.
- 23. List all published books and articles you have written and give citations and the dates of publication for each.

ANSWER: 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.)

ANSWER:

- (a) Order Quieting Title to Land. Alston v. Edward Bennett, et al., Ninth Judicial Circuit, 2024.
- (b) Summons and Notice; Complaint. Hood v. Howard, et al., Ninth Judicial Circuit, 2023.
- 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.

ANSWER: I have not been rated by any rating organization.

- 26. List all bar associations and professional organizations of which you are a member and give the titles and dates of any offices you have held in such groups.
 - (a) I was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in November of 2010.
 - (b) I have been a member of the Berkeley County Bar Association since my admission to the Bar in 2010. From 2011 2013 I served as a board member on the Berkeley County Bar Association Board of Directors. From 2013 2015 I served as Secretary/Treasurer of the Berkeley County 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.

ANSWER: No. I have not held public office.

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.

ANSWER: Not Applicable.

29. Have you ever been an unsuccessful candidate for elective, judicial, or other public office? If so, give details, including dates.

<u>ANSWER</u>: No. I have not been an unsuccessful candidate for elective, judicial, or other public office.

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.

ANSWER: No. I have not been engaged in any occupation, business, or profession other than the practice of law.

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.

ANSWER: Yes. In May of 2024 I undertook daily financial management for West Law Firm, PA. This includes maintaining various bank accounts, managing client funds, managing ongoing firm income and expenses, payroll management, and the day-to-day financial operations of West Law Firm.

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.

ANSWER: No. I have never been employed as a lobbyist, nor have I acted in the capacity of a lobbyist's principal.

- 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.

ANSWER: 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.

34. (a) Have you filed state and federal income tax returns for the last 5 years? If no, please provide details.

ANSWER: Yes, with the exception of tax year 2023 for which extensions have been granted.

(b) Have you or any business with which you are associated been delinquent in any local, state, or federal taxes? If yes, please provide details.

ANSWER: No.

(c) Has a tax lien or other collection procedure ever been instituted against you by federal, state, or local authorities? If yes, please provide details.

ANSWER: No.

(d) Have you ever defaulted on a student loan? If so, please provide details.

ANSWER: No. I have not defaulted on a student loan.

(e) Have you ever filed for bankruptcy? If so, please provide details, along with proof of satisfaction of any liens or defaults.

ANSWER: No. I have not filed for bankruptcy.

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.

ANSWER: 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?

ANSWER: None. I have not spent any money at this time.

37. List the recipient and amount of all contributions made by you, a member of your immediate family, or by a business with whom you are associated, to members of the General Assembly within the past four years. If you participate in any employer-mandated contributions to a PAC or any other political entity, please describe and note your personal involvement in contributions. If you are a sitting judge, please include such contributions since your last screening.

ANSWER: None known.

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.

ANSWER: 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.

<u>ANSWER</u>: I am a partner in West Law Firm, PA of Moncks Corner, South Carolina. West Law Firm would not undertake representation of any matter that would be referred to the Master-in-Equity for Berkeley County.

- 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 more that adjoins property in which there have been public improvements of \$200 or more; or
 - (c) which was sold, leased, or rented to a state or local public agency in South Carolina.

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.

ANSWER: 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.

ANSWER: 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.

ANSWER: Not Applicable.

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

ANSWER: Not Applicable.

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

ANSWER: Not Applicable.

45. Have you ever been arrested, charged, or held by federal, state, or other law enforcement authorities for violation or for suspicion of violation of any federal law or regulation, state law or regulation, or county or municipal law, regulation, or ordinance, or any other law, including another country's law? If so, give details but do not include traffic violations 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.

ANSWER: 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.

ANSWER: No.

48. If you are in private practice, are you covered by malpractice insurance and, if so, how long have you carried malpractice insurance? If applicable, have you ever been covered by a tail policy? If so, please explain when you were covered by a tail policy. Also, if applicable, indicate your coverage and deductible for your current malpractice policy.

ANSWER:

(a) West Law Firm, PA is covered by Lawyers Professional Liability Policy from Continental Casualty Company. West Law Firm has carried malpractice insurance since before my admission to the Bar.

(b) Limits of Liability are as follows:

Each Claim: \$2,000,000.00 Aggregate: \$2,000,000.00

Death or Disability and Non-Practicing, Extended Reporting Period Limit of

Liability:

Each Claim: \$1,000,000.00 Aggregate: \$2,000,000.00

(c) Deductible (each claim): Aggregate \$5,000.00

- (d) Lawyer Professional Liability Policy Declarations provided to the JMSC.
- 49. Have you ever, in South Carolina or any other jurisdiction, as a lawyer, judge, or other professional, been cautioned with or without a finding of misconduct, 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 sanctions, disciplines, letters of caution, or findings of misconduct of any kind. Private or confidential dispositions will be redacted.

[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.

ANSWER: No.

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.

ANSWER: 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.

ANSWER: No. None.

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?

ANSWER: 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.

ANSWER: No. I have had no contact with the JMSC, other than the official application process requirements.

List the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of five (5) persons from whom you are providing references. Also, provide the Commission with <u>original letters</u> of recommendation from each person listed herein, including their signature (preferably in blue ink). <u>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 <u>do not</u> 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.</u>

ANSWER:

- (a) The Honorable Wayne M. Creech [Redacted]
- (b) Rev. Harold N. West, Jr. [Redacted]
- (c) John S. West, Esquire West Law Firm, PA [Redacted]
- (d) George Benjamin Bishop, III Berkeley County Government [Redacted]

- (e) Christopher J. Louden, Esquire Chris J. Louden Attorney at Law, PC [Redacted]
- 56. Are you active on or a member of a social media or Internet site such as, Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, Instagram, etc.? If so, please list the account names for each account and the relevant platform.

ANSWER: No.

How would your use of social media or other similar types of Internet sites be affected if you were serving in a judicial capacity?

ANSWER: None. No change.

- 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, and any professional honors, awards, or other forms of recognition received and not listed elsewhere.
 - ANSWER: I have been a member of the Berkeley County Bar Association since my admission to the Bar in 2010.
- 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.

ANSWER: Nothing further at this time.

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 26 day o	f August, 2024.
(Notary Signature)	±1

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