



**JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION
PERSONAL DATA QUESTIONNAIRE
2024**

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

1. Name: Mr. Ian Douglas McVey
Mrs.
Ms.

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

Are you currently serving in some capacity as a judge? If part-time, please note.
(Includes Municipal, Magistrate, Etc.) No.

Home Address: [Redacted]

County of Residence: Richland

Business Address: 1901 Main Street, 17th Floor, Columbia, South Carolina 29201

E-Mail Address: [Redacted]

Telephone Number: (home)[Redacted]
(office): (803)227-4267
(cell): [Redacted]

2. Date of Birth: [Redacted]1974
Place of Birth: Richmond, VA
Social Security Number: [Redacted]
3. Are you a citizen of South Carolina? Yes
Have you been a resident of this state for at least the immediate past five years? Yes
4. SCDL# or SCHD#: [Redacted]
Voter Registration Number:[Redacted]
5. Have you served in the military? If so, give the dates, branch of service, highest rank attained, serial number (if applicable), present status, and the character of your discharge or release. Please provide a copy of your DD214 concerning your discharge. No.
6. Family Status:
- (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 and occupation.
- (c) If widowed, list the name(s) of spouse(s).
- (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.
- (e) 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 October 23, 2004 to Theile Branham McVey
Never Divorced, two children
[Redacted]

7. List each college and law school you attended, including the dates of your attendance, the degrees you received, and if you left an institution without receiving a degree, the reason for your departure.

- (a) Sewanee: The University of the South, BA, History, 1997
- (b) University of South Carolina, JD, 2003

8. List the significant activities in which you took part during your attendance at law school. Give the years you were involved in these activities and list any leadership positions you held.

- (a) Phi Delta Phi, 2002-2003, No leadership positions

9. List the states in which you have been admitted to practice law and the year of each admission. Also list any states in which you took the bar exam but were never admitted to the practice of law. Please indicate the number of times you took the exam in each state.

- (a) South Carolina 2004, Twice

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.

- (a) Judicial Law Clerk, The Honorable John C. Hayes, III, Sixteenth Judicial Circuit, August 2003-August 2004
- (b) Associate, Riley Pope & Laney, LLC, September 2004-Spring 2005, Residential Real Estate, Corporate and General Civil Litigation

- (c) Associate, Weston Adams Law Firm, September 2005-August 2006, Consumer and Commercial Foreclosure, Bankruptcy, Creditors Rights, Real Estate, Real Estate Litigation, Title Insurance Litigation
- (d) Contract Attorney, Rogers Townsend, Fall 2006 until October 2006, Consumer Foreclosure
- (e) Associate/Member, Callison Tighe & Robinson, LLC, October 2006-April 2015, Title Insurance Litigation, Real Estate Litigation, Commercial Foreclosure and Bankruptcy, Construction Litigation, Business Litigation, Commercial Real Estate, Workers Compensation Defense
- (f) Of Counsel/Shareholder, Turner Padgett Graham & Laney, P.A., May 2015-Present, Real Estate Litigation, Commercial Foreclosure and Bankruptcy, Construction Litigation, Business Litigation, Commercial Real Estate, Corporate, Business Transactions

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

11. Please answer the following:

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

N/A

- (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.

N/A

- (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.

For most of my career, I have spent a great deal of time in Master's court all over the state having handled consumer and commercial foreclosure cases since 2005. Most of my practice since 2008 was focused on commercial foreclosure, workouts, bankruptcy matters and real estate litigation matters. I have also represented debtors in defensive matters involving commercial and consumer foreclosures including a currently pending matter in Georgetown County. Within the past five (5) years, I have spent less time in the courtroom as the commercial transactional side of my practice increased. Prior to that, I was in the Master's Court 5 to 10 times per month depending on the caseload. I have also maintained a relatively consistent level of construction litigation since joining Callison Tighe & Robinson in October 2006.

Specific matters:

1. JP Morgan Chase v. Truesdale, C/A No. 2022-CP-00215, Defense of a consumer foreclosure case in Georgetown County
2. First-Citizens Bank & Trust Company v. Methodist Park, 2018-CP-32-3427, while I did not appear on the pleadings, I was involved in the restructure of the numerous debts involved.
3. Christopher Cox, et al. v. William Daniel Westerkam, 2021-CP-40-01045, this is a dispute over the rights and privileges of the parties under an Easement Agreement.
4. First Palmetto Bank v. Legacy Sandhill, 2015-CP-40-001313, this was a case to establish an easement for a bank post-foreclosure
5. AgSouth Farm Credit, ACA v. Whitfield Farms, et al. 2015-CP-19-00361, this was a contested foreclosure with significant lender liability issues
6. Computershare Trust Company, N.A. v. Lexington Memory Care, LLC, et al., C/A No. 2022-CP-32-00303, representation of a Receiver in an action related to a memory care facility in Lexington County.
7. Computershare Trust Company, N.A. v. Aiken Memory Care, LLC, et al., C/A No. 2022-CP-02-00180
8. Linda Cook v. Barbara Kullman, C/A No. 2023-CP-02-01884, property line dispute in front of the Master in Equity for Aiken County
9. Anita Straway v. Barbara Kullman, C/A No. 2023-CP-02-00623, property line dispute in front of the Master in Equity for Aiken County

10. Kimberly W. Fail v. Edna S. Willoughby, C/A No. 2023-CP-26-03596, partition and quiet title action in front of the Horry County Master in Equity

- (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.

N/A

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: Two (2)
(b) state: Twenty (20)

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: Fifty (50%)
(b) criminal: Zero (0%)
(c) domestic: Zero (0%)
(d) other: Transactional Practice, Fifty (50%)

14. During the past five years

- (a) What percentage of your practice was in trial court, including cases that settled prior to trial? Fifty (50%)
(b) What number of cases went to trial and resulted in a verdict? None. All of have settled.
(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.) None. All settled outside of Court.
(d) What number of your cases settled after a jury was selected but prior to opening statements? None. All settled outside of Court

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

Sole or Chief 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?

N/A

15. List five of the most significant litigated matters you have personally handled in either trial or appellate court, or before a state or federal agency. Give citations if the cases were reported and describe why these matters were significant.

(a) United States v. AROC Enterprises, LLC, et al., D.S.C. Case No. 9:19-cv-234 RMG. I represented a transferee in a fraudulent transfer case brought by the United States under the Federal Debt Collection Procedures Act seeking to claw back a gift of Two Million Five Hundred Thousand and 00/100s (\$2,500,000.00) dollars. The Gift had been made by my client's old friend who was had been found liable for One Hundred Seventeen Million and 00/100s (\$117,000,000.00) dollars judgment under the False Claims Act. This presented many intricate issues related to insolvency and alleged fraudulent transfers as well involved an adversary action against my client by a liquidating trustee in United States Bankruptcy Court for Eastern District of Virginia. It was ultimately resolved through mediation.

(b) In re: Ashley Oaks Development Corporation, Case No. 10-04801-jw, I represented two creditors in a Chapter 11 proceeding. I successfully obtained relief from the automatic stay based upon an access issue to the property and its effect on the value of the property which required expert witness testimony related the lack of access and valuation. I also was successful in having the matter dismissed in the face of opposition from the Debtor and the United States Trustee.

(c) Santander Bank, N.A. v. Saluda Motor Sales, Inc., et al., 2019-CP-41-00018, this was an action related to a floor plan financing agreement. A minority shareholder in Saluda Motor Sales, Inc. misappropriated funds and submitted false inventory requests and extended the floor plan financing credit line to cover his tracks. He further bilked third-parties into investing in a business venture and shifted funds between the businesses. A receiver was appointed and appearances required in a federal criminal case to represent the client's interests related to restitution. There is related action filed against my client, among others, related certain payments to the Lender made under the floor plan financing agreement which is still pending while the parties complete the settlement terms.

(d) South Carolina Electric and Gas Company v. Structural Preservation Systems, LLC, et al., Case No. 2017-CP-20-00117, I represented two creditors with mechanics liens and claims totaling in excess of Fifteen Million Eight Hundred Thousand and 00/100s (\$15,800,000.00) dollars. This was an extraordinarily complicated case that involved numerous creditors, the failure to post a bond by the general contractor as required under S.C. Code Ann. § 29-6-250, a guaranty from the general contractor's parent company that was liquidated by the Plaintiff, and bankruptcy issues in the Southern District of New York. Had the Chapter 11 plan filed by the general contractor not been successful, this litigation would have been extraordinarily complicated and resulted in rulings on many novel issues of law.

(e) Summit National Investments IV LLC v. Medicare Express Management, LLC, et al., Case No. 2016-CP-10-02229, this was a case involving a struggling urgent care business throughout South Carolina. While litigation was commenced and motion for a receiver appointed, we were able to enter into settlement negotiations and restructure the debt without having to liquidate the assets. I have handled many kinds of cases in my career that start as litigation and are successfully negotiated to avoid a lender's remedy being enforced.

16. List up to five civil appeals you have personally handled. Give the case name, the court, the date of decision, and the citation if the case was reported.

(a) Creative Commun. Servs. v. Travelers Prop. & Case. Co., Op. No. 2011-UP 525 (S.C. Ct.App. filed December 5, 2011)

(b) Creative Commun. Servs. v. Travelers Prop. & Case. Co., Op. No. 2012-UP-317 (S.C.Ct.App. filed May 23, 2012)

(c) Habersham Atl., LLC v. Firstar Homes, Inc., Op. No. 2012-UP-459 (S.C.Ct.App. filed July 25, 2012)

(d) Retail Props. V. Horne Props., Op. No. 2009-UP-062 (S.C.Ct.App. filed January 28, 2009)

17. List up to five criminal appeals you have personally handled. Give the case name, the court, the date of decision and the citation if the case was reported.

(a) None.

(b)

(c)

(d)

(e)

18. Have you ever held judicial office? If so, list the periods of your service, the courts involved, and whether you were elected or appointed. Describe the jurisdiction of each of the courts and note any limitations on the jurisdiction of each court.

No.

19. If the answer to question 18 is yes, describe or list five of your most significant orders or opinions and give the citations if they were reported. Also, list citations to any appellate review of these orders or opinions.

(a) N/A

(b)

(c)

(d)

(e)

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.

South Carolina, May 24, 2004

United States District Court of the District of South Carolina, August 25, 2004

Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals, September 27, 2007

United States Bankruptcy Court, 2005

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

(a) I spoke at the 2013 Masters Bench and Bar in a presentation entitled “What’s to be Expected and What’s Allowed in the Period after the 5% Bidder’s Deposit is Paid and Before the Master-in-Equity’s Deed is Issued” that was attended by the majority of the Masters-in-Equity, Special Referees, and attorneys that practice in this area.

(b) I spoke at the Magistrates Intensive Training Seminar for the years 2016 through 2019 and 2012 through 2024 with Andrew Radeker on common debt collection issues in magistrate’s court.

(c) I have spoken on numerous occasions to National Business Institute seminars on the fundamental foreclosure process from start to finish as well as issues that arise in commercial foreclosure matters.

(d) I spoke at the 2017 South Carolina Bankers Association Community Bankers Forum in a seminar entitled “What to do When all Hell Breaks Loose” which dealt with three scenarios in the banking and commercial real estate industry including what to do when a loan goes into default, the various remedies available to a lender including foreclosure, receivership and bankruptcy and why loss mitigation efforts are preferable.

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

See attached.

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

None.

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

See attached

25. What is your rating or membership status, if any, by any legal rating organization; such as, Best Lawyers, Chambers, Legal 500, Martindale-Hubbell, Who’s Who Legal, Super Lawyers, Million Dollar Advocates Forum, etc.? If you are currently a member of the judiciary, list your last available rating, if any.

(a) Martindale-Hubbell, AV Rating

- (b) Best Lawyers, 2017-2024
- (c) Super Lawyers, Rising Star, 2014
- (d) Midlands Legal Elite, Commercial Real Estate, Banking & Finance, Bankruptcy and Creditors Rights, 2011-2024

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

- (a) South Carolina Bankruptcy Law Association, President, 2021
- (b) J. Bratton Davis Inn of Court, Barrister
- (c) Richland County Bar Association, President, 2013
- (d) South Carolina Bar, Member, May 24, 2004

27. Have you ever held public office other than judicial office? If so, list the periods of your service, the office or offices involved, and whether you were elected or appointed. Also, state whether or not you have timely filed your report with the State Ethics Commission during the period you held public office. If not, were you ever subject to a penalty? If so, give details, including dates.

No.

28. For sitting or former judges, list all employment you had while serving as a judge (whether full-time or part-time, contractual or at will, consulting or otherwise) other than elected judicial office. Specify your dates of employment, employer, major job responsibilities, and supervisor.

N/A

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

I applied for this position once before but the Master was re-appointed by the Governor. My application was withdrawn

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.

No.

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.

I currently serve President of Dry Branch, Inc. I also perform administrative duties related to FTK Investments, LLC such as bill payment and taxes.

32. Are you now or have you ever been employed as a “lobbyist,” as defined by S.C. Code § 2-17-10(13), or have you acted in the capacity of a “lobbyist’s principal,” as defined by S.C. Code § 2-17-10(14)? If so, give the dates of your employment or activity in such capacity and specify by whom you were directed or employed.

No.

33. Provide, **as a separate attachment**, a complete, current financial net worth statement that itemizes in detail:

- (a) the identity and value of all financial assets held, directly or indirectly, including, but not limited to, bank accounts, real estate, securities, trusts, investments, and other financial holdings; and
- (b) the identity and amount of each liability owed, directly or indirectly, which is in excess of \$1,000, including, but not limited to, debts, mortgages, loans, and other financial obligations.

(A net worth statement form is provided with this questionnaire and you must use this format for submission of your financial statement.)

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. **Yes. 2023 in currently on an extension.**
(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. **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. **No.**
(d) Have you ever defaulted on a student loan? If so, please provide details. **No.**
(e) Have you ever filed for bankruptcy? If so, please provide details, along with proof of satisfaction of any liens or defaults. **No.**

35. Since filing with the Commission your letter of intent to run for judicial office, have you accepted lodging, transportation, entertainment, food, meals, beverages, money, or any other thing of value as defined by S.C. Code § 2-17-10(1) from a lobbyist or lobbyist’s principal? If so, please specify the item or items you received, the date of receipt, and the lobbyist or lobbyist’s principal involved.

No.

36. Itemize (by amount, type, and date) all expenditures, other than those for travel and room and board, made by you, or on your behalf in furtherance of your candidacy for the position you seek. If you have spent over \$100, have you reported your expenditures to the House and Senate Ethics Committees?

No.

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.

- (a) Mandy Norrell \$500
- (b) Marlon Kimpson \$750
- (c) Michael Fanning \$1500
- (d) Ronnie Sabb \$1,000
- (e) Luke Rankin \$3,000
- (f) Mia McLeod \$1,000
- (g) Brandon Guffey \$500
- (h) Murrell Smith \$2000
- (i) Gerald Malloy \$2000
- (j) Jermaine Johnson \$250
- (k) Marvin Pendarvis \$1000
- (l) Brian Lawson \$500
- (m) Spencer Whetmore \$100
- (n) Travis Moore \$500
- (o) Val Guest \$500
- (p) Jay Jordan \$1000
- (q) Will Wheeler \$250
- (r) Jason Elliott \$2000
- (s) Micajah Caskey \$1000
- (t) Deon Tedder \$500
- (u) Jay West \$500
- (v) Margie Bright Matthews \$1,000
- (w) Ronnie Sabb \$1000
- (x) Frank Atkinson 989.90
- (y) Christopher Hart \$2000
- (z) Sandy Senn \$1000
- (aa) Shane Martin \$1000
- (bb) Tom Davis \$1000
- (cc) Randy Ligon \$1000
- (dd) Neal Collins \$1000
- (ee) Cody Mitchell \$1000

38. Have you or has anyone acting on your behalf solicited or collected funds to aid in the promotion of your candidacy? If so, please specify the amount, solicitor, donor, and date of the solicitation.

No.

39. Describe any financial arrangements or business relationships you have, or have had in the past, that could constitute or result in a possible conflict of interest in the position you seek or currently hold. Explain how you would resolve any potential conflict of interest.

None.

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.

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.

N/A

41. Identify any personal property interest you or a member of your immediate family sold, leased, or rented to a South Carolina state or local public agency. Identify the property, its amount or value, and the name of the agency. Attach a copy of any contract or agreement.

None.

42. For sitting judges, if you currently hold an interest in stock or other securities or have held such an interest, list each stock you currently own or owned during the prior calendar year. If you prefer, you may attach broker or account records containing the requested information instead of listing it here.

N/A

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.

N/A

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

N/A

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.

No.

47. Have you ever been sued by a client? Have you ever been a named party (personally or professionally) in or had a pecuniary interest in any civil or criminal proceedings? If so, give details, including, but not limited to, dates, and resolutions.

- (a) AgSouth FCA, v. Turner Padgett Graham & Laney, P.A., et al., C/A No. 2019-CP-40-06640, Filed November 26, 2019 and resolved in October, 2020. Legal malpractice case over a failure to docket a deadline.
- (b) Russell & Jeffcoat Realtors v. Elizabeth Newkirk, et al., Civil Case No. 03469002537, Filed November 12, 2003, Dismissed January 30, 2004, this was an interpleader action over an earnest money deposit which was resolved.
- (c) Robert Chambers v. First Palmetto Bank, et al., C/A No. 2014-CP-10-01260, Filed February 27, 2014, Dismissed July 9, 2014, I was named by virtue of holding a Confession of Judgment for First Palmetto Bank for injunctive purposes only. The parties ultimately resolved the case.

48. If you are in private practice, are you covered by malpractice insurance and, if so, how long have you carried malpractice insurance? If applicable, have you ever been covered

by a tail policy? If so, please explain when you were covered by a tail policy. Also, if applicable, indicate your coverage and deductible for your current malpractice policy.

Yes. I have had coverage since I started practicing in the Fall of 2004.

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.

No.

51. Have you directly or indirectly requested the pledge of any member of the General Assembly as to your election for the position for which you are being screened, or have you been offered a conditional pledge of support by any legislator pending the outcome of your screening? Have you received the assurance of any public official or public employee that they will seek the pledge of any member of the General Assembly as to your election for the position for which you are being screened? If so, give details.

No.

52. Have you requested any third parties to contact members of the General Assembly on your behalf before the final and formal screening report has been released? Describe the campaigning you have done for this election and include a list of those individuals you have asked to campaign on your behalf and, to the best of your knowledge, those who have campaigned for you on their own initiative.

No.

53. Are you familiar with the 48-hour rule, which prohibits a candidate from seeking pledges until after the draft report becomes final, which occurs on the day and time specified on the Commission's published screening schedule?

Yes.

54. Since submitting your letter of intent to become a candidate, have you or has anyone acting on your behalf contacted any member of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission about your candidacy or intention to become a candidate? If so, give details.

No.

55. List the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of five (5) persons from whom you are providing references. Also, provide the Commission with **original letters** of recommendation from each person listed herein, including their signature (preferably in blue ink). **The Commission will not accept a photocopy or electronic submission of a letter of recommendation and failure to include all five (5) original letters of recommendation in your packet when you submit it will render your packet incomplete.** Please **do not** have references mail your reference letters to the Commission directly. *You must return the five (5) original letters of recommendation to the Commission with your application.*

- (a) Dave Maxfield
Dave Maxfield, Attorney, LLC
[Redacted]
- (b) John D. Kassel
John D. Kassel, Attorney at Law, LLC
[Redacted]
- (c) Pierce Campbell
Turner Padgett Graham & Laney, P.A.
[Redacted]
- (d) Michael M. Beal
Beal, LLC
[Redacted]
- (e) Joey R. Floyd
Bruner Powell Wall & Mullins, LLC
[Redacted]

56. Are you active on or a member of a social media or Internet site such as, Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, Instagram, etc.?

Instagram, Facebook, LinkedIn

If so, please list the account names for each account and the relevant platform.

[Redacted]-Instagram
[Redacted]-Facebook
[Redacted]- LinkedIn

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 will use them as I do now which is to post family picture and life events.

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.

- (a) Trinity Episcopal Cathedral
- (b) St. Andrews Society of Columbia
- (c) Tarantella Club of Columbia
- (d) Caroliniana Ball

58. Provide any other information that may reflect positively or negatively on your candidacy, or which you believe should be disclosed in connection with consideration of you for nomination for the position you seek. This information may include how your life experiences have affected or influenced the kind or type of judge you have been or plan to be.

For the vast majority of my career as an Attorney, I have practiced in the Master's Courts throughout the state. I have tried numerous non-jury matters to verdict in both Circuit Court and the Master's Court. I have also tried jury trials as lead counsel and second chair in Circuit Court. I have handled numerous complicated bankruptcy matters as well as real estate disputes, contract disputes, foreclosure matters, receiverships, debt collections, and other matters that a Master in Equity handles on a day to day basis.

I came to that realization after about six or seven years of practice that Master in Equity is the only judicial position I would ever seek. I know these types of matters and have handled them throughout my career. This is the area of the law in which I am the most knowledgeable. I really truly believe that I would be the ideal candidate for this position.

I have practiced alongside of members of the MIE bar and believe in trying the cases that need to be tried. I would schedule cases for trial as quickly as the parties requested. I also believe in resolution. To that end, I would order mediation in matters in which, while it may not be required, I think it would be beneficial. I would work hard to move matters along expeditiously by scheduling status conferences and setting scheduling orders at the outset of every contested matter.

Finally, a MIE can be helpful in solving backlog in Richland County's civil motion docket. That is an area where I would make myself available to the Clerk to hear motions.

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT MY ANSWERS ARE TRUE AND COMPLETE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

Signature: _____

Sworn to before me this ____ day of _____, 2024.

(Notary Signature)

(Notary Printed Name)

Notary Public for South Carolina

My Commission Expires: _____