



JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION
Sworn Statement to be included in Transcript of Public Hearings

**Master-in-Equity
(New Candidate)**

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1. Do you plan to serve your full term if appointed? **Yes**

2. If appointed, do you have any plans to return to private practice one day? **Probably not**

3. Have you met the statutory requirements for this position regarding age, residence, and years of practice? **Yes**

4. What is your philosophy regarding *ex parte* communications? Are there circumstances under which you could envision *ex parte* communications being tolerated? **No except for in the case of events that are designed to be *ex parte* such as a TRO or Warrant of Attachment.**

5. If you disclosed something that had the appearance of bias, but you believed it would not actually prejudice your impartiality, what deference would you give a party that requested your recusal? Would you grant such a motion? **I give great deference to any party that feels the need to file a recusal motion. They are not lightly filed by any attorney. That said, whether I grant it or not will depend on the grounds for the motion and Judicial Cannons contained in Rule 501 of the Appellate Court Rules.**

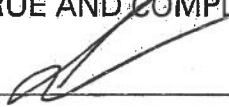
6. What standards have you set for yourself regarding the acceptance of gifts or social hospitality? **As a judge or, for that matter a candidate, you can't accept gifts or social hospitality from anyone who might**

appear before your court. Therefore, it's probably best to avoid them all together.

7. **How would you handle a situation in which you became aware of misconduct or appearance of infirmity of a lawyer or of a fellow judge? The ethical rules require a lawyer or a judge to report it to the Office of Disciplinary Counsel. In some circumstances, it may be appropriate to contact Lawyers Helping Lawyers.**
8. **Are you affiliated with any political parties, boards or commissions that would need to be evaluated if you are appointed? No.**
9. **Have you engaged in any fund-raising activities with any political, social, community, or religious organizations? Please describe. I currently serve on the capital campaign committee for Heathwood Hall Episcopal School. We are trying to raise money for capital improvements to the campus. I previously served as Chairman of the Trinity Learning Center Board. In that capacity, we had various fundraisers.**
10. **If appointed, how would you handle the drafting of orders? Some orders need to be drafted by me. However, many situations lend themselves to the review and revision of proposed orders from the parties.**
11. **If appointed, what method would you use to ensure that you and your staff meet deadlines? Much as a I do in private practice. A robust calendaring system with reminders and redundancies.**
12. **What is your philosophy on "judicial activism," and what effect should judges have in setting or promoting public policy? A judge's obligation is to follow the law and apply the facts to that law. Judges really shouldn't be in the business of setting public policy.**
13. **Canon 4 allows a judge to engage in activities to improve the law, legal system, and administration of justice. What activities do you plan to undertake to further this improvement of the legal system? I plan to be an active participant with the Master's Bench and Bar and speak at various seminars. I also would be willing to serve on the Drug Court. When I worked for Judge John Hayes after law school, he presided over the drug court on several occasions. It was really rewarding.**

14. Do you feel that the pressure of serving as a judge will strain personal relationships (i.e. spouse, children, friends, or relatives)? How would you plan to address this? **Certainly, becoming a judge will change my relationship with many of the attorneys with whom I am friends. That said, I don't expect it to cause an inordinate amount of stress on my relationships with any such attorneys. My wife of course is an attorney but neither she nor her law partners would have matters in front of me.**
15. Are you involved in any active investments from which you derive additional income that might impair your appearance of impartiality? **No.**
16. Would you hear a case where you or a member of your family held a *de minimis* financial interest in a party involved? **No.**
17. Are you a member of any organization or association that, by policy or practice, prohibits or limits its membership on the basis of race, sex, religion, or national origin? If so, please identify the entity and explain if this organization practices invidious discrimination on any basis. **I am a member of the St. Andrews Society which restricts its membership to those of Scottish descent. It does not practice any sort of discrimination and is simply a Scottish friendly society.**
18. Have you met the mandatory minimum hours requirement for continuing legal education courses for the past reporting period? **Yes. I have met all my CLE requirements throughout my career.**
19. What do you feel is the appropriate demeanor for a judge and when do these rules apply? **The days of fire breathing judges are over. Judges should be professional at all times and maintain a civil demeanor. Almost as importantly, judges should ensure that counsel maintain their professionalism.**
20. Do you feel that it is ever appropriate to be angry with a member of the public appearing before you? Is anger ever appropriate in dealing with attorneys or a pro se litigant? **Certainly, tempers can run hot in any contested matter. That said, Judges need to act professionally and control their tempers.**

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



Sworn to before me this 28th day of August, 2024.

Cindy A. Gatlin

Notary Public for S.C.

My Commission Expires: 12/17/2025

