



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

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

1. Name: Mr. Maurice Griffith  
Mrs.  
Ms.

Name that you are known by if different from above  
(Example: A Nickname): Andy Griffith; M. Anderson Griffith

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

Home Address: [Redacted]

County of Residence: Aiken

Business Address: Aiken County Courthouse, 109 Park Avenue SE, Aiken, S.C. 29801

E-Mail Address: [Redacted]

Telephone Number: (home): [Redacted]  
(office): 803-642-2025  
(cell): [Redacted]

2. Date of Birth: [Redacted] 1958  
Place of Birth: Charleston, South Carolina  
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? No 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.
6. Family Status:  
(a) State whether you are single, married, widowed, divorced, or separated. Married

(b) If married, state the date of your marriage and your spouse's full name and occupation. Married on August 20, 1983 to Anne Gentilucci Griffith. She is a physical therapist with Lexington School District 2.

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

(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. N/A

(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.

[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. University of South Carolina-Aiken: 1976-1979, Associate Criminal Justice Degree.

b. University of South Carolina: 1979-1981, Bachelor of Science, Criminal Justice.

c. University of South Carolina: 1985-1988, 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.

(a) I participated in the Mock Trial competitions.

(b) I was married during law school and was a law clerk for the Mullis Law Firm in Columbia, South Carolina and for Rogers, Duncan, Fullwood & Derek in Lexington, South Carolina.

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.

I was admitted to practice law in South Carolina in 1988. I took the law exam once in 1988.

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) After graduating from law school, I began working with the law firm of Bodenheimer, Busbee & Hunter. I became a partner in that firm approximately two years later. The firm later changed the name to Busbee, Hunter & Griffith. I served as president the last few years until my appointment as Master in Equity for Aiken County

in June 2011. I would describe my involvement with the administrative and financial duties of the partnership to be divided among the three attorneys. I had a more active role the last five years. After my appointment, the two remaining attorneys continued to operate the office until they retired. Since my position is full time, I am no longer engaged in any private practice.

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**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.

- (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.
  - (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.
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:
  - (b) state:
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:
  - (b) criminal:
  - (c) domestic:
  - (d) other:

14. During the past five years
- (a) What percentage of your practice was in trial court, including cases that settled prior to trial?
  - (b) What number of cases went to trial and resulted in a verdict?
  - (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.)
  - (d) What number of your cases settled after a jury was selected but prior to opening statements?

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

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)
  - (b)
  - (c)
  - (d)
  - (e)
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)
  - (b)
  - (c)
  - (d)
  - (e)
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)
  - (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.

I was appointed the Aiken County Master in Equity on June 13, 2011. S. C. Code Annotated 14 – 1 – 10, et al establishes the master in equity court. It also provides for the appointment, compensation and powers for the Master-in-Equity. The equity courts are a division of the circuit court. Pursuant to Rule 53, SCRCP, the authority for the master in equity in a case is based on the order of reference. Rule 71 SCRCP, provides the responsibilities for the master in equity in foreclosure and partition actions.

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) Melanie Hozey v Alan Rutherford and Susan Rutherford; 2021-CP-02-00766: The Order was filed on February 28, 2024. A Notice of Appeal filed April 4, 2024. The case concerns a claim of adverse possession and trespass claims between adjoining land owners.
  - (b) Mark Mitchell v Donnita Harmon; 2020-CP-02-01173; Appellate Case No. 2022-000236; This case involved a real estate contract, a first right of refusal issue, and specific performance. The appellate court affirmed my Order finding the Harmon's right of first refusal to purchase the real estate was unenforceable based on the elements required to establish a valid first right of refusal.
  - (c) Hallax Properties Holdings, LLC v Stevens; 2019-CP-02-00021; The Final Order was filed on August 5, 2022. This was a complicated multi day trial involving a foreclosure, equitable claim of unclean hands, laches, waiver, accord and satisfaction, estoppel, right of redemption, and attorney fees.
  - (d) Wando Partners, L.P. v Baughman; 2019-CP-02-02818; Appellate Case No. 2022-000462; This case dealt with restrictive covenants for a local sub division, record notice issue, actual notice claim, waiver, statute of frauds defense, and attorney fees. The parties dismissed the appeal by an Order issued by the South Carolina Court of Appeals on July 26, 2022.
  - (e) Irene C. Johnson Hamlett v Estate of Leana Johnson, et al; 2019-CP-02-01121; This was a complicated heirs' partition case involving a large group of litigants. Issue included determining the proper percentage of ownership of the parties, transfers of interest, taxes paid, and a determination if the property would be divided or sold, determination of the fair market value of the property.
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.
- (a) I was admitted to practice in the South Carolina state courts in 1988.
  - (b) I was admitted to practice in the South Carolina District Court in 1990.
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) Organized the topics and speakers for the 2014 Masters-in-Equity Bench Bar held on October 10, 2014. This is a one day continuing education program.

(b) Speaker at the South Carolina Association of Clerks and Registers of Deeds Fall Conference in 2017. The topic of the program concerned the procedure and issues in filing a mechanic's lien.

(c) As President of the Master in Equity Association, I was responsible for arranging for speakers during annual judicial conference and our meetings during the circuit court judge conference.

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

The documents are attached.

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

I have not published any books or articles.

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.)

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.

I believe it was BV.

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) Aiken County Bar; past president

(b) South Carolina Bar Association

(c) South Carolina Masters in Equity Association; past president

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.

I have never held a public office prior to my current position as the Master in Equity for

Aiken County.

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.

The Master in Equity for Aiken County is a full-time position. I have had no other employment while serving as a judge.

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

I withdrew from the Second Circuit Court Judicial position in 2019.

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.

(a) Charleston City Police Department, Charleston, South Carolina; June 1981 to November 1983; Senior – Private First Class; I worked in the uniform division after I graduated with a criminal justice degree.

(b) Wackenhut Securities, Inc. Savannah River Plant, Aiken, South Carolina; November 1983 to August 1985; I was a sergeant in the law enforcement division. My duties included assisting in the initial training related to law enforcement, supervision of personnel in the day-to-day duties and training.

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.

No

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:

The document with attachments are attached.

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



- (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.)

**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? Yes If no, please provide details.

(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.

In 2002, the South Carolina Department of Revenue filed a tax lien on January 24, 2002. I paid that within two weeks and it was satisfied on February 4, 2002. On March 19, 2008, the South Carolina Department of Revenue filed a tax lien for penalty and interest. When no agreement was reached, I paid that amount and it was marked as satisfied on July 15, 2008.

or defaulted on a student loan. None

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

I have never 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.

I have never filed 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.

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?

None

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.

None

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.

(a) My employment as the attorney for the Town of Jackson and the City of New Ellenton could create a conflict if those entities were involved in the litigation. I have been the current Master-in-Equity since 2011 and have not represented those entities since 2011.

(b) I practiced law with the same two attorneys for twenty three years. One is deceased and the other has been retired fo a number of years. but a conflict would exist if he appeared in a case before my court. Those matters would be referred to a Special Referee.

(c) Prior clients may be a conflict and I verify if a conflict may exist when my office receives an Order of Reference. If it involves an existing client when I left private practice in 2011 or a client I had represented in an ongoing relationship, I recuse myself, decline the order of reference or the relationship is disclosed to the parties to allow an opportunity for a motion to recuse myself.

(d) My wife works in the Lexington County School District 2. Although unlikely, I would recuse myself if any action involved that school district. I am not aware of a case involving this entity in Aiken County but list it based on the question.

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.

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.

I have an investment fund and participate in the South Carolina Retirement Fund. Copies are attached to the Financial Declaration. My wife contributes to her South Carolina Retirement Fund and has an account with Valic.

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.

No

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

No

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. In 1988 – 1989 I was named as a defendant in a lawsuit involving Wackenhut Securities, Inc. I was a supervisor when the incident occurred. The case involved a driving under the influence arrest made by a patrolman under my supervision. After depositions were completed, the case was dismissed.

b. In 2004, I was named in an action as the defendant in a case filed by a former client. This involved a statute of limitations issue and was settled prior to trial. Our firm was responsible for the payment of the deductible.

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.

I am not in private practice. My law firm did maintain a malpractice policy for the entire time I was in private practice.

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?

I am familiar with the 48 – hour rule.

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) Jeanie P. Cole; [Redacted]

(b) Dantzler Busbee [Redacted]

- (c) Arthur L. Whittington, [Redacted]
- (d) David Hill, [Redacted]
- (e) Jacqueline Charbonneau, [Redacted]

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

I am not an active member of any social media. To my knowledge, I have not been featured or depicted on any social media or internet site as described in the question.

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

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

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) South Carolina Masters in Equity Association; past President.
- (b) Aiken County Bar; past President

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.

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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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

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

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