



JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION )  
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In the Matter of: Monet Pinous )  
Candidate for )

WITNESS AFFIDAVIT  
FORM

I will appear to testify concerning the qualifications of the above-named candidate and will produce all documents in my possession, if any, which will further develop or corroborate my testimony.

I understand that this written statement and all supporting documentation, if any, must be completed and the hard copies of all such documents shall be returned to the Judicial Merit Selection Commission by the deadline for complaints in order for the Commission to hear my testimony, and that the deadline for complaints is 12:00 Noon, Monday, October 28, 2024. I understand I must be available to testify at the Public Hearing, and failure to appear will result in a dismissal of my complaint.

In regard to my intended testimony, I will offer information as to the following:

- (1) Set forth your full name, age, address, and both home and work telephone numbers.  
Matthew Todd Younginer

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- (2) Set forth the names, addresses, and telephone numbers (if known) of other persons who have knowledge of the facts concerning your testimony.

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(3) State the nature of your testimony regarding the qualifications of the abovenamed judicial candidate, including:

(a) specific facts relating to the candidate's character, competency, or ethics, including all allegations of wrongdoing or misconduct on the part of the candidate.

November of 2018, I testified to The JMCSC about how Judge Monet Pincus allowed a group of therapist to come in and strip my children from me and allow them to be put through a psycho circus called family bridges which took my children who were in their teens against their will on a plane and off to Bozeman, Montana for four days of attempted brainwashing against their father. This reunification plan that Monet allowed had no state or federal regulations and no real track record of success. In fact, quite the opposite. My ex-wife's attorney Pete Currence was the ringleader which is fitting giving his known clown style antics that other attorneys throughout the years have relayed to me. His and Monet's ex-parte communications have been well documented throughout the years and Dr. Selman Watson, who has been one of the state's most respected authorities on child custody shows yet another example of this in his affidavit July 30, 2021. When The JMCSC started questioning Monet, she became out of sorts to say the least. Representative Safran even asked her if her temporary order would have allowed the therapist to take the kids to "Tibet" if they wanted to? When Monet realized that her testimony was not going well, she resorted to what several attorneys have made cleared to me is flat out perjury. She did this on many occasions that night. The JMCSC asked many times if a guardian was aware of this reunification plan and if the guardian approved such a draconian style approach? She answered yes to all those questions. She even went on to say that the guardian kept her up to date with the well-being of the kids during this six-month period. All of these were lies by her to the commission. The guardian James Stoddard from Sumpter was not even allowed to come on board by her until two months after all of this took place. I want to know what The JMCSC will do when blatant perjury by a candidate is before them. Years later my kids moved on from the damage Monet caused them, they like I realize how fraudulent people exist and how you still must hold them accountable. One of therapist has passed away and my buddy Mr. Currence has retired which some in the legal community think I had a hand in since we were successful in breaking up his custody for hire racket and from what I understand is very disgruntled these days. Nevertheless, Monet continues to sit on the bench and is still known for ex-parte with several law firms and favored verdicts. I hope this time The JMCSC holds this candidate accountable for her blatant perjury in front of them. I beat her at her own twisted game years ago. I sure hope The JMCSC will do the same.

(b) specific dates, places, and times at which or during which such allegations took place. November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

(c) names of any persons present during such alleged actions or possessing evidence of such alleged actions, and. Ansley Younginer, Bryce Younginer, Theresa Younginer

(d) how this information relates to the qualifications of the judicial candidate. It relates to the fact that the candidate's character is flawed and dangerous to children in S.C. It also shows she thinks she can con The JMCSC and get away with it.

(4) Set forth a list of and provide a copy of any and all documents to be produced at the hearing which relate to your testimony regarding the qualifications of the

judicial candidate.

- (5) State any other facts you feel are pertinent to the screening of this judicial candidate.

I would like five minutes in front of The JMCSC to explain further.

I understand that the information I have provided herein is confidential and is not to be disclosed to anyone except the Judicial Merit Selection Commission, the candidate, and counsel.

### WAIVER

I further understand that my testimony before the Judicial Merit Selection Commission may require the disclosure of information that would otherwise be protected by the attorney-client privilege. Therefore, in order that my complaint may be fully investigated by the Commission,

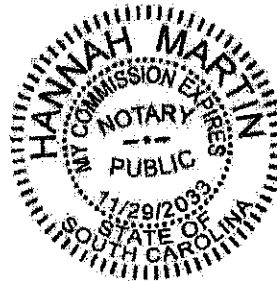
I hereby waive any right that I may have to raise the attorney-client privilege as that privilege may relate to the subject of my complaint. I further understand that by waiving the attorney-client privilege for this matter, I am authorizing the Commission to question other parties, including my attorney, concerning the facts and issues of my case.

Matthew T. Youngman  
Signature

Sworn to me this 28 day of October, 2024

Paul M. M. M. L.S.  
Notary Public of South Carolina

My commission expires: 11-29-33



Note:  
One attachment is not included. The Document is part of a sealed case.

1 notice from a second attorney for Mr. Younginer, asking me  
2 to hear, on an emergency basis, a stay of my order, to  
3 reopen the record, to allow another opportunity to be heard  
4 before I closed the record and signed my order. And it's a  
5 little bit of an unusual request. I granted it. We  
6 scheduled an emergency hearing as soon as I could do it.  
7 It was within days.

8           At this hearing there was even more  
9 documents presented. Both parties had a lot of time on the  
10 court -- all open court on the record to present multiple  
11 documents, affidavits, and oral arguments again for as long  
12 as they needed. So after all of this time -- and the two  
13 hearings that I scheduled, I granted the request to open  
14 the record. I did stay my order. I didn't change my  
15 underlying decision orally. I made a few -- a few, maybe  
16 adjustments to it, but I ended up granted the relief on a  
17 temporary basis that Ms. Donaldson requested. Not all of  
18 it. But I generally granted her relief and not Mr.  
19 Younginer's.

20           So after I did that, I appointed a guardian.  
21 I didn't know the guardian. It was a guardian from Sumter  
22 County, Mr. Stoddard, who was recommended to me from some  
23 other judges, who would -- who might be a good fit. Other  
24 than -- and I was asked to appoint a guardian. So it's not  
25 something I did independently.

1                   But I did not take -- I don't even recall if  
2 the attorneys offered a suggestion on guardians. I really  
3 don't recall. So nevertheless, I appointed a guardian. I  
4 understand there was an emergency appeal of my order.  
5 Justice Few reviewed it -- he was Judge Few at the time.  
6 He denied the emergency appeal, the supersedeas. And my  
7 order went forward.

8                   Now, at that point it's not correct to say  
9 that I kept any kind of close eye on this case. I don't do  
10 that. Even if I keep jurisdiction on a case, I don't call  
11 people and say, "How's it going?" I don't check with the  
12 guardian and say, "How's it going?"

13                   The attorneys have to report to me, under the  
14 rules, which would be by motion or perhaps a request for a  
15 conference call. I don't even think that happened, that I  
16 recall. So it's not to say that I followed the case to  
17 make sure everything was going okay. It was news to me  
18 when I got a call that they settled. I was very happy that  
19 they settled the case. I asked for time to come in to put  
20 it on the record. But I don't track cases.

21                   And in my temporary order -- I think it's  
22 important to understand that I -- I did not independently  
23 research any type of therapist or program or camp or  
24 anything like that. That's not what I do as a judge. I  
25 received information from very competent attorneys to

1           A. Well, it's my temporary order that appointed a  
2 guardian, but then -- was immediately appointed, and  
3 certainly consulted along with therapists about the best  
4 reunification plan.

5           Q. So is there a --

6           A. So we had the opportunity to do that.

7           Q. And there would be within that record a guardian  
8 report supporting --

9           A. In this case --

10          Q. -- that decision?

11          A. I don't know if he filed a written report at the  
12 -- in the file. Again, the parties settled. And I can't  
13 recall --

14          Q. Well, I'm saying at the point of a temporary  
15 order, would there be a requirement to have a guardian ad  
16 litem's report or testimony --

17          A. Not at that first temporary hearing. No, sir.  
18 Some temporary hearings we do, but not this one. This was  
19 the very first time they were in court. They had not yet  
20 agreed upon a guardian. The court had not yet appointed  
21 one.

22                   I did appoint one the first time it came before  
23 me. Of course, the guardian stayed involved all through  
24 the five months of litigations, six months of litigation,  
25 until the final order. And he -- and he signed off on

1 their agreement.

2 CHAIRMAN RANKIN: Mr. Safran.

3 EXAMINATION BY MR. SAFRAN:

4 Q. Judge, I'm going to make the request -- because I  
5 don't want to put you or anybody else through anything  
6 longer than is necessary, so I'm going to kind of echo what  
7 Representative Smith said, "give me it back as a rifle  
8 shot." Just tell me if I'm right or wrong, okay?

9 You issued an order that vested custody, where it  
10 had been previously alternating, to the mother; is that  
11 right?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. As part of that order, you basically gave her  
14 complete and sole discretion in terms of choosing where  
15 this child was going to go for the therapy that you had  
16 determined that they needed; is that fair?

17 A. Fair. Yes.

18 Q. Okay. And basically, you've excluded the  
19 particular psychologist that was objectionable, locally.  
20 Benedetto, correct?

21 A. Yes, sir.

22 Q. Do you have any idea whether or not Benedetto was  
23 the one that actually chose this place out in Montana, to  
24 effectively facilitate what they wanted anyway?

25 A. I can't recall, sir.

1           Q.    But you would agree with me, does it not seem a  
2 little odd that -- and again I don't go to family court.  
3 But it seems a little strange to me that an order would  
4 give complete discretion to send somebody -- what if they  
5 wanted to send them to Tibet? I mean, I'm just asking. I  
6 mean, from what you're telling me, the way the order was  
7 drafted was that they could have done that. I mean, is  
8 that not true?

9           A.    It's not -- it's not that -- it's not true. The  
10 way that you're saying it -- I -- I ordered reunification  
11 therapy.

12          Q.    And I get that.

13          A.    And I was presented with several plans. I  
14 adopted a type of a plan that looked to me like what was in  
15 the best interest of the children at the time. There's a  
16 guardian involved in a case, sir. There's -- there was a  
17 therapist involved. I think if somebody -- again, I don't  
18 oversee the cases either, once they're off of -- off of my  
19 docket as far as jurisdiction goes. But if that happened,  
20 there are ways that a aggrieved party can bring that issue  
21 back.

22          Q.    Wasn't that part of the supersedeas, potentially?

23          A.    Initially. But the therapy hadn't occurred yet  
24 at that time.

25          Q.    Right.