



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

Court, Position, and Seat # for which you are applying:  
Circuit Court, Eleventh Judicial Circuit, Seat 1

1. Name: The Honorable David Shawn Graham

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.)

Associate Judge for the Town of Lexington (P/T)  
Assisting Drug Court Judge

Home Address: [Redacted]

County of Residence: Lexington

Business Address: P.O. Box 974, Lexington, SC 29071

E-Mail Address: [Redacted]

Telephone Number: (home): [Redacted]  
(office): same  
(cell): [Redacted]

2. Date of Birth: [Redacted]1967  
Place of Birth: Tulsa, Oklahoma  
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: Divorced

Divorced on March 4, 2011, Richland County Family Court, State of South Carolina, one year separation, I was the moving party

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) Oklahoma State University  
Attended August 1985 to May 1989  
Bachelor of Science in Mathematics
- (b) University of South Carolina School of Law  
Attended September 1993 to May 1996  
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) Member of Moot Court Bar
- (b) Order of the Barristers
- (c) Team captain – ABA National Appellate Advocacy Competition
- (d) ABA Real Property, Probate and Trust Journal  
Student editorial board (1994 – 1995)  
Associate Editor (1995 -1996)
- (e) Pro Bono guardian ad litem (1995 -1996)

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, admitted 1996, 1 time

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) Barnwell, Whaley, Patterson & Helms; Associate; Insurance defense practice; 1996 – 1997
- (b) Fourteenth Judicial Circuit Solicitor’s Office; Assistant Solicitor; General Sessions; 1997-1998
- (c) Eleventh Judicial Circuit Solicitor’s Office; Assistant Solicitor; General Sessions 1998 -2001
- (d) Eleventh Judicial Circuit Solicitor’s Office; Senior Assistant Solicitor; General Sessions; mentoring younger attorneys and helping them develop judgment and trial skills. 2001 – 2005
- (e) Eleventh Judicial Circuit Solicitor’s Office; Deputy Solicitor; General Sessions; mentoring younger attorneys and helping them develop judgment and trial skills; prosecuting the most serious violent crimes and other complex cases; some administrative responsibilities; assist law enforcement as needed; reviewing active SLED Investigations, including officer involved shootings. 2006 – 2022
- (f) Graham Law LLC – sole practitioner, focusing primarily on personal injury and guardian and conservator work in Probate court. 2022 – Present.
- (g) City of Cayce – Prosecutor (P/T) 2023
- (h) Associate Judge for the Town of Lexington (P/T) 2023 – Present.
- (i) Assisting Judge Eleventh Circuit Adult Drug Court Program 2023 - Present

**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.

NA

- (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.

(a) Criminal – In the past five (5) years, I have been involved in numerous bond hearings, guilty pleas, and motions in General Sessions. During that time, I have tried five (5) jury trials to verdict, including three (3) murders; an involuntary manslaughter; and a Criminal Sexual Conduct 1<sup>st</sup>, Kidnapping, and Strong Armed Robbery. Over the course of my career, I have tried over seventy (70) jury trials to verdict. Of those, over thirty (30) were murder or manslaughter trials. I have also prosecuted seven (7) death penalty trials. In 2017, I was presented with the Ernest F. Hollings Award for Excellence in State Prosecution (Given to the prosecutor in South Carolina whose performance best exemplifies excellence in the court of General Session). I have over fifteen (15) reported opinions and over twenty-five (25) unpublished opinions.

(b) Civil – Since leaving the Solicitor’s office in 2022, my Civil experience has been mainly in a plaintiff’s personal injury practice, including auto mobile accidents and slip and fall. I am also serving as gal in a partition action. I previously worked in insurance defense at the beginning of my legal career. I will continue to increase my knowledge and experience by reading the advance sheets, attending appropriate CLEs, and consult with more experienced attorneys..

- (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.

NA

- (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.

NA

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
- (b) state: monthly (average)

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: 15%
- (b) criminal: 50%
- (c) domestic: 5%
- (d) other: 30%

14. During the past five years

(a) What percentage of your practice was in trial court, including cases that settled prior to trial?

100%

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

Five (5)

(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.)

0

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

0

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

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?

NA

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) State v. Jones, \_\_ S.E.2d \_\_ Op No 28145 (SC 2023). I was co-counsel at trial. Tim Jones was convicted of murdering his five (5) children and sentenced to death. This was a direct appeal to the South Carolina Supreme Court. The Court affirmed the trial court's rulings on juror qualification, voir dire, and jury instructions. While finding error by the trial court in certain evidentiary rulings, the Supreme Court ultimately found the errors harmless and affirmed Jones's conviction and death sentence. The case is significant and will be cited as to the admission or exclusion of expert testimony. Additionally, the case will be used to require a closer scrutiny on the admission of autopsy photos
  - (b) State v. Brockmeyer, 406 S.C. 324, 751 S.E.2d 645 (2013). I was co-counsel at trial. Brockmeyer was convicted of murdering his friend, outside a nightclub. The South Carolina Supreme Court affirmed the conviction and held that the chain of custody log maintained by SLED and testified to by a records custodian adequately proved the chain of custody on items submitted for testing and analysis. Previously, some trial court judges required each and every person from the time of collection to testing and back to the submitting agency to testify before an item would be admitted into evidence.
  - (c) State v. Walker, 844 S.E.2d 405 (SC Ct App 2020). I was lead counsel at trial. Walker was convicted of murdering Catherine Banty, the mother of his child. The South Carolina Court of Appeals affirmed the conviction and the admission of the defendant's statements. The court continued to clarify the law and provide guidance on custodial interrogation. The court held that defendant's subjective belief was insufficient to rise to the level of custody; and that the question of whether a reasonable person would have considered himself in custody was debatable and supported by the record. Upholding the trial court's ruling, that defendant was not in custody.
  - (d) State v. Prather, 840 S.E.2d 551 (SC 2020). I was co-counsel at trial. Prather was convicted at trial of the murder of Gerald Stewart. At trial, SLED agent Paul LaRosa testified in reply over objection of defense counsel. LaRosa was qualified as an expert in crime scene analysis opining on "staging," directed anger, and covering. LaRosa testified that based on the evidence and the time frame involved that "there were specifically two people in there after the crime." A

divided Court of Appeals reversed the conviction and remanded for a new trial. The South Carolina Supreme Court reversed the Court of Appeals finding the trial court did not err in admitting the reply testimony. A first of its kind, this case provided needed guidance regarding proper reply testimony in the area of crime scene analysis.

- (e) State v. Ballington, 551 S.E.2d 280 (SC Ct App 2001). I was co-counsel at trial. Ballington was convicted of the murder of his wife, Edna Lynn Ballington. The Court discusses malice and analyzes the types of evidence in this case that could have supported the jury's verdict. The Court citing previous cases pointed that malice may be implied by brute force and that at times a hand could be a deadly weapon. The Court discussed the specific facts of the case finding that the evidence permitted the conclusions that the victim was severely beaten and strangled for an extended period of time. Additionally, the Court discusses Ballington's attempt to cover up how his wife died suggesting a wicked or depraved spirit also supporting the finding of malice.

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) None
- (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) 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.

- (a) I am currently an Associate Judge for the Town of Lexington (P/T). I was appointed September 5, 2023. Municipal court have jurisdiction over town ordinances and criminal offenses that do not exceed thirty (30) days in jail and/or a fine not exceeding \$500. Also, cases which meet the requirements of South Carolina Code Section 22-3-545 may be transferred from General Sessions.
- (b) I am currently an Assisting Drug Court Judge for the Eleventh Circuit Adult Drug Treatment Program. I was appointed November 30, 2023 by Chief Justice Beatty.

By that Order, I “may impose sanctions for violations of the conditions of the Adult Drug Treatment Court Program. Sanctions may include, but are not limited to, public service work, additional treatment, or termination of participation in the Program.”

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) None
  - (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.
  - (a) South Carolina. Admitted November 18, 1996
  
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) Author/Instructor - “Survive and Thrive: A Guide To Winning at Trial.” Qualifies for 6 hours approved credit by the Criminal Justice Academy.
  - (b) Invited instructor at the S.C. Criminal Justice Academy – Basic Detective’s Class. Taught six (6) times.
  - (c) “From the Crime Scene to the Courtroom.” Co-author of materials and presenter at trainings to law enforcement.
  - (d) “Investigations: A Prosecutor’s Perspective.” Co-author of materials and presenter at trainings to law enforcement.
  - (e) “Responding Officers: A Prosecutor’s Perspective.” Co-author of materials and presenter at trainings to law enforcement.
  - (f) Bond Estreatment.” Author of material and presenter at CLE sponsored by the South Carolina’s Solicitors’ Conference.
  - (g) “Presentation of the State’s Case: Questioning Witnesses and Presenting Evidence.” Co-author of material and presenter at Prosecution Bootcamp – CLE sponsored by the South Carolina Commission on Prosecution Coordination.
  - (h) “Pre-Trial Practice” - Co-author of material and presenter at CLE sponsored by the South Carolina Commission on Prosecution Coordination.
  - (i) “Case Management for Victim Advocates.” Co-author of material and presenter for Victim Advocate Training sponsored by the South Carolina Commission on Prosecution Coordination.



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.

(a) "The State's Case in Chief: Direct Examination." Author of material and published in the Prosecution Bootcamp Manual; provided to new South Carolina Assistant Solicitors by the South Carolina Commission on Prosecution Coordination

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.

No rating.

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 Bar  
(b) Lexington County Bar

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.

NA.

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.

(a) Graham Law, LLC – Sole proprietor, 2022 to present.

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

(a) Lexington County Master-in-Equity; 2005; found qualified to serve.

(b) Circuit Court, Eleventh Judicial Circuit, Seat 2; 2017; found qualified but not nominated.

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) International Business Machines; Systems Engineer; 1989 – 1993.

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.

(a) Graham Law, LLC.; Sole proprietor.

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.

NA

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.)

See attached.

**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

- (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?

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.

NA.

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;

NA.

- (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

NA.

- (c) which was sold, leased, or rented to a state or local public agency in South Carolina.  
NA.

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.

NA.

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.

NA

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.

NA

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.

No. I believe that I was a named party as a prosecuting attorney in Federal court. I was never served with any papers. I never had to respond. My recollection is that the case was dismissed

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.

(a) 100,000/300,000; \$2,500; September 19, 2022.

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.

(a) I asked Chief Green of the Town of Lexington to introduce me to Representative Chris Wooten. I have not met with Representative Wooten.

(b) I have discussed my qualifications with Representative Paula Calhoon (my representative).

(c) I have discussed my qualifications with Senator Billy Garrett (my senator)

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.

See attached.

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) Sarah Mauldin, Esquire  
[Redacted]

(b) Leigh Leventis, Esquire  
[Redacted]

(c) Jack Swerling, Esquire  
[Redacted]

(d) The Honorable Lisa Comer  
[Redacted]

(e) Rhonda Robinson  
[Redacted]

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

No.

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?

NA

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) NA

(b)

(c)

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.

I was a prosecuting trial attorney for over twenty five (25) years. A prosecutor represents the people and has a duty to seek justice and not win at any cost. I have been fortunate, that in my career, I used my discretion and was able to do what I thought was appropriate, just and fair. I have always treated victims, witnesses, opposing counsel and defendants with respect as is evident by my letters of recommendation. I have had to manage a docket. I have dismissed cases when there has been a lack of evidence to prosecute. I have sent first time offenders to Pre Trial Intervention. I have reduced charges when the facts haven't supported the charge. I have recommended probation when it was appropriate. I have also negotiated pleas that resulted in prison sentences. I have tried cases when the facts and law have convinced me of the defendant's guilt and the defendant wouldn't accept responsibility. In my career as a prosecutor, I have had the discretion and responsibility to do justice.

I have also worked as an appointed guardian ad litem in several guardianship and conservatorship actions in probate court. Just like criminal defendants, these individuals are also in a position where they may lose their rights and liberties. Accordingly, I take my duty as guardian ad litem seriously.

In my first bench trial as a municipal judge, I found the defendant not guilty for failure of the officer to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt. The state must prove their case and my prior experience as a prosecutor made it clear that they had not done so.

My entire legal profession has been shaped by my steadfast belief in the rule of law, the rights of individuals, and the protection of society.



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: \_\_\_\_\_