



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

Court, Position, and Seat # for which you are applying:

1. Name: The Honorable Anne Guè Jones

Name that you are known by if different from above
(Example: A Nickname): Not applicable

Are you currently serving in some capacity as a judge? If part-time, please note.
(Includes Municipal, Magistrate, Etc.) Yes - Family Court Judge, First Judicial
Circuit, Seat 1

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2. Date of Birth: [Redacted]1965
Place of Birth: Orangeburg, 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? 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.
I have never served in the military.

6. Family Status: Widowed – Carl Arthur Jones.
Never divorced, three 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) Furman University, September 1983-May 1987, B.A. in History
 - (b) USC School of Law, August 1987-May 1990 – Juris Doctor
 - (c) Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College and SC State University – part-time, summer attendance in 1984 and 1985 to gain credits toward college degree; never enrolled as a full-time student.
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) Order of the Wig and Robe, May 1990
 - (b) Real Property, Probate and Trust Journal, Associate Editor, August 1989-May 1990
 - (c) Student Legal Writing Instructor, August 1989-May 1990
 - (d) Young Trial Lawyers Association, August 1988-May 1990
 - (e) Student Bar Association, August 1987-May 1990
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) Admitted to practice in South Carolina - November 1990
 - (b) Took the bar exam one time in South Carolina – July 1990
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) Staff Attorney, South Carolina Supreme Court, August 1990-June 1991. Responsibilities included researching and preparing memorandum opinions for the Court in the areas of criminal law, domestic law, civil law and appellate practice.
 - (b) Partner, Bryant, Fanning & Shuler, Orangeburg, South Carolina, July 1991-June 2001. Primary responsibilities included handling all domestic cases for the firm including divorce, separate maintenance, custody, visitation, child support, adoptions, DSS appointed cases and all other types of cases heard in Family Court. I also served as guardian ad litem in numerous private custody cases. Other responsibilities included handling personal injury cases, some insurance defense cases, conducting title searches and real estate closings, preparing wills, probating wills and writing appellate briefs. Ninety percent of my work in the last five years was in the area of domestic and family law. Administrative management

responsibilities included supervising my personal assistant. Financial management responsibilities included managing my clients' funds placed in the firm trust account.
(c) Family Court Judge, First Judicial Circuit, Seat 1, July 2001-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: Omitted.
 - (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:
Omitted

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? Omitted
(a) civil:
(b) criminal:
(c) domestic:
(d) other:
Omitted

14. During the past five years Omitted
(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?
Omitted

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

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?
Omitted

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.
Omitted

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.
Omitted

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.
Omitted

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 have held judicial office as Family Court Judge, First Judicial Circuit, Seat 1, July 2001-present, elected February 2001. The Family Court has exclusive jurisdiction over all matters involving domestic or family relationships. The unified statewide Family Court system was established by statute in 1976. Pursuant to this provision, the Family Court is the sole forum for the hearing of all cases concerning marriage, divorce, separate maintenance, custody, visitation rights, termination of parental rights, adoption, alimony, child support, division of marital assets and debts and change of name. South Carolina Family Court has exclusive jurisdiction over any actions concerning children living within its jurisdiction as outlined in SC Code Annotated Section 63-3-530. This includes exclusive jurisdiction over minors under the age of seventeen alleged to have violated state or municipal laws.
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) Ryan Campbell Dennis v. Holly Camille Yates, issued on December 19, 2006, in Richland County Family Court, Case No. 2005-DR-40-4139, reversed as Doe v. Roe, 379 S.C. 291, 665 S.E.2d 182 (Ct. App. 2008), reversed as Doe v. Roe, 386 S.C. 624, 690 S.E.2d 573 (2010). This was a termination of parental rights case in which I ordered that Father's parental rights be terminated. The Court of Appeals reversed my decision, finding that termination of Father's parental rights was premature and was, therefore, not in the child's best interest. The Supreme Court reversed the Court of Appeals, affirming the Family Court decision that terminating Father's parental rights was in the best interest of the child.
- (b) Melissa Leaphart Hagood v. James Buckner Hagood and Melody "Suzie" Hagood Sharpe, issued on July 5, 2016, in Richland County Family Court, Case No. 2014-DR-40-1541, affirmed as Hagood v. Hagood and Sharpe, 2018-UP-471 (Ct. App. 2018). This divorce case involved a substantial dispute over custody between biological parents and a third party relative. I found the biological parents unfit to parent and awarded custody to the third party relative. The Court of Appeals, in an unpublished opinion, affirmed the award of custody to a third party relative.
- (c) Mitchell Goldman v. Jane Goldman, issued on April 16, 2018, in Dorchester County Family Court, Case No. 2016-DR-18-1859, affirmed as Goldman v. Goldman, 2021-UP-014 (Ct. App. 2021). This was a termination/reduction in alimony case where I ordered a reduction in Husband's alimony payments to Wife but did not terminate his alimony payments completely. The Court of Appeals affirmed my decision, in an unpublished opinion, regarding the award of attorney's fees to Wife, the denial of a retroactive alimony reduction to Husband, and the decision not to completely terminate or further reduce Husband's alimony obligation.
- (d) State of South Carolina v. Kemondre Glover, issued on May 3, 2022, in Orangeburg County Family Court, Case No. 2021-JU-38-126, 127, 128, 129 & 130. This is a Final Order in which I waived jurisdiction of a juvenile to General Sessions Court after review of the factors established by Kent v. United States, 383 U.S. 541 (1966).

The juvenile in this case fired a gun into a crowd of students as school was being released, severely injuring three students.

- (e) South Carolina Department of Social Services v. Donna Bolin and Maurice Evans, Order on Rule to Show Cause, issued on November 17, 2023, in Orangeburg County Family Court, Case No. 2023-DR-38-548. I issued this Order as a result of a Sua Sponte Rule to Show Cause issued against Orangeburg County Department of Social Services for failing to comply with an Order to conduct expedited paternity testing. The Orangeburg County Department of Social Services was found in contempt of court and ordered to pay a fine to the Orangeburg Clerk of Court, which fine could be suspended upon the filing of the paternity test results by a specified date.
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) State Courts of South Carolina, November 1990-present
(b) United States District Court – District of South Carolina, June 2000
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) Lectured on “Judicial Pet Peeves on Order Drafting”, SC Bar Family Law Bench/Bar JCLE on December 3, 2010
(b) Lectured on “Motions for Reconsideration Under Rule 59(e)”, SC Bar Family Law Bench/Bar JCLE on December 2, 2011
(c) Lectured at Orientation School for Family Court Judges each year from 2011 through 2020 on the topics of custody, contempt and evidence
(d) Lectured on “Updates in Family Court”, SC Bar Family Law Bench/Bar JCLE on December 5, 2014
(e) Lectured at SC Bar 2016 Annual Guardian ad Litem Training and Update on January 29, 2016
(f) Course planner and moderator for the SC Bar Family Law Bench/Bar JCLE in December each year for the years 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2018
(g) Speaker at Orangeburg Community Education Forum, “Envisioning the Future of Education in Orangeburg County”, February 7, 2019
22. Provide, as a separate attachment, your continuing legal or judicial education report from the past five years.
See attached list of judicial education since last screening.
23. List all published books and articles you have written and give citations and the dates of publication for each.
I have not written any books or articles which have been published.

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.)
Not applicable.
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 am unable to locate my last rating in Martindale-Hubbell prior to my election to the Family Court twenty-three years ago. Additionally, I cannot recall my last rating in Martindale-Hubbell.
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 Association
(b) South Carolina Conference of Family Court Judges - Secretary/Treasurer 2012; Vice President 2013; President 2014; Family Court Judges' Advisory Committee Member 2012-2014.
(c) South Carolina Women Lawyers Association
(d) Orangeburg County Bar Association
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 public office other than judicial office.
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.
I have never had 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 have never been an unsuccessful candidate for elective, judicial or other public office.

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.
I have never engaged in any occupation, business or profession other than the practice of law or holding judicial office.
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 as a manager of a family limited partnership known as B&T of Orangeburg, LLC, pursuant to the B & T of Orangeburg, LLC Operating Agreement executed on January 1, 2020. I serve as a co-manager along with my cousin, Thomas B. Gue, Jr. The Operating Agreement provides that managers have the “full and exclusive power on the LLC’s behalf to manage its business and affairs and to do or cause to be done anything deemed necessary or appropriate for the LLC’s business.” The specific authority of the managers is delineated in fourteen subparagraphs of the Operating Agreement. The general responsibilities of the managers include managing seven tracts of land owned by the family limited partnership, including selling land, managing timber stands, negotiating hunting and pine straw harvesting leases and maintaining the tracts, farm equipment and pond house owned by the LLC. My term of service is until I die, resign or become incapacitated.
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.
I have never been employed as a “lobbyist,” as defined by S.C. Code § 2-17-10(13), or acted in the capacity of a “lobbyist’s principal,” as defined by S.C. Code § 2-17-10(14).
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 complete, current financial net worth statement was provided to the Commission.
- (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? If no, please provide details.
I have filed South Carolina state and federal income tax returns for the last five years as head of household.
- (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.
I have not, nor has any business with which I am associated, been delinquent in any local, state, or federal taxes.
- (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.
I have not had any tax liens filed against me since prior to my election to the Family Court, First Judicial Circuit, Seat 1 in 2001. The issue of this tax lien was covered fully in my first two screenings for this position; this is my fifth screening for this position.
- (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 for 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.
Since filing with the Commission my letter of intent to run for judicial office, I have not 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.
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?
Since July 29, 2024, I have spent less than \$10.00 in postage and less than \$30 in copying costs related to my Judicial Merit Selection Commission application.
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) Neither I, nor anyone in my immediate family, nor a business with which I am associated, has made any contributions to a member of the General Assembly since my last screening in 2018.
- (b) I do not participate in any employer-mandated contributions to a PAC or any other political entity.

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.

Neither I, nor anyone acting on my behalf, has solicited or collected funds to aid in the promotion of my candidacy.

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) I have no financial arrangements or current business relationships that could constitute or result in a possible conflict of interest in the position I currently hold and to which I seek re-election.

(b) My prior partnership with Bryant, Fanning & Shuler could result in possible conflicts of interest in my current position, as far as clients the firm represented while I was in private practice.

(c) I have in the past and would continue to resolve such conflicts by recusing myself from hearing all cases involving former clients of my private practice.

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;

Neither I, nor a member of my immediate family, has any interest in such real property.

(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

Neither I, nor a member of my immediate family, has any interest in such real property.

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

Neither I, nor a member of my immediate family, has any interest in such real property.

List the interest you hold and the value and location of the property. Identify as applicable the: Not applicable.

(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. Not applicable.

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.

There is no personal property interest which I or a member of my immediate family sold, leased, or rented to a South Carolina state or local public agency.

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.
- (a) Osaic Wealth portfolio
 - (b) Future Scholars 529 portfolios
 - (c) Duke Energy stock
 - (d) Capital Group/American Funds portfolio

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.
- I have never accepted anything of value from an attorney or litigant in a matter currently or previously before me or my court.

44. For sitting judges, have you used the services of your staff, for which you did not pay, while campaigning for this office?
- I have never used the services of my staff while campaigning for this office.

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.
- To my knowledge, I have never been under federal, state, or local investigation for possible violation of a criminal statute.

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) I have never been sued by a client.
 - (b) I was a named party in a Federal civil lawsuit filed in the Fourth Circuit US District Court for South Carolina, along with Judge Nancy C. McLin, Judge William J. Wylie, Jr., and two attorneys in Dorchester County. The lawsuit was filed by Robert McDaniel Cox. The date of the suit was October 27, 2011. I was never served with Mr. Cox's lawsuit. The

suit was dismissed by Judge David Norton on December 28, 2011, for failure to prosecute. After becoming aware of this lawsuit, I reviewed Mr. Cox's Family Court file in Dorchester County. A review of the file revealed that I never presided over a hearing in Mr. Cox's case, and I never signed an Order related to his case.

(c) I was a named party in a Federal civil lawsuit filed in US District Court for the District of South Carolina by William V. Jamison on May 24, 2011. I was never served with Mr. Jamison's lawsuit and was not aware of it until it was listed on my SLED report during my last screening in 2018. The suit was dismissed by Judge Margaret Seymour on July 15, 2011, for failure to prosecute. Mr. Jamison's complaint stemmed from his incarceration which occurred when he failed to purge a 90-day sentence by paying a specific amount toward his child support arrearage by a certain day. I issued the Civil Contempt Order, giving Mr. Jamison the ability to purge the 90-day sentence. When Mr. Jamison was seen in Family Court on the bench warrant issued due to his failure to comply with the Civil Contempt Order, his bench warrant was heard by another judge who issued a stiffer sentence and purge amount than I had ordered in the Civil Contempt Order. Mr. Jamison was complaining that I had not vacated the other Judge's Order regarding sentencing and purge amount. I do not have authority to change the terms of another Judge's Court Order.

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 have not been in private law practice in 23 years, and I do not have malpractice insurance.
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.
I have never been investigated by the Department of Social Services.
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.

I have not directly or indirectly requested the pledge of any member of the General Assembly as to my election for the position for which I am being screened, nor have I been offered a conditional pledge of support by any legislator pending the outcome of my screening. I have not 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 my election for the position for which I am being screened.

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.

I have not requested any third parties to contact members of the General Assembly on my behalf before the final and formal screening report has been released.

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, 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.

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.

Since submitting my letter of intent to become a candidate, I have not, nor has anyone acting on my behalf, contacted any member of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission about my candidacy or intention to become a candidate.

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) Richard Lackey, Esquire, [Redacted]

(b) Thomas B. Bryant, III, Esquire, Bryant, Fanning & Shuler, [Redacted]

(c) Reverend Ryan Tucker, Senior Pastor, First Baptist Church, [Redacted]

(d) Dwight Summers, Jr., Brodie, Summers & Wilkes, CPAs, [Redacted]

(e) Tom Sanchez, retired Manager, The Okonite Company in Orangeburg, SC; [Redacted]

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

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

(a) Yes. I am a member of LinkedIn, Facebook, and Instagram. I am not active on LinkedIn and do not even know my username or password. My account name on Facebook and Instagram is [Redacted]. I occasionally post events and pictures on Facebook and Instagram related to my children and family.

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

(b) My use of Facebook and Instagram has not been affected and would not be affected by my service as a Family Court Judge, because my use is so limited. I only post things related to my children and family; I have never posted anything of a political or controversial nature. My Facebook and Instagram settings are private.

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) Commission on Judicial Conduct, Member of Panel No. 4.

(b) Recipient of the 2024 Buchan, Brown, Jacobs Award, April 2024, given by the South Carolina Conference of Family Court Judges to a Family Court Judge who demonstrates the characteristics of integrity, professionalism, skill, compassion, spirit, optimism and courage.

(c) Safe Babies Court Judge, Orangeburg County. In late 2021, I was contacted by national and state representatives of the Zero to Three National Infant Toddler Court Program about my interest in serving as the Judge for Safe Babies Court in Orangeburg County. The South Carolina Infant Mental Health Association received a grant from the South Carolina Department of Rural Health to begin this pilot court in Orangeburg County. As the originating Judge for Safe Babies Court in Orangeburg, I worked with our community stakeholders and representatives from the National Resource Center in July 2022 to develop the case map plan for various types of abuse and neglect cases in Orangeburg that would meet the criteria for Safe Babies Court. Additionally, I attended the National Zero to Three Annual Cross Sites Meeting on Safe Babies Court in Dallas in August 2024. I participated in a day-long convention with other Safe Babies Court Judges from across the country, as well as two days of education in the Safe Babies approach.

(d) I was the originating Judge for the Juvenile Drug Court Program in Orangeburg and Calhoun County in 2005. I have continuously served as the Judge for this program up to the present time.

(e) Co-Chairman of the Orangeburg Court Security Committee since May 2019. We conduct a yearly review of the Orangeburg County Court Security Plan for all Courts operating in Orangeburg County.

(f) South Conference of Family Court Judges Training Judge for newly elected Family Court Judges: new judges sit with me for one of three training weeks before holding Court on their own.

(g) Annual participating Judge in the Judicial Observation and Experience Program hosting two to three law students in Court with me for two weeks each summer

- (h) Junior Service League of Orangeburg, Sustaining Member
- (i) Orangeburg Calhoun Free Medical Clinic, Correspondence Secretary
- (j) First Baptist Church, Lord's Supper Committee

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 raised in Orangeburg by parents who instilled in me a commitment to family, church and community, a strong work ethic, integrity and humility. I was married for 27 years and have been a working mother for 29 years. I have experienced the loss of a spouse to cancer and being a single parent. My own life experiences make me acutely aware that every person I encounter as a Family Court Judge brings with them their unique personal circumstances. My effectiveness as a Family Court Judge directly depends on my ability to approach all people in the courtroom with a calm, compassionate, respectful and patient temperament. I realize that my daily decisions as a Family Court Judge have life consequences for the participants and their children. I believe it is critically important that all litigants leave Family Court confident that their cases were heard patiently and decided fairly, according to the law. I will continue to strive to uphold this personal standard during my service on the Family Court bench. I have had the privilege to serve as a Family Court Judge in Orangeburg for 23 years; it is a job I have "grown" into through the years. I am a believer that wisdom, in life and work, comes with age and experience. Despite that experience, I am still learning new things. In my capacity as a Judge for Safe Babies Court, I have had the opportunity to learn new and innovative approaches to the child welfare system in in South Carolina. Additionally, I am encouraged by the Family Court Bench's collaborative efforts to develop new approaches to our work. I am thankful for the opportunity to serve as a Family Court Judge, and I hope to continue this service to my community and state.

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: _____