

## JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION PERSONAL DATA QUESTIONNAIRE 2024

Court, Position, and Seat # for which you are applying: Circuit Court, Ninth Circuit, Seat 2.

1. Name: Mr. Robert Bruce Wallace

Name that you are known by if different from above (Example: A Nickname): None.

Are you currently serving in some capacity as a judge? If part-time, please note. (Includes Municipal, Magistrate, Etc.) No.

Home Address: [Redacted]

County of Residence: Charleston

Business Address: 205 King Street, Suite 400, Charleston, SC 29401

E-Mail Address: [Redacted]

Telephone Number: (home): [Redacted]

(office): 843-720-1760 (cell): [Redacted]

Date of Birth: [Redacted], 1971
 Place of Birth: Charleston, SC
 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#: SCDL [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.
  - (b) If married, state the date of your marriage and your spouse's full name and occupation.

- (c) If widowed, list the name(s) of spouse(s). .
- (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.
- (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.

Family Status: married on December 30, 1995 to Sally McClary Wallace, head of women's ministries, St. Andrews Church, Mt. Pleasant, SC.

Never divorced, four children.

[Redacted]

- 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 Virginia, 1989-1993, B.A.
  - (b) University of South Carolina School of Law, 1993-1996, J.D.
- 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) USC School of Law Mock Trial team, 1995-1996, member.
  - (b) ABA Real Property Probate and Trust Journal, 1994-1996, Student Research Editor.
- 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, 1996. Took the bar exam once.
- 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) 1996-1998. Law Clerk, the Honorable C. Weston Houck, United States District Court. Served as a judicial law clerk, assisting the court with orders, trials, motions, and other administrative tasks.
  - (b) 1998-2002. Wallace and Wallace (formerly Wallace and Tinkler). I was an associate attorney then a partner in a personal injury law firm. We handled domestic cases, criminal defense cases, personal injury, legal malpractice defense, probate and trust litigation. I was not involved in the financial management of this entity, nor did I manage trust accounts.
  - (c) 2002-present. Maynard Nexsen PC (formerly Nexsen Pruet, LLC). I am a shareholder in the law firm. I handle matters involving commercial litigation (plaintiff and defense), insurance coverage (mostly defense), legal malpractice defense, probate and trust litigation (plaintiff and defense), and real estate disputes (plaintiff and defense). I have been a signatory on several trust accounts, but have no involvement in the management of the firm.

Justices/judges applying for re-election to their <u>current</u> position may omit Questions 11-17. <u>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.</u>

## 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. N/A
- (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.

During my 28-year career, I have actively appeared before the Circuit Court in all sixteen judicial circuits at least twenty-four (24) counties in South Carolina. In the past five years, I have appeared before a Circuit Court judge on a regular basis.

- (a) I have limited experience in criminal matters in the Circuit Court during the past five years. However, I practiced criminal law from 1998 to approximately 2011 in all courts, including the Circuit Court. I studied criminal procedure and substantive criminal law during those years, and I plan to draw on that experience to preside over criminal matters in Circuit Court. Additionally, I plan to study each case and each matter as they come before me, researching the statutes, case law, and applicable Rules of Criminal Procedure.
- (b) I have extensive experience in civil matters before the Circuit Court in the past five years. I have served as lead counsel or sole counsel in all of those matters. I regularly file and argue motions, and I have tried cases in Circuit Court, both bench and jury trials. I represent individuals and companies in a wide variety of commercial litigation claims. I have handled insurance coverage disputes, mostly representing insurance companies, but several times I have represented the insureds. I have

handled numerous real estate matters in Circuit Court, involving Homeowner Association rules, boundary disputes, and restrictive covenants. I have defended lawyers in legal malpractice actions. I have handled other general civil matters, including litigation involving financial institutions, where I mostly represent the financial institutions. I have represented landowners in condemnation proceedings, both in the proceedings to fix the award and proceedings to challenge the condemnation. I have handled personal injury matters, both large and small, usually representing defendants.

- (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.

  N/A
- (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.

  N/A
- 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: 30%
  - (b) state: 70%
- 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: 90%
  - (b) criminal: 0%
  - (c) domestic: 0%
  - (d) other:
- 10% (probate)
- 14. During the past five years
  - (a) What percentage of your practice was in trial court, including cases that settled prior to trial? 90% of my practice is in trial court. About 10% involve appeals.
  - (b) What number of cases went to trial and resulted in a verdict? In the last 5 years, three (3) 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. None.
  - (d) What number of your cases settled after a jury was selected but prior to opening statements? None.

During the past five years, did you most often serve as sole counsel, chief counsel, or cocounsel? I most often served as sole counsel or chief counsel in the past five years. 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) <u>Christina Jones v. Mary P. Miles</u>, Case No. 2022-CP-32-00867 (Eleventh Judicial Circuit). I defended a lawyer in a legal malpractice action. After a jury trial, the jury found the plaintiff to be forty percent (40%) comparatively negligent.
  - (b) MAC Coastal Properties, Inc. v. Shoestring Retreat, LLC, Case No. 2020-CP-22-0072 (Fifteenth Judicial Circuit). I represented a homeowner in a restrictive covenant enforcement action that involved complex legal principles and significant equitable defenses. The court ruled against my client, and my client appealed the final order. The Court of Appeals issued an unpublished decision mentioned below.
  - (c) <u>SM Charleston, LLC v. Daniel Island Riverside Developers, LLC,</u> Case No. 2020-CP-08-00914 (Ninth Judicial Circuit). I represented a developer in a contract dispute with another developer, involving complex contractual issues, development ordinances, and equitable defenses.
  - (d) <u>City of Folly Beach, et al. v. State, et al.</u>, Case No. 2019-CP-10-00717 (Ninth Judicial Circuit). I represented a homeowner in a civil action where the municipality offered a novel legal theory to prevent development of the homeowner's lot. The trial court dismissed the complaint and the municipality appealed the dismissal. The Court of Appeals issued a decision mentioned below.
  - (e) Brown, et al. v. Richardson, et al., Case no. 2018-CP-26-3173 (Fifteenth Judicial Circuit). I represented several members of the board of directors for a homeowners' association. We obtained partial summary judgment on plaintiffs' main cause of action for declaratory relief. The case is highly contested and involved the complex interplay of recorded homeowner documents, statutes, and case law. Plaintiffs appealed the Order granting summary judgment, and then unilaterally withdrew their appeal.
- 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) City of Folly Beach, et al. v. State, et al., 2023-UP-284, August 2, 2023 (S.C. Ct. App.)
  - (b) MAC Coastal Properties, Inc. v. Shoestring Retreat, LLC, 2024-UP-285, July 31, 2024 (S.C. Ct. App.)
  - (c) Accident, Injury & Rehab., PC v. Azar, 943 F.3d 195 (4th Cir. 2019).
  - (d) Regions Bank v. Owens, 402 S.C. 642, 741 S.E.2d 51 (Ct. App. 2013).
  - (e) <u>Charleston Trident Home Builders, Inc. v. Town Council of Town of Summerville,</u> 369 S.C. 498, 632 S.E.2d 864 (2006).
- 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

- 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 never held judicial office.
- 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) N/A
  - (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 Supreme Court, 1996.
  - b) United States District Court, DSC, 1998.
  - c) United States Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit, 1998.
  - d) United States Court of Federal Claims, 2019.
- 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.
  - I have taught continuing legal education courses for National Business Institute in the past, but it has been more than 15 years since I last taught a course.
- 22. Provide, as a separate attachment, your continuing legal or judicial education report from the past five years.
  - See attached. I have also uploaded these reports from the past five years.
- 23. List all published books and articles you have written and give citations and the dates of publication for each.
  - a) Co-Author, Roadmap to Collection How to Navigate Debtor Exemptions in South Carolina, approved for publication, S.C. Lawyer, September 2018
  - b) Co-Author, Show Me the Money Collecting Judgments Against the Savvy Judgment Debtor, S.C. Lawyer, September 2016
  - c) Author, Serving the Master: Challenging the Authority Power or Jurisdiction of the Master-in-Equity, S.C. Lawyer, January 2015
  - d) Contributing Author, Federal Consumer Credit Protection Statutes (DRI 2015)
  - e) Co-author, Strategies to Obtain Early Settlement of General Aviation Claims, Skywritings (DRI 2014)
  - f) Author, With Friends Like These, Who Needs Enemies? Getting Out of Default is Never Easy, S.C. Lawyer, November 2013

- g) Author, SC Chapter, The Collateral Source Rule: A Compendium of State Law (DRI 2012)
- h) Author, SC Chapter, Professional Liability Insurance: A Compendium of State Law (DRI 2012)
- i) Co-author, Using Non-reliance Clauses in Defense of Fraud Claims, The Business Suit (DRI March 2006).
- j) Regional Editor, Unfair Trade Practices: A Compendium of State Law (DRI 2005).
- 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.
  - (a) I am listed as AV preeminent, Martin Hubbell.
  - (b) I am listed in Best Lawyers in America for Commercial Litigation (since 2015) and Litigation Insurance (since 2016). I was named Lawyer of the Year in Litigation Insurance, for 2017, 2020, and 2025.
  - (c) I have been listed in SuperLawyers 2008-2009, and 2016-2022.
- 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) S.C. Bar Association, 1996 to present
    - (1) Board of Governors, 2017-2020.
    - (2) House of Delegates, 2004-2017.
    - (3) Chair-Elect, Trial and Appellate Advocacy Council, 2016.
  - (b) Federal Bar Association, SC Chapter, Board of Directors, 2008-2012.
  - (c) Defense Research Institute (DRI), Program Chair, Professional Liability Committee, 2019.
- 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.
- 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.

Not Applicable.

- 29. Have you ever been an unsuccessful candidate for elective, judicial, or other public office? If so, give details, including dates. Yes.
  - (a) I withdrew from consideration for Circuit Court, At Large Seat No. 9 in 2014.
  - (b) I was an unsuccessful candidate for a United States Magistrate Judge position in 2015.
  - (c) I was found qualified but not nominated for Circuit Court, At Large Seat 8 in 2023.
- 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.

  Not Applicable.
- 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 am an officer of a general partner of a family limited partnership. The limited partnership owns undeveloped land in Beaufort County.
- 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.
- 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.)

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

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.

- (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.
- (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.
- (d) Have you ever defaulted on a student loan? If so, please provide details.
- (e) Have you ever filed for bankruptcy? If so, please provide details, along with proof of satisfaction of any liens or defaults.
- (a) I have filed state and federal income tax returns for the last 5 years.
- (b) I have not been delinquent nor associated with a business that has been delinquent in any local, state, or federal taxes.
- (c) No tax lien or other collection procedure has been instituted against me.
- (d) I have not defaulted on a student loan.
- (e) I have not 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.
  - I have not accepted anything 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?
  - I have not spent any monies as of the date of this form in furtherance of my candidacy, except postage and name tag expenses totaling \$43.89.
- 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.
  - I have not contributed to members of the General Assembly within the past four years, nor have members of my immediate family. My law firm, Maynard Nexsen, may have contributed to members of the General Assembly, but I do not know the recipients or the amounts. I do not participate in any employer-mandated contributions to a PAC or 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.
  - No one 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. I am a lawyer with Maynard Nexsen, which has offices in four cities in South Carolina, and the lawyers regularly appear before the Circuit Court. If elected, I would recuse myself from any action in which I participated as a lawyer at Maynard Nexsen. For matters in which I did not participate, but a Maynard Nexsen lawyer represents one of the parties, I would disclose my past relationship with Maynard Nexsen to all parties. I would then inquire whether the matter arose while I was a lawyer associated with Maynard Nexsen, and decide whether the Canons require recusal.
- 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.

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.

My siblings and I are members in a limited liability company that owns a residential lot on Lake Moultrie, and the lake is owned and maintained by Santee Cooper. The lot is subject to easements and covenants that benefit Santee Cooper. Santee Cooper provides the electrical power to the house. I own a 1/6th membership interest in the limited liability company (operating agreement attached) and the company owns the residential lot with one house built on it (deed attached).

- (a) I am not aware of any potential conflict of interests simply by virtue of ownership of the lot and home, but if Santee Cooper were involved in a civil action in Circuit Court that comes before me as a judge, that may create a potential conflict of interest.
- (b) We recently had the property appraised at \$1,075,000.
- 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.

Not Applicable.

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

  Not Applicable.
- 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.

  Not to my knowledge.
- 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.
- 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. While practicing law at Maynard Nexsen, I have been covered by the law firm's malpractice insurance since 2002. Prior to that, I was covered by Wallace and Wallace's malpractice insurance. I believe Wallace and Wallace obtained tail insurance in 2002 when I separated from that firm to join Maynard Nexsen (f/k/a Nexsen Pruet).
- 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. I have not requested nor been offered a pledge of support for this position.
- 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, at this
  - I have not requested any third parties to contact members of the General Assembly at this time. As far as campaigning, I have contacted the members of my local county legislative delegation to inform them of my candidacy, introduce myself, and offer to meet and discuss my qualifications for the circuit court position. I have contacted other members of the General Assembly to announce my candidacy. I have provided copies of my resume to the members of the delegation.
- 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, since submitting my letter of intent, 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 <u>original letters</u> 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) Bradish J. Waring, Esquire, [Redacted]
- (b) Marvin D. Infinger, Esquire, [Redacted]
- (c) R. Markley Dennis, Jr., Esquire, [Redacted]
- (d) Paul G. Campbell, Esquire, [Redacted]
- (e) Daniel Slotchiver, Esquire, [Redacted]
- 56. Are you active on or a member of a social media or Internet site such as, Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, Instagram, etc.?

I have an active account with Facebook and LinkedIn, but I post infrequently. I deactivated my account on Twitter several years ago.

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

## [Redacted]

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

I would comply with the judicial canons, particularly Canons 2 and 5, and use social media consistent with the canons and as discussed in Opinion 17-2009 of the Advisory Committee on Standards of Judicial Conduct.

- 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) Member, St. Andrews Church, Mt. Pleasant.
  - (b) Secretary and Director, North Charleston Dental Outreach, 2020-present.
  - (c) Standing Committee, Diocese of the Carolinas, 2019-2022.
  - (d) Mentor, USC School of Law 1L Professionalism Series, 2020.
  - (e) Mentor, Supreme Court Lawyer Mentoring Program, 2022-present.
  - (f) Recipient, Compleat Lawyer, USC School of Law, Gold, 2020.
  - (g) Legal Elite of the Lowcountry, Charleston Business Magazine Insurance, 2018-2019.
    - Estate and Trust Litigation, 2022.
- 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.

My grandfather, O. T. Wallace, served as master-in-equity in Charleston County. My father, Robert Wallace, served as the Ninth Circuit Solicitor from 1968 to 1976. I learned from both

of these men the value of the rule of law, the integrity of the judicial system, and the effort it takes to maintain both. I hope to serve as a Circuit Court judge consistent with the highest principles embraced and demonstrated by these two men.

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: \_\_\_\_\_

(Notary Signature)

Sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

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