

JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION PERSONAL DATA QUESTIONNAIRE 2024

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

1. Name: The Honorable Alice Anne Richter

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.): Yes. South Carolina Family Court, Ninth Judicial Circuit, Seat Two, Charleston.

Home Address: [Redacted]

County of Residence: Charleston

Business Address: Charleston County Judicial Center, 100 Broad Street, Suite 248, Charleston, South Carolina 29401.

E-Mail Address: [Redacted]

Telephone Number: (home): [Redacted]

(office): (843)958-4417 (cell): [Redacted]

2. Date of Birth: [Redacted], 1977

Place of Birth: Charleston, South Carolina Social Security Number: [Redacted]

3. Are you a citizen of South Carolina? Yes.

Have you been a resident of this state for at least the immediate past five years? Yes.

4. SCDL# or SCHD#: [Redacted]

Voter Registration Number: [Redacted]

5. Have you served in the military? 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:
 - (a) State whether you are single, married, widowed, divorced, or separated.

Married.

(b) If married, state the date of your marriage and your spouse's full name and occupation.

February 10, 2015, Joseph Paul Cerato, Sr., Attorney.

- (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.

Applicant, as Plaintiff, was granted a divorce based upon having lived separate and apart in excess of one year on September 11, 2009, South Carolina Family Court, Charleston County.

(e) State the names of your children and their ages. If your children are NOT full-time students, also include the occupation and employer of each child.

[Redacted]

- List each college and law school you attended, including the dates of your attendance, the
 degrees you received, and if you left an institution without receiving a degree, the reason for
 your departure.
 - (a) University of South Carolina, August 1995 through December 1996, no degree obtained, transferred for internship and international scholarship opportunity.
 - (b) Catholic University of America, January 1997 through July 1997, no degree obtained, transferred for degree program.
 - (c) University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, August 1997 through May 1999, B.A. in International Studies.
 - (d) University of South Carolina School of Law, August 1999 through May 2002, 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) Phi Delta Phi, Legal Ethics Fraternity, inducted 1999.
 - (b) Student Research Assistant to Professor Robert Felix, assisted in editing Conflict of Laws Text and South Carolina Tort Law Supplement for 2002.
 - (c) CALI Award, Private International Law, 2002.

- 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 2003. Twice.
- 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) Following graduation from law school, I served as law clerk for the Honorable Diane S. Goodstein in the South Carolina Circuit Court for the First Judicial Circuit. No financial management in this position.
 - (b) From 2003-2004, I worked with partners and associated as a contract attorney at Moore and Van Allen Law Firm in Charlotte, North Carolina. I worked on various litigation teams in the defense of large corporate clients involved in complex, multi-state litigation. No administrative or financial management in this position.
 - (c) In 2004, while still in North Carolina, I began working remotely as a contract attorney for Richter and Haller, LLC, of Mount Pleasant, South Carolina. This primarily involved work on behalf of plaintiffs in civil cases, and much of this work involved complex legal issues. No administrative or financial management in this position.
 - (d) In 2005, I returned to the Charleston area and became an associate at the Richter Firm, LLC, where I continued to work until my election to the judiciary in February, 2015. I continued to work on civil litigation matters in South Carolina and Federal courts, as well as multi-district litigation, bankruptcy court, criminal courts, probate court, and family court. I assisted in hiring personnel and was a co-signer on office accounts.
 - (e) In February 2015, I was elected to the South Carolina Family Court, was re-elected to this position in February, 2019, and continue to serve in this position. I have performed all of the functions and duties of my office, have served as Chief Administrative Judge for both Charleston and Berkeley Counties, and seek to continue my service.

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</u>, <u>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.

- (b) If you are a candidate for Circuit Court, please provide a brief written description of your experience in criminal matters, including any cases handled over the past five years, and include a brief description of the issues involved. Further, please provide a brief written description of your experience in civil matters, including any cases handled over the past five years, and include a brief description of the types of matters handled, issues involved, and procedural history. Please include information such as the primary areas in civil court in which you practice, and whether you represent plaintiffs or defendants, or both. You may go back further than five years if you feel it would assist the Commission with its assessment of your experience. If you lack experience in an area, describe how your background and procedural knowledge has prepared you to preside over such matters as a Circuit Court judge, or how you would compensate for your lack of experience in this area. Please also indicate the frequency of your appearances before a Circuit Court judge within the past five years.
- (c) If you are a candidate for Master-In-Equity, please provide a brief written description of your experience in the Master's court, including any cases handled over the past five years, and include a brief description of the issues involved. Please include the frequency of your appearances before a Master-In-Equity or a Circuit Court judge within the past five years.
- (d) If you are a candidate for Administrative Law Court, please provide a brief written description of your experience before an Administrative Law Judge, including any issues discussed and the frequency of your appearances before the Administrative Law or Circuit Court within the past five years.
- 12. What was the frequency of your court appearances during the past five years or in the five years prior to your election to the bench?
 - (a) federal:
 - (b) state:
- 13. What percentage of your practice involved civil, criminal, domestic, and other matters during the past five years or in the five years prior to your election to the bench?
 - (a) civil:
 - (b) criminal:
 - (c) domestic:
 - (d) other:
- 14. During the past five years
 - (a) What percentage of your practice was in trial court, including cases that settled prior to trial?

- (b) What number of cases went to trial and resulted in a verdict?
- (c) What number of cases went to trial and resolved after the plaintiff's or State's case? (Resolved may include settlement, plea, by Judge's order during a motion hearing, etc.
- (d) What number of your cases settled after a jury was selected but prior to opening statements?

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

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	For sitting judges seeking a judgeship different than your current position, During the five years prior to your election to the bench, what percentage of your practice was in trial court, including matters that settled prior to trial?	
15.	List five of the most significant litigated matters you have personally handled in either trial or appellate court, or before a state or federal agency. Give citations if the cases were reported and describe why these matters were significant. (a) (b) (c) (d) (e)	
16.	List up to five civil appeals you have personally handled. Give the case name, the court, the date of decision, and the citation if the case was reported. (a) (b) (c) (d) (e)	
17.	List up to five criminal appeals you have personally handled. Give the case name, the court, the date of decision and the citation if the case was reported. (a) (b) (c) (d) (e)	
18.	Have you ever held judicial office? If so, list the periods of your service, the courts	

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.

Yes. I have served on the South Carolina Family Court since my election on February 4, 2015, as Judge in the Ninth Judicial Circuit, Seat two, Charleston. The South Carolina Family Court is a Court of limited jurisdiction pursuant to S.C. Code.

- 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) The State of South Carolina v. TJW, 2020-JU-10-0570, 2020-JU-10-0571, 2020-JU-10-0573, 2020-JU-10-0574, and 2020-JU-10-0575.

Order from Hearing on The State of South Carolina's Request to Transfer to the Court of General Sessions, Associated Motions, and Competency of Juvenile.

This Order issued from a hearing that took place over five days in relation to whether jurisdiction over a Juvenile who was charged with Murder, Armed Robbery, and multiple counts of Attempted Armed Robbery should be transferred to the Court of General Sessions to be tried as an adult or should remain in Family Court and receive the benefits of the Juvenile system. My Order addressed the Defense Motion Asserting a Right to Confront Witnesses Against Him, Defense Motion to Call Witnesses to Rebut State's Witnesses, Co-Defendants' counsel's request to have access to the Transfer Hearing, the request of members of the press/public to have access to the Transfer Hearing, Juvenile's Motion to Declare S.C. Code Section 61-19-1210(6) Unconstitutional, the Defense request for a Competency Hearing, the Defense Motion in Opposition to Waiver, and the Court's decision on the State's Motion for Transfer. I ruled that the State had met its burden and jurisdiction over the Juvenile should be transferred to The Court of General Sessions, that the Juvenile was Competent, that S.C. Code Section 61-19-1210(6) is Constitutional, and addressed the additional Motions. The issues related to access to the proceedings by Co-Defendants and the media/public were addressed in depth as well.

(b) Scheidweiler v. Phoenix, 2015-DR-10-965, 2018-UP-036.

I denied Plaintiff Father's request that the Defendant Mother's parental rights should be terminated, found that Father had failed to meet his burden of proof by clear and convincing evidence, and found that termination of Mother's parental rights would not be in the child's best interest. The Father filed his TPR action shortly after a Final Order was issued in the parties' prior initial custody litigation and the case required careful analysis of the Termination of Parental Rights statute and caselaw on the issue, as applied to the unique facts of this case. My Order was appealed by Father, and my decision was affirmed by the South Carolina Court of Appeals in an unpublished opinion.

(c) Burns v. Burns, 2020-DR-10-2450.

This Order addressed a Motion to Seal an entire file in a Domestic Relations action. The issue is one that arises frequently in Family Court actions and which has been dealt with repeatedly by the Appellate Courts in our State. My Order addressed the request to seal and applied Rule 41.1 as well as Statutory and Case Law in denying the Motion to Seal.

(d) Mendez v. Franco, 2018-DR-10-871.

This Order issued from a joint hearing with the State of California on Plaintiff's Motion for Home State Finding under the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act (UCCJEA). This case had a complicated factual history and extensive analysis of the UCCJEA, South Carolina Law, specific substantive and jurisdictional issues, and consultation with the Court in California. Coordination of a Joint Hearing with the State

of California was required, and the hearing resulted in a determination by both the South Carolina and California Courts that California was the home state of the minor children and that litigation in relation to the children was within the Jurisdiction of the California Courts.

(e) South Carolina Department of Social Services v. Jeffrey T. McCue and Radina A. Franks, in the Interest of A Minor Under the age of Eighteen, 2019-DR-10-2814, 2021-UP-033.

This Termination of Parental Rights action was brought by the Department of Social Services and involved a five-year-old child who had been in the custody of the Department in excess of thirty-six months. The case was highly contested and required particular analysis of parents' fundamental interest in the care, custody, and management of their children when a parent's interest conflicts with the best interest of the minor child. In keeping with applicable statutory and case law, I ruled that, in balancing these interests, the best interest of the child is paramount to that of the parent. SCDSS v. Smith, 423 S.C. 60, 814 S.E.2d 148 (2018). The case was appealed by the Defendant Father, and my ruling was affirmed.

- 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) Admitted to practice before the State Courts of South Carolina 2003.
 - (b) United States District Court for the District of South Carolina 2011.
 - (c) United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of South Carolina 2011.
- 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) Adjunct professor at Charleston School of Law 2009-2010, Legal Research and Writing.
 - (b) Assisted with organizing and spoke frequently at Charleston County Guardian ad Litem Association monthly lunch CLE programs 2013-2015 on issues related to child custody and other issues relevant to guardians ad litem.
 - (c) Guest lecturer for Family Law Course at Charleston School of Law taught by the Honorable Brian Gibbons on issues of custody, termination of parental rights, assisted reproduction, and jurisdiction issues in family court for several years.
 - (d) Presented in June, 2016, at the South Carolina Family Court Orientation School for new Judges on issues facing new Judges.
 - (e) South Carolina Bar Family Court Bench Bar CLE, December 1, 2017, speaker on Judges' Panel addressing child support, visitation, and other topics relevant to Family Court.
 - (f) Speaker as panel member at CLE In the Best interest of the Child: 2018 Guardian ad Litem Training and Update 2018 on issues relevant to the work of guardians ad litem in Family Court.
 - (g) South Carolina Family Court Orientation School for New Judges. Presented on Protection from Domestic Abuse and Issues Relating to Pro Se Litigants, May, 2023, and May, 2024.

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.

None.

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.)

Inapplicable.

25. What is your rating or membership status, if any, by any legal rating organization; such as, Best Lawyers, Chambers, Legal 500, Martindale-Hubbell, Who's Who Legal, Super Lawyers, Million Dollar Advocates Forum, etc.? If you are currently a member of the judiciary, list your last available rating, if any.

I have never sought to be rated.

- 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) Charleston County Bar.
 - (c) South Carolina Family Law American Inn of Court-Master
 - (d) South Carolina Conference of Family Court Judges Vice-President 2023-2024

Secretary/Treasurer 2022-2023.

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.

No.

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.

None.

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

No.

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.

No.

31. Are you now an officer or director or involved in the management of any business enterprise? Explain the nature of the business, your duties, and the term of your service.

No.

32. Are you now or have you ever been employed as a "lobbyist," as defined by S.C. Code § 2-17-10(13), or have you acted in the capacity of a "lobbyist's principal," as defined by S.C. Code § 2-17-10(14)? If so, give the dates of your employment or activity in such capacity and specify by whom you were directed or employed.

No.

- 33. Provide, as a separate attachment, a complete, current financial net worth statement that itemizes in detail:
 - (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) Yes.
 - (b) No.
 - (c) No.
 - (d) No.
 - (e) 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.
 - (a) My husband contributed to Sen. Larry Grooms, \$500.00, 4/29/2020
 - (b) My husband contributed to Rep. Elizabeth Wetmore, \$500.00, 4/30/2020
 - (c) My husband contributed to Sen. George Campsen, III, \$1000.00, 11/25/2020
 - (d) My husband contributed to Rep. Thomas Hartnett, \$1000.00, 10/26/2022.

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.

None.

- 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;

None.

(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;

None.

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

None.

List the interest you hold and the value and location of the property. Identify as applicable the:

- (a) nature of any potential conflict of interest;
- (b) nature and value of any public improvements; and
- (c) South Carolina state or local public agency which purchased or is leasing or renting such property.

Attach a copy of any contract or agreement.

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.

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.

None.

43. For sitting judges, have you ever accepted anything of value from an attorney or litigant in a matter currently or previously before you or your court? If so, please give the details, including the name of the attorney or litigant and the thing of value you received.

No.

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

No.

45. Have you ever been arrested, charged, or held by federal, state, or other law enforcement authorities for violation or for suspicion of violation of any federal law or regulation, state law or regulation, or county or municipal law, regulation, or ordinance, or any other law, including another country's law? If so, give details but do not include traffic violations subject to a penalty of \$125 or less. You must include any and all arrests, including, but not limited to, offenses for driving under the influence or similar traffic offenses. Include all arrests that resulted in expungement, which will be redacted. If you have questions regarding whether to include an offense, please contact the Commission.

[All answers have been received and considered by the Commission, and as noted above, any expunged matters are redacted from the record.]

46. Have you, to your knowledge, ever been under federal, state, or local investigation for possible violation of a criminal statute? If yes, explain.

No.

- 47. Have you ever been sued by a client? Have you ever been a named party (personally or professionally) in or had a pecuniary interest in any civil or criminal proceedings? If so, give details, including, but not limited to, dates, and resolutions.
 - (a) No.
 - (b) Bank of America. N.A. v Keith L. Dutton, et al., 2013-CP-10-1798.

I was named as a Defendant/subordinate creditor in this foreclosure action by the bank for real estate owned by my deceased former client which became part of her estate. I had previously filed a creditor's claim against her estate in an effort to recover unpaid court-ordered attorney fees. This action was dismissed by Order of Dismissal filed December 2, 2014.

(c) <u>Christopher J. France v. County of Charleston, Alice A. Richter, Thomas T. Hodges, Julie J. Armstrong, Emily G. Johnston, Victoria K. Rhea, Sara Von Schweinitz, Michael H. Leach, Lisa A. France, 2:23-157-BHH.</u>

The Pro Se Plaintiff in this action, who was also a self-represented Defendant in a domestic relations action in Charleston County, attempted to sue all of the Defendants, save for his wife, based upon our professional contacts with the marital litigation. The case was filed in the United States District Court for the District of South Carolina on January 12, 2023, and was dismissed by the United States District Court Judge on June 8, 2023.

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.

Not applicable.

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.

Assembly as to your election for the position for which you are being screened, or have you been offered a conditional pledge of support by any legislator pending the outcome of your screening? Have you received the assurance of any public official or public employee that they will seek the pledge of any member of the General Assembly as to your election for the position for which you are being screened? If so, give details.

No.

52. Have you requested any third parties to contact members of the General Assembly on your behalf before the final and formal screening report has been released? Describe the campaigning you have done for this election and include a list of those individuals you have asked to campaign on your behalf and, to the best of your knowledge, those who have campaigned for you on their own initiative.

No.

53. Are you familiar with the 48-hour rule, which prohibits a candidate from seeking pledges until after the draft report becomes final, which occurs on the day and time specified on the Commission's published screening schedule?

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.

- 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 <u>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.</u> Please <u>do not</u> 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) The Honorable Jocelyn B. Cate, [Redacted]
 - (b) Carl L. Solomon, Esquire, Solomon Law Group, [Redacted]
 - (c) Anne Frances Bleecker, Esquire, Bleecker Family Law, [Redacted]
 - (d) Rovina Andrade, Senior Vice President, Bank of South Carolina, [Redacted]
 - (e) William D. Swails, [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?

Not applicable.

- 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) Mount Pleasant Cotillion
 - (b) Ashley Hall Alumnae Association
 - (c) University of North Carolina Alumni Association
- 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 believe I have answered fully, but I am glad to provide any additional information the Commission may find necessary or helpful.

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:	