



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

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

1. Name: Mr.
Mrs.
The Honorable Angela R. Taylor

Name that you are known by if different from above
(Example: A Nickname): Angie

Are you currently serving in some capacity as a judge? If part-time, please note.
(Includes Municipal, Magistrate, Etc.)

Home Address: [Redacted]

County of Residence: Sumter

Business Address: Sumter County Courthouse, 215 North Harvin Street, Sumter, South Carolina

E-Mail Address: [Redacted]

Telephone Number: (home): [Redacted]
(office): (803) 436-2371
(cell): [Redacted]

2. Date of Birth: [Redacted] 1958
Place of Birth: Tallahassee, Florida
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

Single; Never divorced; no children

- (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.
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. University of South Carolina; 1976-1980; Bachelor of Arts
University of South Carolina; 1980-1983; Juris Doctor
8. List the significant activities in which you took part during your attendance at law school. Give the years you were involved in these activities and list any leadership positions you held. I was a member of the Black Law Students Association; 1981-1983. I did not hold any office.
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; 1984. I took the Bar Exam once. I took the Ethics portion of the Bar Exam twice.
 - (b) Florida ; I took the Bar Exam once, but I was not admitted to practice in Florida.
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) Reginald Heber Smith Fellow, Three Rivers Legal Services; I was a staff a Staff attorney. Our office represented low income clients in Lake City, Florida and surrounding counties. The office handled divorce cases, disability cases and landlord tenant cases. 1983-1984
 - (b) Neighborhood Legal Assistance Program, Conway, South Carolina. I was a staff attorney. The office represented low income clients in family law cases, landlord tenant cases and disability cases. 1984-1985
 - (c) In 1985, I was hired as the first full time Family Court prosecutor. I handled Juvenile cases, and DSS abuse and neglect cases in Sumter, Lee and Clarendon Counties. In 1987, I changed to part-time status and I only handled juvenile cases

In Sumter County. In that year, I also became a contract attorney for the Department of Social Services. I handled cases in Sumter and Clarendon counties. I also became an Associate in the Law Office of Larry C. Weston in 1987. I handled domestic cases in Mr. Weston's office. In 2005, I opened my own practice as a solo practitioner. I continued to work as a part-time Assistant Solicitor. I was responsible for handling all business matters in my office to include my office trust account. I primarily handled family law cases as well as the preparation of wills and some accident cases.

- (d) In 2009, I first elected to the Family Court to complete the unexpired term of Judge W. Jeffery Young. I was re-elected in 2012 and re-elected again in 2018.

Justices/judges applying for re-election to their current position may omit Questions 11–17. If you are a full-time judge seeking a judgeship different than your current position, Questions 11-17 should be answered based on your experience prior to serving on the bench.

11. Please answer the following:

- (a) If you are a candidate for Family Court, please provide a brief written description of your experience within each of the following Family Court practice areas: divorce and equitable division of property, child custody, adoption, abuse and neglect, and juvenile justice. Include information about cases you have handled in each of these practice areas, or if you have not practiced in an area, describe how your background and procedural knowledge has prepared you to preside over such matters as a Family Court judge. Please also indicate the frequency of your appearances before a Family Court judge within the past five years.
- (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 co-counsel?

For sitting judges seeking a judgeship different than your current position,
 During the five years prior to your election to the bench, what percentage of your practice was in trial court, including matters that settled prior to trial?

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 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 am currently serving as a Family Court Judge. I have served as a Family Court judge since 2009. Family Court is a court of limited jurisdiction as set by statute. I have never held any other 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) Alfreda Spann v. Leroy Spann; Op. No. 2024-UP-187 (S. C. Ct. App. Filed May 22, 2024)
- (b) Brigette Hemming v. Jeffrey Hemming; Op. No. 2020-001238 (S.C. Ct. App. Filed November 9, 2023)
- (c) Trannis Hawkins v. Kanita Wilburn; Op. No. 2019-UP-269 (S.C. Ct. App. Filed July 24, 2019)
- (d) South Carolina Department of Social Services v. Rudlen Brown, Jacqus Denard and John Doe; Op. No. 2022-UP-143 (S. C. Ct. App. Filed March 18, 2022)
- (e) Robert and Teresa Tolson v. Michael Roberts and Heather Turner, (S.C. Ct. App. Filed December 23, 2020)

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.

I have only been admitted to practice in the State courts of South Carolina

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 made a presentation at a Hot Tips Seminar September 2019 regarding temporary hearings. I made a presentation in 2015 to the Third Circuit Bar entitled Third Circuit Tips from the Bench.
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. I was a contributing author of the Domestic Violence Handbook prepared by a subcommittee of the Young Lawyers of the South Carolina Bar in 1986. This handbook received an award from the ABA.
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. I am not aware of any ratings I have as a judge.
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 Family Court Judges Association
 - (c) Pee Dee Inn of Court, Master
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. The only other public office I have held is that of an Assistant Solicitor from 1985 thru 2009. I was appointed by the Solicitor. I was not required to file a report with the State Ethics Commission in my capacity as an Assistant Solicitor,
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 not had any other employment since I have been 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. No. I have not.
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 not
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 not an officer or director in any business enterprise.
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 or acted in the capacity as a lobbyist's principal.
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.)

NOTE: The Commission may require written confirmation that financial obligations have been satisfied or that the parties have agreed upon a payment schedule.

34.
 - (a) Have you filed state and federal income tax returns for the last 5 years? If no, please provide details. Yes
 - (b) Have you or any business with which you are associated been delinquent in any local, state, or federal taxes? If yes, please provide details. No
 - (c) Has a tax lien or other collection procedure ever been instituted against you by federal, state, or local authorities? If yes, please provide details. No
 - (d) Have you ever defaulted on a student loan? If so, please provide details. No
 - (e) Have you ever filed for bankruptcy? If so, please provide details, along with proof of satisfaction of any liens or defaults. No
35. Since filing with the Commission your letter of intent to run for judicial office, have you accepted lodging, transportation, entertainment, food, meals, beverages, money, or any other thing of value as defined by S.C. Code § 2-17-10(1) from a lobbyist or lobbyist's principal?

If so, please specify the item or items you received, the date of receipt, and the lobbyist or lobbyist's principal involved. I have not.

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? Thus far I have only spent \$2.92 in postage as of August 14, 2024.
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 made contributions to any member of the General Assembly and neither has any member of my family.
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 on my behalf.
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 do not have any financial arrangements which could cause a conflict with my position.
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.My immediate family nor I own property as described above.

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. N/A
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. I nor any member of my immediate family has sold, leased or rented property to South Carolina 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. (See Attached)
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 not accepted anything of value from an attorney.
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 not used the services of my staff except my AA helped me with a problem I had with accessing these forms.
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. I have not been investigated for violations of any criminal statutes.
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. I was sued in Magistrate's Court by an individual named Floyd Vaughn for intentional infliction of emotional distress because I held him in contempt of court for failure to pay child support. The case was dismissed by Order dated July 17, 2015. In 2024, I was sued in Magistrate's Court by an individual named Saquan Jarvis. He is a Sovereign Citizen. He sued me because I signed an Administrative Order through the Department of Social Services requiring him to pay child support. The suit was dismissed by Order dated March 12, 2024.
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.
N/A

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 not 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 requested a pledge from any member of the General Assembly. I have not been offered a conditional pledge.
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 party to contact a member of the General Assembly on my behalf.
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. I have not contacted any member of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission and I have not asked anyone on my behalf to do so
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) Gwen L. Herod; [Redacted]
- (b) Ida Golden; [Redacted]
- (c) Lucille S. Burnette; [Redacted]
- (d) Harry C. Wilson, Jr. Sumter County Sheriff's Office, [Redacted]
- (e) James Stoddard; [Redacted]

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

If so, please list the account names for each account and the relevant platform.
The Facebook Account is under the name of [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? My use of my Facebook account would not be affected because I don't post anything related to my work. I am in two Facebook groups; one about gardening and one about cats

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) I am a long- time member of Mount Pisgah African Methodist Episcopal Church. I am Steward in the church. A Steward is one of the highest offices to be held in the A.M.E. church. I received recognition in my church in 2024 for my service in the church and the community.
- (b) I have served as a judge for Mock Trial on at least four occasions. I have also served as a judge in the We the People Competition.
- (c) I donate extensively to organizations such as the Salvation Army, The National Judicial College, Doctors Without Borders, St. Jude Children's Hospital, Best Friends Animal Society, and the Oliver Gospel Mission to name a few.

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 court is a serious matter. I feel the judge should respectful to the litigants and attorneys in exchange the litigants and attorneys should be respectful to the court. I believe an attorney should be prepared and on time when appearing before the court. There are some individuals who have difficulty with the fact that I believe in a controlled environment

in the courtroom. I think everyone has a right to be heard within the parameters of the Court rules and procedures. I try very hard to be fair and impartial and I hope I am viewed in that manner by those who come before me.

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: _____