

## JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION PERSONAL DATA QUESTIONNAIRE 2024

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

1. Name: The Honorable Randall E. McGee

Name that you are known by if different from above

(Example: A Nickname): Randy McGee

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

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Home Address: [Redacted]

County of Residence: Calhoun County

Business Address: Post Office Box 345, St. Matthews, S.C., 29135

E-Mail Address: [Redacted]

Telephone Number: (home): [Redacted]

(office): 803-655-6340 (cell): [Redacted]

2. Date of Birth: [Redacted]1965 Place of Birth: Columbia, S.C.

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.

Married on May 25, 1991, to Judy Ann Hicks (Judy Hicks McGee), school teacher

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

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- 7. List each college and law school you attended, including the dates of your attendance, the degrees you received, and if you left an institution without receiving a degree, the reason for your departure.
  - (a) University of South Carolina, 1983 1987, BA Political Science
  - (b) University of South Carolina Law School, 1988 1991, 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.
  - I clerked for a law firm (1989 90) and then two years (1990 1991) for the Richland County Attorney's 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.
  - I was admitted to the South Carolina Bar on November 12, 1991. I 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) 1991 1992, Associate Felder & Prickett, St. Matthews, S.C. (utilized trust account for client funds). General Practice.

- (b) 1992 1995, Associate, Felder, Prickett & Mizzell, St. Matthews, S.C. (utilized trust account for client funds). General Practice.
- (c) 1995 2002, Partner, Felder, Prickett & McGee, LLP, St. Matthews, S.C. (utilized trust account for client funds, active in all business decisions in partnership as a 1/3 interest holder). General Practice with emphasis on Family Law.
- (d) 2003 2013, Partner, Felder & McGee, LLP, St. Matthews, S.C. (utilized trust account for client funds, active in all business decisions as a partner with 1/3 or  $\frac{1}{2}$  interest in law firm). Served as managing partner also during this time. General Practice with emphasis on Family Law.
- (e) 1993 2013, title insurance agent to Lawyers Title and First American Title Insurance Co.
- (f) 2003 2013, School Attorney, Calhoun Academy, St. Matthews, S.C.
- (g) 2013 Present, South Carolina Family Court Judge

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: N/A
  - (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? N/A
  - (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? N/A
  - (a) civil:
  - (b) criminal:
  - (c) domestic:
  - (d) other:
- 14. During the past five years N/A
  - (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. N/A
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- 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. N/A
  - (a)
  - (b)
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  - (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. N/A
  - (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.
  - Yes, Family Court Judge, At-Large, Seat Five (2013 Present), Elected, Jurisdiction is set by S.C. Code Ann. § 63-3-510 and 63-3-530.
- 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) Houdasheldt v. Houdasheldt, 2019-DR-18-951, This case was a 15-day divorce trial that had to be heard over several months due to crowded dockets in Dorchester County in 2021 and 2022 following the COVID pandemic. Most of the case involved a very disputed custody claim as to two (2) small children. The Mother alleged the Father had sexually abused the children, while the Father claimed the Mother suffered from severe mental health conditions that led her to fabricate the sexual abuse claims because she believed he was unfaithful with another woman. The Court heard from four (4) experts dealing with alienation, child trauma, sex offender assessment, and general parental fitness.

Unique to this case was the overall good and positive co-parenting relationship these parents had despite the serious claims against each other. The children also had, as the evidence revealed, a strong and loving bond with both parents. The foundation was built for these parties to co-parent despite the awful allegations they made against one another. After hearing and reviewing all the evidence, I found Mother's sex abuse allegations against the Father had not been proven by a preponderance of the evidence, but that he had proven Mother had reasons to fabricate these allegations related to her mental health struggles, her belief

of Father's infidelity, and her strong desire to be the custodial parent. Her other actions as to Father and his relationship with the children showed she was not concerned that he would ever harm the children, but that he would appropriately parent them and co-parent with her.

For these reasons, I ordered Father to have sole legal and physical custody, but with a duty of consultation as to major issues with Mother. Mother was given unrestricted and unsupervised parenting time with the children provided she completed a treatment plan of continued mental health treatment, medication management, and cognitive behavioral therapy and clarification with one of the children. The parties were jointly ordered to co-parenting counseling.

This case was important and difficult because the safety of children is paramount. Sexual abuse allegations are very serious because of the lingering damage any such abuse causes the child and the need to shield the child from future abuse; however, the injury to a child and damage to a parent's relationship with the child used in fabricated sexual abuse allegations is also seriously injurious and contrary to a child's best interest. I determined to rule in such a way as to adequately protect the children from the abuse proved at trial, but also to create a custody arrangement that preserved the co-parenting qualities of the parties and the present condition of the two (2) minor children which was positive, loving, secure, happy, stable, and emotionally and educationally thriving in nature as to the children individually and as to their relationships with each parent.

- (b) Sobel v. Sobel, 2011-DR-40-2947, divorce case from Richland County, tried December 9, 10, and 12, 2013, This case involved a disputed adultery claim, a disputed condonation/reconciliation claim, child custody and visitation, relocation, child support exceeding the Guidelines cap of joint income (\$20,000), private school tuition, complicated equitable division and separate property (trusts) claims, and alimony. The issue involving condonation/reconciliation was crucial due to its impact on the wife's alimony request. The issue of whether certain trust properties of the husband were marital was also crucial to the equitable division award in this case. While I expected a cross appeal on my decision, both attorneys informed me that their clients decided against appeal because of the fairness of my decision.
- (c) Menefee v. Menefee, 2011-DR-02-1685, an Aiken case, upheld and affirmed by the South Carolina Court of Appeals in Terry Menefee v. Delinda Menefee, 2017-UP-301 (Ct. App. 2017). This was a multi-day trial from July and September 2014. The Court of Appeals affirmed my decision as to nine (9) different issued raised on appeal by the appellant-husband. This case involved divorce, custody, visitation, child support, equitable division, alimony, contempt of court, and attorney's fees.
- (d) <u>Irvin v. Irvin</u>, 2021-DR-10-2363 and 2014-DR-10-3373, This case came before me as a supplemental hearing for temporary relief as a review hearing required by the initial temporary order in the case. I heard this case in Charleston as a visiting judge. I had never presided over any matters in the action prior.

This hearing was a highly contested matter in regard to a 16-year-old female child that refused to visit regularly with her Father. Father and his expert claimed the Mother had alienated the child from him causing her refusal to visit. Mother and her expert alleged Father's own bad actions, neglect, and criminal past made the child leary of any real relationship with him. The child had been treated for a variety of

mental health issues as well. All professional attempts to cause a reconciliation of the daughter and Father had failed, despite Mother's encouragement of the child as to the reconciliation.

Almost 1000 pages of affidavits and exhibits were offered up for my review as to this review hearing. Two competing experts (one for the Father and one for the Mother) of great reputations in their field opined as to whether forced visitation and reconciliation should occur prior to the final hearing in this case.

I devised a plan through my order that limited Father's visitation to only therapeutic settings until the daughter engaged in significant abuse therapy and clarification with the Father. Both Father and Mother were also ordered to individual therapy. Another review hearing was ordered in 90 days.

While a parent's right to visit with their child free of interference from the other parent is important, so too is the best interest of the child, particularly an older child. This child had legitimate reasons for her reluctance to engage with or have a relationship with her Father. Her mental health and well-being had to be balanced against the Father's right to visitation.

- In the Interest of E.B., 2014-JU-18-47,-48, and -49, This case was one of my most important juvenile matters to date. The juvenile was only 10 years old when charged with carrying a weapon (a loaded handgun) on a school bus and pointing it at another student while riding on the bus. I presided over the adjudicatory hearing where the juvenile pleaded guilty to a negotiated guilty plea and the dispositional hearing(s) and review hearing in this case. Because of the minor's age at the time of the offense, environmental, medical and psychological factors, a comprehensive treatment plan was devised under my direction to ensure proper punishment to the juvenile along with treatment. In this case, I had to consider many factors when devising an appropriate sentence to effectively address punishment, treatment, rehabilitation, public safety, victim protections, and re-entry of the juvenile into a school setting.
- 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) All South Carolina State Courts and Federal District Courts November 12, 1991
  - (b) Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals November 16, 1998
- 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) 2003 I lectured and presented my written article, "How to Win a Temporary Hearing," at the S.C. Bar Seminar, Cool Tips from the Hottest Domestic Law Practitioners.
  - (b) 2004 I lectured and presented my written article, "Custody and Visitation Factors," at the 2004 Guardian ad Litem Training Seminar.

- (c) 2008 I lectured and presented my written article, "The Dangers of Filing False Affidavits at a Temporary Hearing," at the S.C. Bar Seminar, Hot Tips from the Coolest Domestic Law Practitioners.
- (d) December 2013 I participated in a panel discussion at the Family Court Bench Bar seminar for the S.C. Bar. The panel was comprised of all recently elected, eight (8) Family Court judges.
- (e) June 2014 I presented orally, with written materials also, at Orientation School for New Family Court Judges on impressions of a recently elected judge.
- (f) January 2018 I participated in a panel discussion with other Family Court judges at the Annual Guardian ad Litem Training and Update Seminar for the S.C. Bar.
- (g) 2018 and 2023 I have spoken and presented written materials at the S.C. Bar's Law School for Non-Lawyers on juvenile court and general Family Court matters. On both occasions, I taught this class at Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College.
- (h) 2022 I was selected along with the Honorable Kaye Hearn and the Honorable Usha Bridges to present as to Family Court docketing matters at the Annual Judicial Conference in Columbia, S.C. We presented as part of a panel of Appellate Court, Circuit Court, and Family Court judges to all the state court judges in attendance.
- (i) 2023 2024 I also presented materials at the Orientation School for New Family Court Judges. Each year I taught, along with the Honorable Alice Anne Richter, on the issues of domestic abuse cases and self-represented litigants.
- 22. Provide, as a separate attachment, your continuing legal or judicial education report from the past five years. See attached.
- 23. List all published books and articles you have written and give citations and the dates of publication for each.
  - (a) "How to Win a Temporary Hearing," 2003, Cool Tips from the Hottest Domestic Law Practitioners, S. C. Bar CLE 2003
  - (b) "Custody and Visitation Factors," 2004, Guardian ad Litem Training Seminar, S.C. Bar CLE 2004
  - (c) "The Dangers of Filing False Affidavits at a Temporary Hearing," 2008, Hot Tips From the Coolest Domestic Law Practitioners, S.C. Bar CLE 2008
- 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.) N/A
- 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.

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- 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 Conference of Family Court Judges presently serving as President, 2023 Vice President, 2022 Secretary-Treasurer, member since 2013
  - (b) Chief Justice's Advisory Committee for Family Court member 2022 to present
  - (c) South Carolina Bar Association 1991 to present
  - (d) Orangeburg Bar Association 2000 to present
  - (e) South Carolina Association of Justice member until 2013 when elected judge
  - (f) Calhoun County Bar 1991 to present
  - (g) Family Law Council South Carolina Bar past member
  - (h) First Circuit Public Defender Selection Committee past member
  - (i) Calhoun County Public Defender Board past member
- 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.
  - Yes, I was unsuccessful in my application for Family Court, First Judicial Circuit, Seat One, in 2000.
- 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. Yes
  - 1981 1988, Various positions at Piggly Wiggly Store #65, Columbia, S.C. 1985, 1988 89, Various positions at several Columbia, S.C. area Food Lion stores 1989 1990, law clerk, McMillan, White & Meding, Columbia, S.C.
  - 1990 1991, law clerk, Richland County Attorney's Office, Columbia, S.C.
- 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. Yes
  - (b) Have you or any business with which you are associated been delinquent in any local, state, or federal taxes? If yes, please provide details. No
  - (c) Has a tax lien or other collection procedure ever been instituted against you by federal, state, or local authorities? If yes, please provide details. No
  - (d) Have you ever defaulted on a student loan? If so, please provide details. No
  - (e) Have you ever filed for bankruptcy? If so, please provide details, along with proof of satisfaction of any liens or defaults. No
- 35. Since filing with the Commission your letter of intent to run for judicial office, have you accepted lodging, transportation, entertainment, food, meals, beverages, money, or any other thing of value as defined by S.C. Code § 2-17-10(1) from a lobbyist or lobbyist's principal? If so, please specify the item or items you received, the date of receipt, and the lobbyist or lobbyist's principal involved. No
- 36. Itemize (by amount, type, and date) all expenditures, other than those for travel and room and board, made by you, or on your behalf in furtherance of your candidacy for the position you seek. If you have spent over \$100, have you reported your expenditures to the House and Senate Ethics Committees? None
- 37. List the recipient and amount of all contributions made by you, a member of your immediate family, or by a business with whom you are associated, to members of the General Assembly within the past four years. If you participate in any employer-mandated

contributions to a PAC or any other political entity, please describe and note your personal involvement in contributions. If you are a sitting judge, please include such contributions since your last screening. None

- 38. Have you or has anyone acting on your behalf solicited or collected funds to aid in the promotion of your candidacy? If so, please specify the amount, solicitor, donor, and date of the solicitation. No
- 39. Describe any financial arrangements or business relationships you have, or have had in the past, that could constitute or result in a possible conflict of interest in the position you seek or currently hold. Explain how you would resolve any potential conflict of interest. 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; or 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. None

- 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. See attached Edward Jones statement.
- 43. For sitting judges, have you ever accepted anything of value from an attorney or litigant in a matter currently or previously before you or your court? If so, please give the details, including the name of the attorney or litigant and the thing of value you received. No
- 44. For sitting judges, have you used the services of your staff, for which you did not pay, while campaigning for this office? No

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

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

- 46. Have you, to your knowledge, ever been under federal, state, or local investigation for possible violation of a criminal statute? If yes, explain. No
- 47. Have you ever been sued by a client? Have you ever been a named party (personally or professionally) in or had a pecuniary interest in any civil or criminal proceedings? If so, give details, including, but not limited to, dates, and resolutions. No
- 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. Covered by malpractice insurance during period of 1991 2013 when practicing law prior to judicial election.
- 49. Have you ever, in South Carolina or any other jurisdiction, as a lawyer, judge, or other professional, been cautioned with or without a finding of misconduct, sanctioned, or disciplined for lawyer, judicial, or other professional misconduct or has any jurisdiction found that you committed any misconduct? If so, give the details and describe any final disposition. Include any and all confidential and public sanctions, disciplines, letters of caution, or findings of misconduct of any kind. Private or confidential dispositions will be redacted.

[Yes and no responses are redacted for all candidates unless there is a public discipline.]

- 50. Have you ever been investigated by the Department of Social Services? If so, give the details and the resolution. Has your name ever been enrolled on the Central Registry of Child Abuse and Neglect? If so, give the details. No
- 51. Have you directly or indirectly requested the pledge of any member of the General Assembly as to your election for the position for which you are being screened, or have you been offered a conditional pledge of support by any legislator pending the outcome of your screening? Have you received the assurance of any public official or public employee that

- they will seek the pledge of any member of the General Assembly as to your election for the position for which you are being screened? If so, give details. No
- 52. Have you requested any third parties to contact members of the General Assembly on your behalf before the final and formal screening report has been released? Describe the campaigning you have done for this election and include a list of those individuals you have asked to campaign on your behalf and, to the best of your knowledge, those who have campaigned for you on their own initiative. 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
- 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). <u>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 <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.</u>
  - (a) Thomas B. Bryant, III, [Redacted]
  - (b) R. Hampton Thornton, Wells Fargo Bank, [Redacted]
  - (c) K. Todd Dailey, CPA, Mauldin & Jenkins, [Redacted]
  - (d) Denise Foye, [Redacted]
  - (e) Gregory S. Line, [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 not on any social media. As a lawyer, I registered for LinkedIn but never completed the process to fully register. I have never posted on any social media.

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

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

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) Community Member, Seabrook Island Club
- (b) Former Board Member, Calhoun Academy
- (c) Member, Coterie Club (Social), St. Matthews, S.C.
- (d) Member, S.C. Bar Pro Bono Board, Judicial Subcommittee, First Circuit
- (e) President, S.C. Conference of Family Court Judges
- (f) Member, Chief Justice's Advisory Committee for Family Court
- 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. None

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:	