



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

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

1. Name: The Honorable David Earl Phillips

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. I am currently serving in the seat for which I am seeking re-election, Family
Court Judge At-Large Seat 6.

Home Address:

[Redacted]

County of Residence:

Anderson County

Business Address:

Post Office Box 8002, Anderson, South Carolina 29622

E-Mail Address:

[Redacted]

Telephone Number: (home): [Redacted]
(office): (864) 260-4253
(cell): [Redacted]

2. Date of Birth: [Redacted]1970
Place of Birth: Easley, 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#: SCDL# [Redacted]

Voter Registration Number: [Redacted]

5. Have you served in the military? If so, give the dates, branch of service, highest rank attained, serial number (if applicable), present status, and the character of your discharge or release. Please provide a copy of your DD214 concerning your discharge.

I have never served in the military.

6. Family Status:

- (a) State whether you are single, married, widowed, divorced, or separated.
- (b) If married, state the date of your marriage and your spouse's full name and occupation.
- (c) If widowed, list the name(s) of spouse(s).
- (d) If you have ever been divorced or are in the process of obtaining a divorce, state the date, name of the moving party, court, and grounds.
- (e) State the names of your children and their ages. If your children are NOT full-time students, also include the occupation and employer of each child.

Family status: Married on March 17, 2001, to Maryanne Evington Phillips, part-time child care provider.
Never divorced, two children.
[Redacted]

7. List each college and law school you attended, including the dates of your attendance, the degrees you received, and if you left an institution without receiving a degree, the reason for your departure.

- (a) Clemson University, August 1988 to May 1994; B.A. in History; B.S. in Accounting
(b) University of South Carolina School of Law, August 1994 to May 1997, 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) During the summer of 1996, I helped with a fundraising event for Senator Strom Thurmond.

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, 1997; I only took the bar exam one time and passed.

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) Chapman, Byrholdt & Yon. I served as an associate attorney at this firm from 1997 to 2004. I was initially hired by the late V. Laniel Chapman to assist him with workers' compensation matters; however, my practice areas quickly grew to include family court, workers' compensation, civil litigation, Social Security, and criminal defense. I was never responsible for administrative or financial management at this firm.
 - (b) Juvenile public defender. I served as the juvenile public defender in Anderson County for a period of approximately six months in late 2000 while employed at Chapman, Byrholdt & Yon.
 - (c) David E. Phillips, Attorney at Law, LLC. I was a sole practitioner from September 2004, through mid-May 2011. My practice areas included family court, workers' compensation, civil litigation, and Social Security. I also handled criminal defense matters outside of the Tenth Judicial Circuit. I was employed as an assistant solicitor on a contract basis with the Tenth Circuit Solicitor's Office. I prosecuted juvenile matters and preliminary hearings in Anderson County from approximately 2005 until 2011. I was responsible for all administrative and financial management matters for my firm. I was not responsible for any of these matters at the Solicitor's Office.
 - (d) Tenth Circuit Solicitor's Office. In May 2011, I was hired full-time by the late Honorable Christina T. Adams, to serve as an assistant solicitor at her office. I was employed there from May 2011 to May 2013. I prosecuted juvenile matters, preliminary hearings, and civil forfeiture cases for the Solicitor's Office. I was never involved in the administrative or financial management matters of the Solicitor's Office.
 - (e) Family Court Judge, At-Large, Seat 6. I was elected by the South Carolina General Assembly to serve as a Family Court Judge in February 2013. I began serving July 1, 2013, and have served continuously in this office since then.

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.

Yes.

(a) Family Court Judge, At-Large, Seat 6. July 1, 2013 to present. I was elected to this office by the South Carolina General Assembly. The Family Court's jurisdiction is set by statute. The court's jurisdiction includes, among other matters, divorce, separate support and maintenance, custody, child support, juvenile justice, child abuse and neglect, vulnerable adults, and adoptions. As a statutory court, the Family Court's jurisdiction is limited to those matters where the court is statutorily authorized to act.

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) Sweeney v. Sweeney: I heard this case over the course of five days. It was one of the first trials over which I presided as Family Court Judge. The case required me to consider and decide a large number of contested issues. Among the issues before me was the equitable apportionment of a large marital estate, whether to award alimony to one of the spouses, the amount of alimony to award and whether to make findings of contempt. Both parties were represented by excellent, very experienced family law attorneys. The case was appealed by both sides. The Court of Appeals affirmed my decision on all but two out of more than a dozen issues. Among the issues the Court of Appeals affirmed were the overall division of the marital estate, the award and amount of alimony, the findings of contempt, and the award of attorneys fees. In this case, I drafted lengthy, detailed instructions and findings to be incorporated into the final order. The Court of Appeals noted in its decision that I had made extensive findings in my order. The Court of Appeals' published opinion is found at Sweeney v. Sweeney, 420 S.C. 69, 800 S.E.2d 148 (Ct.App. 2017). The South Carolina Supreme Court also reviewed this decision. The opinion of the South Carolina Supreme Court is found at 426 S.C. 229, 826 S.E.2d 299 (S.C. 2019).

(b) Clark v. Clark: I heard this case over the course of three days. The central issues at trial involved custody and placement of the parties' daughter. The case was very fact-specific. In it, I found exceptional circumstances existed to warrant joint custody with essentially equal placement of the parties' minor child with each parent. I made detailed findings in my order describing specifically the exceptional circumstances of this case that caused me to conclude that joint custody with equal placement of the minor child is in the best interest of this child. Excellent attorneys were involved in the trial and appeal of this case. The case was appealed, and the Court of Appeals affirmed my decision. The opinion is found at Clark v. Clark, 423C. 596, 815 S.E.2d 772 (Ct.App. 2018).

(c) Collins v. Collins: This was a multi-day trial over which I presided. The lawyers who tried the case did an excellent job. The contested issues included, among other issues, determining the income of one of the parties, whether the business husband runs is marital or non-marital, determining whether the business had been transmuted into marital property,

whether wife was entitled to a special equity interest in the business, equitable apportionment of the marital estate, alimony, child support and attorneys fees. The Court of Appeals affirmed my decision in an unpublished opinion. The unpublished opinion is found at Collins v. Collins, Unpublished Opinion No. 2021-UP-110 (S.C. Ct. App. filed April 7, 2021).

(d)Garren et al v. Pittman: This was a two day trial over which I presided in March 2024. The lawyers did an excellent job advocating for their respective clients. An excellent attorney guardian ad litem also served in this case. The issues before the court involved termination of a father's parental rights and adoption by the minor children's step-father. There were unique factual issues in this case, and I issued an order which I found by clear and convincing evidence served the best interests of the minor children. I am not aware of any appeal in this case.

(e)Jackson v. Jackson: This case was before me in February 2022 for a two day trial. The parties were represented by excellent attorneys. The case involved contested issues as to equitable apportionment, transmutation, special equity, and attorneys fees, among other issues. Additionally, there were numerous assets I was required to address individually in my order. I made detailed findings of fact and conclusions of law in my order. The case was unique because of the legal issues before the court regarding whether certain property acquired before the marriage had been transmuted and, if not, whether the other party had acquired a special equity in said property. I am not aware of any appeal in this case.

20. List all courts in which you have been admitted to practice and list the dates of your admission. Give the same information for administrative bodies that require a special admission to practice.

- (a) South Carolina Supreme Court, December 16, 1997.
- (b) United States District Court for the District of South Carolina, October 19, 1998.
- (c) United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, October 13, 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) Prior to serving as a Family Court Judge, I was a guest lecturer at a Clemson University Sociology class regarding juvenile justice issues;
- (b) Prior to serving as a Family Court Judge, I lectured juvenile arbitration program volunteers in Anderson, South Carolina;
- (c) I served (along with other newly elected Family Court Judges) as a panelist for a portion of a CLE at the 2013 South Carolina Bench Bar CLE in Columbia, South Carolina;
- (d) I spoke at the "10th Circuit Tips from the Bench: What Your Judges Want You to Know," a CLE primarily for the members of the Tenth Circuit Bar about issues related to practice before the Family Court;
- (e) In February 2023, I spoke at the 2023 Family Court Seminar held in Anderson, South Carolina. I was part of a panel discussion with other Family Court judges from the

Tenth Judicial Circuit wherein we provided information we believed would be helpful to the Family Court bar.

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 have not published any books or articles.

24. Please furnish as a separate attachment, two examples of legal articles, briefs, orders, or other legal writings for which you can claim sole or primary authorship. If you cannot claim sole authorship, please explain the extent to which you are the primary author, to include a description of the other authors and their contributions. The writing samples are for the Commission's use only and will not be published. (If you are a judge and are not seeking a different type of judgeship, this question is inapplicable.)

Not applicable.

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

I have not sought a rating from any of the listed legal rating organizations or any other organization.

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) Anderson County Bar
- (c) South Carolina Conference of Family Court Judges

27. Have you ever held public office other than judicial office? If so, list the periods of your service, the office or offices involved, and whether you were elected or appointed. Also, state whether or not you have timely filed your report with the State Ethics Commission during the period you held public office. If not, were you ever subject to a penalty? If so, give details, including dates.

I have not held public office other than judicial office.

28. For sitting or former judges, list all employment you had while serving as a judge (whether full-time or part-time, contractual or at will, consulting or otherwise) other than elected judicial office. Specify your dates of employment, employer, major job responsibilities, and supervisor.

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 a candidate for Family Court Judge, Tenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1. I was found qualified and nominated by the South Carolina Judicial Merit Selection Commission in that race; however, I withdrew just prior to the election in February 2009.

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.

I am not an officer or director or involved in the management of 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.

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.)

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

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

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?

I have not made any expenditures in furtherance of my candidacy for re-election to this position.

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.

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

40. Describe any interest you or a member of your immediate family has in real property:
- (a) in which there is a potential conflict of interest with your involvement in a South Carolina state or local public agency;
 - (b) in which there have been public improvements of \$200 or more that adjoins property in which there have been public improvements of \$200 or more; or
 - (c) which was sold, leased, or rented to a state or local public agency in South Carolina.

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

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

Attach a copy of any contract or agreement.

Neither I nor any member of my immediate family hold any interest in real property that would meet any of the descriptions set forth in this item.

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.

Neither I nor any member of my immediate family hold any interest in personal property that would meet the description set forth in this item.

42. For sitting judges, if you currently hold an interest in stock or other securities or have held such an interest, list each stock you currently own or owned during the prior calendar year. If you prefer, you may attach broker or account records containing the requested information instead of listing it here.

(a) 216 shares of Vanguard S&P 500 ETF (VOO).

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.

I have never been sued by a client.

I was the plaintiff in a declaratory judgment action I filed because my former mobile phone carrier was attempting to charge an early termination fee that I believed was contrary to state law. I attempted unsuccessfully to resolve the dispute without resorting to litigation. The defendants settled the case by agreeing to waive the termination fee and paying my filing fee. I filed this case February 16, 2001, in the Court of Common Pleas under case number 2001-CP-04-494. The case was settled and disposed April 26, 2001.

I was also the plaintiff in an adoption action where I adopted my two children. The case was resolved by Decree of Adoption filed January 27, 2003. The case was captioned Phillips v. Phillips, 2002-DR-04-2635.

During screening for re-election in 2018, my screening attorney made me aware of a civil action brought by an individual who was an inmate in the South Carolina Department of Corrections at the time of filing. The action was brought with regard to a civil forfeiture matter for which I represented the State through the Tenth Circuit Solicitor's Office. The action was filed in 2015 under case number 2015-CP-04-1317 and named the State of South Carolina, Solicitor Christina T. Adams, and me as defendants. I was never served with any pleadings, and the Circuit Court dismissed the action.

48. If you are in private practice, are you covered by malpractice insurance and, if so, how long have you carried malpractice insurance? If applicable, have you ever been covered by a tail policy? If so, please explain when you were covered by a tail policy. Also, if applicable, indicate your coverage and deductible for your current malpractice policy.

I am not engaged in the private practice of law. I maintained malpractice insurance throughout the duration of my time in private practice. Prior to opening my own law office, I was covered by a policy obtained by the firm where I was employed. Although I left the private practice of law May 23, 2011, I maintained coverage for the following year. That policy period expired August 31, 2012. I arranged for an extended reporting period which my carrier advises would cover any claims beyond the close of my private practice for occurrences prior to August 31, 2012. I am not aware of any claims or anything that might become a claim from my private law practice.

49. Have you ever, in South Carolina or any other jurisdiction, as a lawyer, judge, or other professional, been cautioned with or without a finding of misconduct, sanctioned, or disciplined for lawyer, judicial, or other professional misconduct or has any jurisdiction found that you committed any misconduct? If so, give the details and describe any final disposition. Include any and all confidential and public sanctions, disciplines, letters of caution, or findings of misconduct of any kind. Private or confidential dispositions will be redacted.

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

50. Have you ever been investigated by the Department of Social Services? If so, give the details and the resolution. Has your name ever been enrolled on the Central Registry of Child Abuse and Neglect? If so, give the details.

I have never been investigated by the Department of Social Services.

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

My answer to both questions is 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.

I have not requested any third parties to contact members of the General Assembly on my behalf before the final and formal screening report has been released. Additionally, I have not engaged in any campaigning for this election, nor have I asked anyone else to do so on my behalf. I am not aware of anyone campaigning for me of their own initiative.

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 **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) Rev. Chad Campbell
[Redacted]
- (b) Sheriff Chad McBride
Anderson County Sheriff
[Redacted]
- (c) The Honorable C. Reena Thomason
Anderson County Clerk of Court
[Redacted]
- (d) John Bagwell
[Redacted]
- (e) Dr. Jarrod Griffis, OD
[Redacted]

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

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

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

I am no longer active on or a member of any social media or Internet site. At the time of my last screening, I was a member of Twitter, Instagram and SnapChat. At the time, I used the accounts primarily to follow my children, my church, sports teams, and various musical acts. I deleted my accounts more than one year ago because I rarely used them. When I was a member, I rarely posted anything and never posted anything that would bring the office I hold or my profession into disrepute. All of my accounts were set to "private." I never accepted requests to add lawyers or anyone who would appear before me as "followers." I more recently had a Pinterest account. My wife and I built a house recently and used our accounts to share ideas. We completed the house, and I deleted my account because I no longer use it.

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) South Carolina Conference of Family Court Judges
- (b) I am a member of Mount Pisgah Baptist Church. My family and I are very active in our church. In the past five years, I have served as a deacon, Sunday School teacher, choir member, and praise band member.

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.

God blessed me with parents who taught me so many things by example, not the least of which is a strong work ethic. My father worked full-time with IBM for thirty years including literally hundreds of hours of overtime each year and earned numerous awards for service. During this time, he also served as part-time minister of music and senior adults. He is now retired, but I believe he still works as many hours as he did prior to his retirement. Likewise, I have observed my mother work hard throughout my life. She was a stay-at-home mother to my brother and me when we were very young. She later returned to school and earned her college degree. She did so well, she was asked to return and teach, which she did for many years at Greenville Technical College. She is now retired but manages to work as hard now as she did when she was employed. I have brought this work ethic with me to the bench. I continue to take pride in being reliable and diligent in my work. As a judge, the citizens of this state can count on me to continue working diligently to serve them as Family Court Judge.

I also had a broad, diverse background as a lawyer. For seven years, I practiced with a law firm in Anderson, South Carolina. For nearly seven years thereafter, I had my own office as a sole practitioner. I served as a full-time assistant solicitor for the last two years prior to my election to the office of Family Court Judge. Throughout my career, I have dealt with people of various backgrounds and personalities. The people skills I have developed during my life and career have served me well as a Family Court Judge. I have gained an enormous amount of experience during my first two terms as a Family Court Judge. I have presided over a large number of trials. Many of these cases were lengthy and difficult to decide. Through these trials, I have grown even more knowledgeable in the area of family law.

During my second term as a Family Court Judge, I am particularly proud that I served as the Chief Judge for Administrative Purposes for the Family Court in the Tenth Judicial Circuit during 2020 when we worked diligently to continue to serve our citizens during the COVID pandemic. I worked with the other judges in my circuit, clerks of court, court staff and administrative personnel during that year to implement new procedures authorized by the South Carolina Supreme Court for that period of time. I remain proud of how we have battled to move cases on our dockets since the COVID restrictions were removed.

I look forward to using my skills, experience, and knowledge as I continue to serve the people of this state as a Family Court Judge.

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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
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