



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

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

Family Court Judge, Twelfth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1

1. Name:

The Honorable Alicia Allsbrook Richardson

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

N/A

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

Yes

Family Court Judge, Twelfth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1

Home Address:

[Redacted]

County of Residence:

Marion

Business Address:

Family Court of the Twelfth Judicial Circuit

2515 E. Highway 76

Post Office Box 63

Marion, South Carolina 29571

E-Mail Address:

[Redacted]

Telephone Number:

(home): [Redacted]

(office): 843-423-5141

(cell): [Redacted]

2. Date of Birth:

[Redacted]

1970

Place of Birth:

Conway, South Carolina

Social Security #:

[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 #:

[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 June 4, 1994 to Charles Thomas Richardson. My husband owns and operates Richardson Underground, LLC an underground utility construction business along with our son. He farms some too.

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

Never divorced or widowed

(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.

No.

(e) State the names of your children and their ages. If your children are old enough to work, include the occupation of each child.

[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 – May 1992, Bachelor of Arts in English, minor in Marketing,

(b) University of South Carolina School of Law, August 1992 – May 1995, 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.**

(a) South Carolina Law Review, 1995

(b) Family Law Practice Internship Fall 1994

(c) Criminal Practice Clinic, Spring 1995

(d) Order of Wig and Robe, 1994

(e) Order of the Coif, 1995

(f) Faculty Award in Family Law Practice, 1994

(g) Recipient, Petigru Legal Scholarship 1992-1995

(h) American Jurisprudence Awards, Civil Procedure, Legal Research 1992-93

(i) Student Bar Association

(j) Public Interest Law Society

(k) Palmetto Legal Society

(l) Pro Bono Program, Richland County Department of Youth Services

(m) Dean's List

(n) Legislative Aide, Representatives L. Morgan Martin and Doug Jennings, January-April 1993

(o) Law Clerk, Turner, Padgett, Graham, and Laney, Florence, SC, May – August, 1993 and May – August, 1994

(p) Law Clerk, South Carolina Senate Judiciary Committee, August, 1993 – May, 1994

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.**

South Carolina, 1995

South Carolina 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) Law Office of Edward Whittington, Mullins, South Carolina 1995-1995. Worked as an associate in the primary areas of family law and real estate. I had my own trust account.
- (b) Marion County Public Defender, Juvenile contract attorney, 1995-2000. I served as public defender for juvenile offenders in Marion County. This was a part-time contract position with the Marion County Public Defender.
- (c) Law Office of Alicia A. Richardson, Marion, South Carolina 1999-2000. Sole practitioner in the primary areas of family law and real estate. I handled the financial management of the practice including bank accounts and trust accounts.
- (d) Assistant Solicitor, Family Court. Fifteenth Circuit Solicitor's Office. January-March 2001. Worked with two other attorneys prosecuting juvenile cases in Family Court and then was promoted to Senior Assistant Solicitor.
- (e) Senior Assistant Solicitor, Family Court, Fifteenth Judicial Circuit Solicitor's Office, Horry County, March 2001 – 2012. I was Senior Assistant Solicitor for the Family Court division of the Solicitor's Office in Horry County. I supervised the division and was responsible for the prosecution of juvenile cases in Family Court. I also occasionally handled child support extradition cases for the Solicitor's Office.
- (f) Senior Assistant Solicitor, General Sessions, Sexual Assault and child abuse cases, Horry County, Fifteenth Judicial Circuit. I was one of two attorneys prosecuting sexual assault and child abuse cases.
- (g) Deputy Solicitor Georgetown County, Fifteenth Judicial Circuit Solicitor's Office, January 2013 – December 2023. Prosecuted cases in the Georgetown County Solicitor's office in General Sessions Court. Supervised the Georgetown office including General Sessions, Family Court, and Magistrates Court attorneys.
- (h) Family Court Judge for the Twelfth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1. In February 2023, I was elected as the resident Marion County Family Court Judge to fill the unexpired term of the Honorable Timothy H. Pogue upon his mandatory retirement on December 31, 2023. My term began January 2, 2024 and expires June 30, 3025. I am seeking re-election to this seat.

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:

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.

- (a) Divorce and equitable division of property:
- (b) Child custody:
- (c) Adoption:
- (d) Abuse and Neglect:
- (e) Juvenile Justice:
- (f) Appearances in Family Court:

Omitted, applying for re-election to current judicial position.

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:

Omitted, applying for re-election to current judicial position

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:

Omitted, applying for re-election to current judicial position

14. What percentage of your practice in trial court during the past five years or in the five years prior to your election to the bench involved matters that went to a jury, including those that settled prior to trial?

- (a) Jury:
- (b) Non-jury: During the past five years, did you most often serve as sole counsel, chief counsel, or co-counsel?

Omitted, applying for re-election to current judicial position

- 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.**

Omitted, applying for re-election to current judicial position

- 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.**

Omitted, applying for re-election to current judicial position

- 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.**

Omitted, applying for re-election to current judicial position

- 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 for the Twelfth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1
Elected February 2023 to fill the unexpired term of the Honorable Timothy H. Pogue
Term began January 2, 2024 and expires June 30, 2025
The Family Court is a court of limited jurisdiction.

- 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) Brody v. Brody, This was a contested divorce and child custody case tried for five (5) days during my first solo week on the bench. The Plaintiff was a self-represented litigant, the Defendant was represented by an attorney, and there was an attorney guardian ad litem for the minor children. The Plaintiff contested subject matter jurisdiction and alleged that the purported twenty-year marriage was invalid based on the timing and language of an out-of-state Annulment Decree. Both parties pursued divorce on fault grounds including adultery, habitual drunkenness, cross complaints of physical cruelty, as well as allegations of abandonment, before supplementing the pleadings on continuous separation without cohabitation for one year. Other issues before the Court included alimony, bar to alimony, discovery violations, default, determination of whether federal civilian disability retirement

was income or an asset, VA disability benefits, equitable distribution, valuation of time shares, child custody with allegations of alienation, multiple Department of Social Services investigations, multiple instances of law enforcement encounters with the family, mental health concerns, complaints regarding access to subpoenas by the self-represented litigant, voluminous and improper court filings, attorneys fees and costs, and guardian ad litem fees. As the Plaintiff was self-represented, I drafted and issued the lengthy Final Order. A Motion for Reconsideration was filed and heard on the issues involving the children. A Motion for Reconsideration is pending on some of the financial matters based on alleged errors in the exhibits. The parties are participating in post-trial discovery and will schedule a hearing to supplement the record to determine if corrections are needed.

- b) Rivers v. Hooks – This two -day custody trial involved the issue of whether exposure to sexually-themed art and a parent’s pursuit of a doctorate degree in the field of Clinical Sexology was a factor to be used in determining child custody.
- c) Glowe v. Glowe – This was a contested three-day divorce, equitable division, and custody case. The parties did not schedule sufficient time to try the case and the matter had to be re-scheduled for additional time during a subsequent court term. Each party alleged fault grounds for divorce. Both parties alleged adultery, the Plaintiff alleged habitual drunkenness, and the Defendant alleged physical cruelty. Custody was contested for the parties’ youngest child. The Defendant requested alimony, the Plaintiff alleged alimony was barred, and the Plaintiff also pled the affirmative defenses of condonation and recrimination. There was an incomplete attempt to join third-party defendants who had an ownership interest in a vacation home owned by the parties. The third-party owners had initiated a foreclosure action against the parties in another county. The most highly contested issue in the case was whether or not a business that began prior to the marriage had been transmuted into marital property. The parties did not hire an expert and valuation of the business was an issue for the Court to determine with the parties having over a two-million-dollar difference in alleged value. A lengthy oral ruling was issued in the case, and it is awaiting Final Order.
- d) Woodley v. Black – This was a contested child custody modification action. The Plaintiff was represented by an attorney, and the Defendant was self-represented. A lay guardian ad litem had previously been appointed for the child. Shortly before trial, the paternal grandmother was made a party to the case and was awarded temporary custody of the child after an emergency motion by the guardian ad litem. There were allegations of alcohol and/or substance abuse by both parents, alienation of the child, involving the child in the parental disputes, homelessness and/or lack of stable housing, and non-compliance with prior court orders. The parties accumulated legal fees and litigation costs that they could not afford based on their reported incomes, yet they both participated in extending the litigation. It was tried over approximately three days. I am not aware of any appeals or motions to reconsider.
- e) Clevinger v. Clevinger – This was a bi-furcated divorce case where I heard the financial issues and the divorce, as well as a Motion to sell the marital home, and two Contempt actions. The issues involving the minor child were previously decided in a contested trial before another Judge, and the case was bi-furcated as the parties were in bankruptcy proceedings at the time of the custody hearing. The divorce itself was uncontested but a contested hearing was held

on the issues of equitable distribution and attorney's fees, as well as the Plaintiff's Motion to sell the marital residence, and two Contempt actions against the Defendant for failing to pay guardian ad litem fees, child support, and attorney's fees as previously ordered. The Defendant was a self-represented litigant, and complained of unfairness. I ordered the home to be sold with the Clerk of Court authorized to sign the deed if the Defendant failed to cooperate. I established a list and priority schedule of the obligations to be paid from the proceeds. I am not aware of any appeals or post-trial motions.

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.

South Carolina State Courts since 1995

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.

Yes

- a) I have taught numerous law enforcement in-service training classes on juvenile and Family Court issues from 2001 – 2011 when I was the Senior Assistant Solicitor in the Family Court division. I do not have an accurate list of the dates and courses, but I did participate in the following: Horry County Police In-service training on multiple occasions, Loris Police Department, Myrtle Beach Police Department on multiple occasions.
- b) I taught and presented for multiple years at the Juvenile Officers Association Annual meeting held each year in Myrtle Beach, including as recently as 2018-19. Topics include juvenile crime, mandated reporting of abuse and neglect, issues related to sexual abuse, changes in legislations, and guidelines for juvenile detention
- c) I participated in a presentation for principals, assistant principals, and attendance clerks with the Horry County School District (year unknown)
- d) I participated in a Juvenile Fire Setters Program with the Horry County Fire Department (year unknown)
- e) 2014 Prosecution Boot Camp for new prosecutors. I presented on victim issues and judged and gave constructive feedback on opening statements and closing arguments
- f) August 19, 2011 Prosecuting Cases in Family Court, South Carolina Solicitor's Association
- g) December 5, 2007 and December 3, 2008, Fifteenth Circuit Solicitors Office Annual Law Enforcement Training Program. I taught a section on Juvenile Issues and Family Court and prepared materials which were included in a binder provided to all participants.
- h) Presented and participated in round-table discussions in Family Court continuing education courses presented at the South Carolina Solicitors' Association Annual Conference on multiple occasions prior to 2011
- i) In service training with the Georgetown Police Department and Georgetown Sheriff's Office as Deputy Solicitor
- j) I have presented a section on juvenile issues at the Horry County Family Court CLE, (year unknown)

- k) Participated in training for Volunteers with the Juvenile Diversion Program, Youth Mentor Program, and Juvenile Arbitration Program on multiple occasions (years unknown)
- l) Taught some classes for Project Lead at McDonald Elementary School, Georgetown, SC. This is a program providing law related education to elementary school students.
- m) I have spoken on topics of law related education and career days at multiple elementary, middle, and high schools throughout my legal career.
- n) December 2023 – I spoke at the Telehealth Summit of South Carolina on the use of Forensic photography in sexual assault and domestic violence cases.

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, however I have prepared materials for Continuing Legal Education Trainings and Law Enforcement training.

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.)

Omitted, as seeking re-election to current judicial position.

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 membership in any of these organizations. I am not aware of any ratings by these organizations.

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 1995-present
- (b) Georgetown County Bar Association, approximately 2014 - present
- (c) former member, Horry County Bar Association
- (d) former member, Marion County Bar, Secretary-Treasurer for a few years approximately 1996-2000

(e) Marion County Bar Association, current 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.

No.

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

No.

30. Have you ever been engaged in any occupation, business, or profession other than the practice of law, teaching of law, or holding judicial or other public office? If so, give details, including a description of your occupation, business, or profession, the dates of your employment, and the name of your business or employer.

(a) Law Clerk, Turner, Padgett, Graham and Laney, Florence, South Carolina, May-August, 1993 & May – August, 1994

(b) Law Clerk, South Carolina Senate Judiciary Committee, August, 1993 – May, 1994

(c) Legislative Page, Representatives L. Morgan Martin and Douglas Jennings, January – April 1993

(d) Various part-time employment in high school and college including grocery stores, fast food waitress, and substitute teacher.

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.

See attached.

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, but with extensions. 2023 returns have an extension until October 2024.

(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.

Some property taxes have been paid late.

(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.

While in private practice, I made payments for employment taxes through my accountant's office. When I closed my practice and went to work for the Solicitor's Office in 2001, I was not aware of an outstanding amount until it was garnished from one of my county paychecks. This was 20 years ago. There was also a set-off against our joint state income tax refunds for payment of environmental service fees

(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 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;
- (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.

I am not aware of any potential conflict of interest regarding real property owned by my family or myself. I am not aware of any public improvements to adjacent properties by a local, state, or public agency other than the installation of internet in my rural community as a result of COVID and/or typical maintenance and improvements to infrastructure and roads.

- 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.**

No.

- 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?

No.

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.

Yes.

- (a) 2002CP3300415 Cendant Mortgage Corporation vs. Marvenis P. Wilson, et. al. This was an action against a former client of mine that appears to be a foreclosure. I believe that I was named a party because of some sort of fees ordered to be paid to me.
- (b) 2015CP3300317 Anderson Brothers Bank vs. Alicia Richardson. Judgement. Settled and paid in full
- (c) 2021CP3301562 Apex Bank vs. Charles T. Richardson and Alicia A. Richardson, Dismissed
- (d) 2021CP3300580 Apex Bank vs. Charles T. Richardson and Alicia A. Richardson, Dismissed
- (e) Britton's Neck Community Association, et. al. vs. SCDHEC and John Taylor. This was an administrative law court action filed on behalf of myself and multiple other citizens in our community to appeal the granting of a permit for a landfill. The case was unsuccessful, and we filed a Notice of Intent to Appeal but ultimately abandoned the appeal
- (f) *Jennings v. Richardson*, No. 2:14-cv-3439-RMG (D.S.C. Aug. 14, 2015), Full title: Ricky A. Jennings v. Solicitor Jimmy Richardson and Deputy Solicitor Alicia A. Richardson, Dismissed. This was an action filed by a Defendant against me in my capacity as Deputy Solicitor. It was dismissed by the Federal Magistrate. I did have to give a deposition in a lawsuit filed by this Defendant in an officer involved shooting involving the Charleston County Sheriff's office. The shooting occurred in Georgetown County after a vehicle pursuit from Charleston County crossed county lines.
- (g) *Cole v. White*, Case No. 2:16-cv-3548-RMG-MGB (D.S.C. Feb. 2, 2017), dismissed without service of process. This was a lawsuit filed by an inmate against the Georgetown County Clerk of Court, Georgetown County Sheriff's office, the magistrate, defendant's public defender, and me in my capacity as Deputy Solicitor. I was never served with the suit as the Federal Magistrate dismissed it without service of process.

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.

No, I had malpractice coverage when I was in private practice from 1995-2000. To the best of my knowledge, I was not covered by a tail policy.

- 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. and I have not asked anyone to campaign on my behalf. I am not aware of anyone campaigning on my behalf on 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) Cathy Floyd, Office Manager
Fifteenth Judicial Circuit
[Redacted]

(b) L. Morgan Martin, Esquire
Law Offices of L. Morgan Martin, P.A.
[Redacted]

(c) Charlie Dorn Smith, III, MD
The Citizens Bank
[Redacted]

(d) Mark W. Richardson
Retired Sheriff Marion County
[Redacted]

(e) C. Gregory "Gregg" Robinson, SCCED
Chief Executive Officer
Florence County Economic Development Partnership
[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.

Yes.

- (a) [Redacted] Facebook
- (b) [Redacted] – Instagram
- (c) [Redacted] – TikTok

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 make sure all accounts have private settings and are not public. I maintain friend status only with family and close friends.

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) Ernest F. Hollings Award for Excellence in State Prosecution, Family Court 2009
- (b) South Carolina Supreme Court Docket Management Task Force, Family Court 2011-12
- (c) Completed Leadership Challenge Workshop, 2021
- (d) Completed, What You Do Matters Lessons from the Holocaust 2021
- (e) Completed, South Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault "Helping Juries Understand Sexual Assault," 2012
- (f) Attended, Public Agency Training Council, "Rape and Sex Crimes Investigation," 2005
- (g) Completed, American Prosecutors Research Institute Prosecutorial Leadership Course, 2003
- (h) Completed, South Carolina Council for Conflict Resolution Family/Divorce Mediation Training, March 8, 1999
- (i) Attended, Twelfth International Conference of Shaken Baby Syndrome/Abusive Head Trauma, Boston, MA, September 29 – October 1, 2012

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.

In preparing my first application packet, I found drafts of my law school application essay I wrote over half of my lifetime ago. It was a humbling reminder of why I became a lawyer, why I have spent the majority of my career in public service, and why I am applying for re-election to the position of Family Court Judge. It is who I am and who I have always been. This is some of what I wrote over 30 years ago:

The unique circumstances and experiences of my life have instilled in me the qualities that I feel are necessary for a legal career. Much of who I am is derived from my family. I am the daughter of a Southern Baptist Minister. My mother suffered from severe rheumatoid arthritis since her teens, but she never let her physical disabilities stop her from helping others. At the age of fifteen, I lost my older brother in an automobile accident. From that moment on, I realized that life itself is the most precious gift we have, and that family should never be taken for granted. My parents were foster parents from the time I was eight years old.

I have added a vast array of personal and professional experience and life lessons that have prepared me for this position. I have been married for thirty years and have three wonderful children. I have balanced a demanding legal career with the demands of motherhood.

I want to be the type of Judge who is fair, honest, decisive, and sees the big picture. Safety, security, happiness, and being a productive citizen begin in the home. When disputes and problems arise with families and children, when children are abused or neglected, and when juveniles begin down the wrong path, there must be clear, fair, and decisive resolutions and guidance to ensure to help individuals become whole again.

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 _____, 2022.

(Notary Signature)

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