



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

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

1. Name: The Honorable William Marsh Robertson
(I go by my middle name, Marsh.)

Are you currently serving in some capacity as a judge?

Yes. Seat Two, Family Court, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit

Home Address: [Redacted]

County of Residence: Greenville

Business Address: (Physical): 350 Halton Rd., Greenville, SC 29607
(Mailing): P.O. Box 27107, Greenville, SC 29616

E-Mail Address: [Redacted]

Telephone Number: (home): [Redacted]
(office): 864-467-5839
(cell): [Redacted]

2. Date of Birth: [Redacted]1963
Place of Birth: Greer, South Carolina
Social Security Number: [Redacted]

3. Are you a citizen of South Carolina? Yes
Have you been a resident of this state for at least the immediate past five years?
Yes

4. SCDL# or SCHD#: [Redacted]
Voter Registration Number: [Redacted]

5. Have you served in the military?
No.

6. Family Status: Married on July 12, 2014 to Patricia Teasley Robertson.
Divorced from Barbara Kessenich Robertson, July 19, 2012, South Carolina Family Court, Charleston County, on the ground of separation for a period exceeding one year. Barbara acted as Plaintiff in the action.

[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) Washington & Lee University, 1981-1985, B.A. degree (cum laude) in History.
- (b) University of South Carolina School of Law, 1985-1988, J.D. degree

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) Clerked for three separate law firms during second and third years and corresponding summers.
- (b) Intermural basketball

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 in 1988 after passing the bar exam on my first sitting, and have remained a member in good standing from that date to the present. I have never been admitted to nor applied for admission in another state.

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) 1988 through 1990: Lewis, Lide, Bruce, and Potts, Columbia, SC. I was an associate in this law firm and practiced in a wide array of areas but with an emphasis on real estate law. I had no management or trust account responsibilities.
- (b) 1990 through 1995: Robertson and Robertson, PA, Greenville, SC. – I practiced for this five-year stretch in a two-attorney partnership with my father, W.F. Robertson III. Our firm practiced family law. I assisted in management of the firm's administration and financial responsibilities, including trust accounts.
- (c) 1996 – June, 2010: After the retirement of my father, I continued practicing exclusively in the area of family law, either in sole practice or in the following partnerships: Robertson & Quattlebaum, LLC; Robertson & Coleman, LLC; Robertson, Hodges, and Coleman, LLC; and finally, Robertson & Hodges, LLC. I had significant involvement in management of these firms' administration and financial responsibilities, including trust accounts

- (d) July 2010 – Present: Judge, Family Court, Seat 2, 13th Judicial Circuit. I served as Greenville County Family Court's Chief Judge for Administrative Purposes (CJAP) in 2013 and 2017; and as Pickens County's CJAP from July 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016; and am on deck to serve as Greenville County's CJAP in 2025.

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: NA

- (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? NA
(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? NA
(a) civil:
(b) criminal:
(c) domestic:
(d) other:

14. During the past five years NA
(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. NA
(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. NA
(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. NA
- (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.

In February 2010, the South Carolina General Assembly elected me to Seat 2, Family Court, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit. I began sitting on or about July 8, 2010. The same body reelected me to the same seat in February, 2013 and again in February, 2019.

Quoting from the South Carolina Judicial Branch's website, "The Family Court has exclusive jurisdiction over all matters involving domestic or family relationships ..., is the sole forum for the hearing of all cases concerning marriage, divorce, legal separation, custody, visitation rights, termination of parental rights, adoption, support, alimony, division of marital property, and change of name, [and] also generally has exclusive jurisdiction over minors under the age of seventeen alleged to have violated any state law or municipal ordinance."

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) Youngblood v. S.C. Dep't of Soc. Servs., 402 S.C. 311, 741 S.E.2d 515 (2013): This case involved an adoption dispute between a child's previous parents (Plaintiffs) and her current foster parents (Defendants). After declining to overrule a previous family court judge's finding that Plaintiffs had standing to adopt, I held a 5-day trial and granted adoption to Plaintiffs as being in the child's best interest. The Court of Appeals affirmed my decision. Youngblood v. DSS, Op. No. 2012-UP-172 (S.C. Ct. App. filed March 8, 2012). In a groundbreaking decision, the Supreme Court reversed, holding that foster parents do not have standing to adopt a child once the Department of Social Services has placed the child for adoption elsewhere. Rather than granting adoption to Defendants, however, the Court remanded the child to DSS custody and directed DSS to "consider Child's best interests in placing her for adoption." The Youngblood opinion became one of a series of adoption cases that led the South Carolina General Assembly in 2018 to overhaul S.C. Code Ann. §63-9-60 to make clear that all South Carolina residents, including foster parents and former foster parents, have standing to petition for adoption of a child regardless of which individual or entity (including D.S.S.) has custody.
- (b) Broom v. Jennifer J., 403 S.C. 96, 742 S.E.2d 382 (2013): The South Carolina Supreme Court affirmed my order terminating the defendants' parental rights and granting an adoption to Plaintiffs, agreeing with my determination that "the statutory grounds for termination were satisfied and termination of Defendant-Mother's parental rights was in

Child's best interest." In the opinion, the Supreme Court also addressed a previous family court judge's erroneous denial of Mother's right to counsel, but found that Mother was not prejudiced by that judge's error.

- (c) Fredrickson v. Schulze, 416 S.C. 141 785 S.E.2d 392 (Ct. App. 2016): In this published opinion, the Court of Appeals affirmed my identification, valuation and apportionment of a relatively complex marital estate in a case that involved considerable transmutation issues. The Court also affirmed my denial of the husband's request for attorney's fees.
 - (d) Turner v. Thomas, 431 S.C. 527; 848 S.E. 2d 104 (Ct. App. 2020): A protracted three-way child custody dispute between a grandmother, a grandfather, and a quasi-stepfather culminated in a three-day trial featuring seventeen witnesses and sixty exhibits. In my final order, I granted custody to the grandmother and established a visitation plan for the other two litigants. The Court of Appeals affirmed my decision, agreeing with my findings that (1) the quasi-stepfather had standing to pursue custody or visitation as the child's "psychological parent;" (2) that the child's best interest would be served in the custody of the grandmother; and (3) that I properly apportioned responsibility for the attorney's fees and guardian ad litem's fees.
 - (e) Swicegood v. Thompson, 435 S.C. 63, 865 S. E. 2d 775 (2021): In 2014, I dismissed for want of subject matter jurisdiction an action brought by a female alleging to have established a common law marriage with another female. While the appeal of my order was pending, the Supreme Court of the United States held "that same-sex couples may exercise the right to marry." *Obergefell v. Hodges*, 135 S. Ct. 2584, 2599 (2015). Consequently, the Court of Appeals remanded the case back to me "to consider the implications of *Obergefell* on its subject matter jurisdiction." (See Swicegood v. Thompson, 2016-UP-013). In my Order on Remand, I reaffirmed my previous dismissal of the case, finding that under the pertinent facts, *Obergefell* cannot retroactively create a common law marriage between the two litigants. The Court of Appeals affirmed my decision (See Swicegood v. Thompson, 431 S.C. 130, 847 S. E. 2d 104 (Ct. App. 2020). Ultimately, the South Carolina Supreme Court affirmed the result, i.e., that no common law marriage was established.
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 Courts of the State of South Carolina, November 16, 1988
 - (b) United State District Court, March 23, 1990
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) While in private practice, I lectured multiple times at the annual family law "Hot Tips" South Carolina Bar seminars, on topics dealing with divorce, alimony, and family court procedure.
 - (b) Since joining the bench, I have participated or offered to participate annually in the summer Judicial Observations Program for law students.

- (c) In 2011, I presented as a guest lecturer at College of Charleston on issues pertaining to South Carolina adoption law.
 - (d) In 2012 and again in 2016, I served as a full-day panelist for a National Business Institute CLE titled "What Family Judges Want You to Know."
 - (e) In 2015, I presented at an orientation/training meeting for attorneys who assist Safe Harbor victim's advocates with hearings for orders of protection from domestic abuse.
 - (f) In 2017, I participated as a panelist at the SC Bar's Family Court Bench Bar CLE on the topic of visitation.
 - (g) In 2017, I participated as a full-day panelist in the NBI CLE, "As Judges See It: Top Mistakes Attorneys Make in Family Court."
 - (h) I have participated multiple times in an annual court-observation/Q&A session for Furman University's Medical Legal Partnership class on the topic of child support collection and enforcement in South Carolina.
 - (i) In 2021, I participated on the Family Court Judges Panel for a CLE sponsored by the Upstate Mediation Center.
 - (j) In 2021, 2022, and 2024, I spoke to lawyers on a variety of family law topics as a panelist at the Greenville Bar's Year-end Review CLE.
 - (k) In 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024, I presented at the Orientation for New Family Court Judges on the topic of private contempt cases.
22. Provide, as a separate attachment, your continuing legal or judicial education report from the past five years.

My Judicial Compliance Reports from April, 2019 through June 30, 2024, 2024 are attached.

23. List all published books and articles you have written and give citations and the dates of publication for each.
- I have not personally written any published books or articles, but I served on the editorial boards of the following two books.
- (a) Marital Litigation in South Carolina: Substantive Law, 3rd Ed. (SC Bar - CLE Division 2001), Roy T. Stuckey, Editorial Board;
 - (b) Marriage and Divorce Law in South Carolina: A Layperson's Guide (SC Bar - CLE Division 2001), Roy T. Stuckey, Editorial Board.
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.)

I am a judge seeking reelection to my present seat.

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.

Immediately prior to my election the Family Court in 2010, I maintained an AV rating by Martindale Hubbell, the publication's highest designation for legal ability and ethics. I was also selected for inclusion in South Carolina Super Lawyers in both years that I was eligible, 2008 and 2009.

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) Greenville County Bar Association
- (b) South Carolina Bar (Family Law Section)
- (c) South Carolina Family Court Judges Association: President (2021-2022); Vice President (2020-2021); Secretary/Treasurer (2019-2020).

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 never 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.

I was qualified and nominated for Seat Six, Family Court, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, but withdrew my candidacy prior to the February, 2009 election. I was qualified and nominated for Seat Three, Family Court, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, but withdrew my candidacy prior to the May, 2008 election.

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

No

31. Are you now an officer or director or involved in the management of any business enterprise? Explain the nature of the business, your duties, and the term of your service.
No
32. Are you now or have you ever been employed as a “lobbyist,” as defined by S.C. Code § 2-17-10(13), or have you acted in the capacity of a “lobbyist’s principal,” as defined by S.C. Code § 2-17-10(14)? If so, give the dates of your employment or activity in such capacity and specify by whom you were directed or employed.
No
33. Provide, as a separate attachment, a complete, current financial net worth statement that itemizes in detail:
- (a) the identity and value of all financial assets held, directly or indirectly, including, but not limited to, bank accounts, real estate, securities, trusts, investments, and other financial holdings; and
 - (b) the identity and amount of each liability owed, directly or indirectly, which is in excess of \$1,000, including, but not limited to, debts, mortgages, loans, and other financial obligations.

(A net worth statement form is provided with this questionnaire and you must use this format for submission of your financial statement.)

A complete, current financial declaration 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;
None
- (b) nature and value of any public improvements;

None

- (c) South Carolina state or local public agency which purchased or is leasing or renting such property.

None

Attach a copy of any contract or agreement.

NA

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.

Abbvie, Advanced Micro Devices, Air Products & Chemicals, AirBNB, Costco, Apple, Allstate, Alphabet, Amazon, American Express, Analog Devices, Bank of America, Best Buy, Broadcom, Chubb Ltd., CME Group, Coca-Cola, Comcast, Darden Restaurants, Devon Energy, Dexcom, Diamond Energy, Eaton, Editas, Fiserve, Halliburton, Home Depot, Intercontinental Exchange, Iqvia, Johnson Controls, Johnson & Johnson, JP Morgan Chase, L3Harris Technologies, Lauder Estee, Marathon Pete, Medtronic, Meta Platforms, Microsoft, Motorola, Nextera Energy, Nvidia, NXP Semiconductors, Nike, Pepsico, Proctor & Gamble, Public SVC Enterprise, S&P Global, Salesforce, Southern First Bancshares, Steris PLC, TJX Companies, Tesla, Trane Technologies, Union Pacific, UnitedHealth Group, Valero, Vanguard, Verizon, Visa, Walmart, Walt Disney

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.

From 2002 until 2005, I practiced with attorneys Tommy Hodges and Ann Coleman in a limited liability corporation (LLC) known as Robertson, Hodges, and Coleman, LLC. At some point, Ms. Coleman unilaterally entered the LLC into a yellow pages contract with BellSouth to advertise her private adoption services in the state of Georgia. Ms. Coleman left the firm in 2005 without ever informing us of the debt and without satisfying it. In 2007, BellSouth Advertising & Publishing Corporation filed suit in the DeKalb County, Georgia against Robertson and Hodges, LLC, f/k/a Robertson, Hodges and Coleman, LLC, seeking the contractual balance owed. Promptly after receiving the lawsuit, Robertson & Hodges, LLC satisfied the debt using funds provided by Ms. Coleman, and BellSouth dismissed the case with prejudice.

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.

NA

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

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) Brice Garrett, [Redacted]

(b) Art Seaver, [Redacted]

(c) Max Metcalf, [Redacted]

(d) Ryan Beasley, [Redacted]

(e) Beth McMillan, [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 a member but do not actively participate.

If so, please list the account names for each account and the relevant platform.
Facebook [Redacted]Instagram [Redacted]X [Redacted]

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

I do not post on these accounts but simply view them from time to time. I maintain the highest privacy settings. I do not "friend" or "follow" attorneys who appear in Family Court nor parties involved in Family Court actions unless my relationship is such that I must recuse even without social media connections. By holding to these standards, my use of social media has no impact on my ability to perform my judicial duties.

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.

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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.

Now serving my fifteenth year as a Family Court Judge, I take great pride in the confidence and respect afforded to me by my esteemed colleagues on the Family Court. During the current term, I was elected by my peers as an officer of our Family Court Judges association, ultimately serving as the group's president; I began presenting annually at the Orientation School for New Family Court Judges; and I accepted a request to join Judge Tim Madden in taking over the Family Court Judge's Toolkit, a comprehensive software resource package widely utilized by the South Carolina Family Court bench. I routinely receive emails and phone calls from my fellow judges asking me for guidance or sample orders. Through hard work and a commitment to doing things the right way, I have positioned myself moving forward to act as a mentor or role model to my more recently elected brothers and sisters on the Family Court bench.

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: _____