

UNITED STATES SENATE
COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR JUDICIAL NOMINEES

PUBLIC

1. **Name**: State full name (include any former names used).

Joseph Dawson, III

2. **Position**: State the position for which you have been nominated.

United States District Judge for the District of South Carolina

3. **Address**: List current office address. If city and state of residence differs from your place of employment, please list the city and state where you currently reside.

Charleston County Attorney's Office
4045 Bridge View Drive, Suite B314
North Charleston, South Carolina 29405

Joseph Dawson, III, Attorney at Law
Post Office Box 41367
North Charleston, South Carolina 29423

4. **Birthplace**: State year and place of birth.

1970; Fort Jackson, South Carolina

5. **Education**: List in reverse chronological order each college, law school, or any other institution of higher education attended and indicate for each the dates of attendance, whether a degree was received, and the date each degree was received.

1994 – 1997, University of South Carolina School of Law; J.D., 1997

1988 – 1991, The Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina; B.A., 1991

6. **Employment Record**: List in reverse chronological order all governmental agencies, business or professional corporations, companies, firms, or other enterprises, partnerships, institutions or organizations, non-profit or otherwise, with which you have been affiliated as an officer, director, partner, proprietor, or employee since graduation from college, whether or not you received payment for your services. Include the name and address of the employer and job title or description.

2019 – present

South Carolina Judicial Department
1220 Senate Street, Suite 101
Columbia, South Carolina 29201
Board of Law Examiners

2001 – present
Joseph Dawson, III, Attorney at Law
Post Office Box 41367
North Charleston, South Carolina 29423
Part-Time Solo Practitioner

1996 – present
County of Charleston, South Carolina
Charleston County Attorney's Office
4045 Bridge View Drive, Suite B314
North Charleston, South Carolina 29405
County Attorney (2001 – present)
Deputy County Attorney (2000 – 2001)
Assistant County Attorney (1997 – 2000)
Law Clerk (Summer 1997)
Law Clerk (Summer 1996)

2009
United States Army Reserve
1 Reserve Way
Saint Louis, Missouri 63132
Judge Advocate General

1999 – 2009
South Carolina Army National Guard
Joint Forces Headquarters
1 National Guard Road
Columbia, South Carolina 29201
Judge Advocate General

Summer 1995
South Carolina Attorney General's Office
1000 Assembly Street, Room 519
Columbia, South Carolina 29201
Law Clerk

1991 – 1994
County of Charleston, South Carolina
4045 Bridge View Drive
North Charleston, South Carolina 29405
Project Analyst (1992 – 1994)

Management Intern (1991 – 1992)

1991

Andrew J. Savage, III, Attorney at Law (now Savage Law Firm)

15 Prioleau Street

Charleston, South Carolina 29401

Runner/Intern

7. **Military Service and Draft Status:** Identify any service in the U.S. Military, including dates of service, branch of service, rank or rate, serial number (if different from social security number) and type of discharge received, and whether you have registered for selective service.

2009, United States Army, Reserve Control Group (Individual Ready Reserve), Captain, Honorable Discharge.

1999 – 2009, South Carolina Army National Guard, Judge Advocate General's Corps, Captain.

I registered for the selective service upon turning 18.

8. **Honors and Awards:** List any scholarships, fellowships, honorary degrees, academic or professional honors, honorary society memberships, military awards, and any other special recognition for outstanding service or achievement.

Military Awards

Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal

Army Service Ribbon

South Carolina Palmetto Service Ribbon

9. **Bar Associations:** List all bar associations or legal or judicial-related committees, selection panels or conferences of which you are or have been a member, and give the titles and dates of any offices which you have held in such groups.

American Bar Association (1999 – 2007)

International Municipal Lawyers Association (2011 – 2020)

South Carolina Association of Counties County Attorneys (1998 – present)

South Carolina Bar (1997 – present)

South Carolina Board of Law Examiners (2019 – present)

10. **Bar and Court Admission:**

- a. List the date(s) you were admitted to the bar of any state and any lapses in membership. Please explain the reason for any lapse in membership.

South Carolina, 1997

There have been no lapses in membership.

- b. List all courts in which you have been admitted to practice, including dates of admission and any lapses in membership. Please explain the reason for any lapse in membership. Give the same information for administrative bodies that require special admission to practice.

Supreme Court of the United States, 2003

United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, 1999

United States District Court for the District of South Carolina, 1998

Supreme Court of South Carolina, 1997

There have been no lapses in membership.

11. **Memberships:**

- a. List all professional, business, fraternal, scholarly, civic, charitable, or other organizations, other than those listed in response to Questions 9 or 10 to which you belong, or to which you have belonged, since graduation from law school. Provide dates of membership or participation, and indicate any office you held. Include clubs, working groups, advisory or editorial boards, panels, committees, conferences, or publications.

The Harbour Club, Member (2003 – present)

Coosaw Creek Country Club, Golf Member (2005 – present)

- b. The American Bar Association's Commentary to its Code of Judicial Conduct states that it is inappropriate for a judge to hold membership in any organization that invidiously discriminates on the basis of race, sex, or religion, or national origin. Indicate whether any of these organizations listed in response to 11a above currently discriminate or formerly discriminated on the basis of race, sex, religion or national origin either through formal membership requirements or the practical implementation of membership policies. If so, describe any action you have taken to change these policies and practices.

To the best of my knowledge none of the organizations listed above currently discriminates or formerly discriminated on the basis of race, sex, religion, or national origin, either through formal membership requirements or the practical implementation of membership policies. The Harbour Club was founded in 1994,

and the Coosaw Creek Country Club was founded in 1991.

12. **Published Writings and Public Statements:**

- a. List the titles, publishers, and dates of books, articles, reports, letters to the editor, editorial pieces, or other published material you have written or edited, including material published only on the Internet. Supply four (4) copies of all published material to the Committee.

I am not aware of any materials responsive to this request.

- b. Supply four (4) copies of any reports, memoranda or policy statements you prepared or contributed in the preparation of on behalf of any bar association, committee, conference, or organization of which you were or are a member. If you do not have a copy of a report, memorandum or policy statement, give the name and address of the organization that issued it, the date of the document, and a summary of its subject matter.

I am not aware of any materials responsive to this request.

- c. Supply four (4) copies of any testimony, official statements or other communications relating, in whole or in part, to matters of public policy or legal interpretation, that you have issued or provided or that others presented on your behalf to public bodies or public officials.

As County Attorney for the County of Charleston, I have regularly attended meetings of Charleston County Council and Council committees since 2001. These meetings have generally occurred at least four times per month (excluding the summer) with additional meetings held as needed. During closed sessions of these meetings, Council regularly asked me to provide legal opinions concerning confidential legal matters. Those closed proceedings were not open to the public, in accordance with provisions of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act. I have also regularly attended the open session of meetings of Charleston County Council and Council committees at which I made occasional comments and for which minutes were prepared. The minutes of the open meetings are available back to 2009 at <https://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/county-council/index.php>, for which the links below are responsive to the requests herein. Video recordings of these meetings are also available at <https://video.ibm.com/channel/charleston-county-government>.

September 3, 2020: County Council Officer, Charleston County Council, Charleston, South Carolina. I advised Charleston County Council regarding provisions of the Emergency Ordinance to Require Face Coverings. Meeting minutes at <https://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/county-council/minutes/2020/09-03-20.pdf>.

August 6, 2020: County Council Officer, Charleston County Council, Charleston, South Carolina. I advised Charleston County Council regarding the county's legal position on restrictions imposed by cities on beach access. Meeting minutes are at <https://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/county-council/minutes/2020/08-06-20.pdf> and video recording at <https://video.ibm.com/recorded/127522055>

July 2, 2020: County Council Officer, Charleston County Council, Charleston, South Carolina. I advised Charleston County Council regarding provisions of the Emergency Ordinance to Require Face Coverings. Meeting minutes at <https://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/county-council/minutes/2020/7-2-2020.pdf> and video recording at <https://video.ibm.com/recorded/127113130>.

June 11, 2020: County Council Officer, Charleston County Council, Charleston, South Carolina. I advised Charleston County Council regarding provisions of the state of emergency ordinance. Meeting minutes at <https://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/county-council/minutes/2020/06-11-20.pdf>.

June 1, 2020: County Council Officer, Charleston County Council, Charleston, South Carolina. I advised Charleston County Council regarding the adoption of a curfew ordinance. Meeting minutes at <https://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/county-council/minutes/2020/06-01-20.pdf>.

May 28, 2020: County Council Officer, Charleston County Council Finance Committee, Charleston, South Carolina. I advised the Charleston County Finance Committee regarding the state of emergency ordinance. Meeting minutes at <https://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/county-council/committee-minutes/Finance/05-28-20.pdf>.

April 2, 2020: County Council Officer, Charleston County Council Finance Committee, Charleston, South Carolina. I advised the Charleston County Finance Committee regarding the state of emergency ordinance, meeting minutes at <https://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/county-council/committee-minutes/Finance/04-02-2020-Finance-Minutes.pdf>.

April 30, 2020: County Council Officer, Charleston County Council, Charleston, South Carolina. I advised the Charleston County Finance Committee regarding the state of emergency ordinance. Meeting minutes at <https://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/county-council/committee-minutes/Finance/04-30-2020-Finance-Minutes.pdf>.

March 17, 2020: County Council Officer, Charleston County Council, Charleston, South Carolina. I advised Charleston County Council regarding provisions of the state of emergency ordinance. Meeting minutes at <https://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/county-council/minutes/2020/03-17-20.pdf>.

January 21, 2020: County Council Officer, Charleston County Council,

Charleston, South Carolina. I advised Charleston County Council on matters of parliamentary procedures. Meeting minutes at <https://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/county-council/minutes/2020/01-21-20.pdf>.

November 21, 2019: County Council Officer, Charleston County Council, Charleston, South Carolina. I advised Charleston County Council regarding maintenance agreement for a cemetery. Meeting minutes at <https://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/county-council/minutes/2019/11-21-19.pdf>.

November 21, 2019: County Council Officer, Charleston County Council Finance Committee, Charleston, South Carolina. I advised the Charleston County Finance Committee regarding maintenance agreement for a cemetery. Meeting minutes at <https://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/county-council/committee-minutes/Finance/11-21-2019-Finance-Minutes.pdf>.

September 12, 2019: County Council Officer, Charleston County Council, Charleston, South Carolina. I advised Charleston County Council on the creation of a waste water ordinance. Meeting minutes at <https://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/county-council/minutes/2019/09-12-19.pdf>.

July 30, 2019: County Council Officer, Charleston County Council, Charleston, South Carolina. County Staff made a presentation to the Charleston County Finance Committee regarding redesigns for a new Materials Recovery Facility. A full recording of the presentation is available at <https://video.ibm.com/recorded/123373746>.

June 25, 2019: County Council Officer, Charleston County Council, Charleston, South Carolina. I advised Charleston County Council on matters of parliamentary procedures. Meeting minutes at <https://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/county-council/minutes/2019/06-25-19.pdf>.

June 4, 2019: County Council Officer, Charleston County Council, Charleston, South Carolina. I advised Charleston County Council on matters of parliamentary procedures. Meeting minutes at <https://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/county-council/minutes/2019/06-04-19.pdf>.

May 30, 2019: County Council Officer, Charleston County Council, Charleston, South Carolina. I advised Charleston County Council on the authority of the Greenbelt Advisory Board and parliamentary procedures. Meeting minutes at <https://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/county-council/minutes/2019/05-30-19.pdf>.

May 2, 2019: County Council Officer, Charleston County Council, Charleston, South Carolina. I advised the Charleston County Planning and Public Works Committee on the procedures for road abandonments. Meeting minutes at <https://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/county-council/committee->

minutes/Planning-Public-Works/05-02-2019-PPW-Minutes.pdf.

April 23, 2019: County Council Officer, Charleston County Council, Charleston, South Carolina. I advised Charleston County Council on the creation of a waste water ordinance and matters of parliamentary procedures, meeting minutes at <https://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/county-council/minutes/2019/04-23-19.pdf>.

April 18, 2019: County Council Officer, Charleston County Council Finance Committee, Charleston, South Carolina. I advised the Charleston County Finance Committee regarding matters of parliamentary procedure. Meeting minutes at <https://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/county-council/committee-minutes/Finance/04-18-2019-Finance-Minutes.pdf>.

April 3, 2019: County Council Officer, South Carolina Joint Bond Review Committee, Special Subcommittee, Columbia, South Carolina. I participated in a joint presentation on behalf of the County of Charleston to the South Carolina Joint Bond Review Committee, Special Subcommittee regarding the County's funding commitment for the Interstate 526/Mark Clark Extension Project. A full recording of the presentation is available at <https://www.scstatehouse.gov/video/archives.php?key=9409&part=1>.

March 21, 2019: County Council Officer, Charleston County Council, Charleston, South Carolina. I advised Charleston County Council regarding the participation of Council members at Library Board meetings. Meeting minutes at <https://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/county-council/minutes/2019/03-21-19.pdf>.

March 7, 2019: County Council Officer, Charleston County Council Finance Committee, Charleston, South Carolina. I advised the Charleston County Finance Committee regarding a procurement matter. Meeting minutes at <https://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/county-council/committee-minutes/Finance/03-07-2019-Finance-Minutes.pdf>.

December 6, 2018: County Council Officer, Charleston County Council Finance Committee, Charleston, South Carolina. I advised the Charleston County Finance Committee regarding parliamentary procedures. Meeting minutes at <https://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/county-council/committee-minutes/Finance/12-06-2018-Finance-Minutes.pdf>.

November 27, 2018: County Council Officer, Charleston County Council Finance Committee, Charleston, South Carolina. I advised the Charleston County Finance Committee regarding the composition of the Accommodations Tax Committee. Meeting minutes at <https://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/county-council/committee-minutes/Finance/11-27-2018-Finance-Minutes.pdf>.

September 25, 2018: County Council Officer, Charleston County Council,

Charleston, South Carolina. I advised Charleston County Council on matters of parliamentary procedures. Meeting minutes at <https://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/county-council/minutes/2018/09-25-18.pdf>.

August 16, 2018: County Council Officer, Charleston County Council, Charleston, South Carolina. I advised the Charleston County Finance Committee regarding contract negotiations on a Greenbelt project. Meeting minutes at <https://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/county-council/committee-minutes/Finance/08-16-2018-Finance-Minutes.pdf>.

May 31, 2018: County Council Officer, Charleston County Council Planning and Public Works Committee, Charleston, South Carolina. I advised the Charleston County Planning and Public Works Committee on the scope of the Historic Preservation Ordinance. Meeting minutes at <https://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/county-council/committee-minutes/Planning-Public-Works/05-31-2018-PPW-Minutes.pdf>.

May 31, 2018: County Council Officer, Charleston County Council Finance Committee, Charleston, South Carolina. I advised the Charleston County Finance Committee regarding parliamentary procedures. Meeting minutes at <https://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/county-council/committee-minutes/Finance/05-31-2018-Finance-Minutes.pdf>.

April 19, 2018: County Council Officer, Charleston County Council Finance Committee, Charleston, South Carolina. I advised the Charleston County Finance Committee on the Business Inclusion Pilot Program. Meeting minutes at <https://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/county-council/committee-minutes/Finance/04-19-2018-Finance-Minutes.pdf>.

September 26, 2017: County Council Officer, Charleston County Council, Charleston, South Carolina. I advised Charleston County Council regarding the expenditure of general obligation bonds. Meeting minutes at <https://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/county-council/minutes/2017/9-26-17.pdf>.

July 21, 2016: County Council Officer, Charleston County Council, Charleston, South Carolina. I advised Charleston County Council on the wording of a sales tax ballot question and ordinance. Meeting minutes at <https://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/county-council/minutes/2016/07-21-16.pdf>.

June 21, 2016: County Council Officer, Charleston County Council, Charleston, South Carolina. I advised Charleston County Council regarding a rezoning matter. Meeting minutes at <https://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/county-council/minutes/2016/06-21-16.pdf>.

November 19, 2015: County Council Officer, Charleston County Council, Charleston, South Carolina. I advised Charleston County Council regarding

negotiations with a developer for a Community Enhancement Fund. Meeting minutes at <https://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/county-council/minutes/2015/11-19-15.pdf>.

June 16, 2015: County Council Officer, Charleston County Council, Charleston, South Carolina. I advised Charleston County Council regarding State law requirements for adjusting elected officials pay. Meeting minutes at <https://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/county-council/minutes/2015/06-02-15.pdf>.

June 2, 2015: County Council Officer, Charleston County Council, Charleston, South Carolina. I advised Charleston County Council regarding a performance bond for a wastewater treatment facility. Meeting minutes at <https://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/county-council/minutes/2015/06-02-15.pdf>.

October 7, 2014: County Council Officer, Charleston County Council, Charleston, South Carolina. I advised Charleston County Council regarding the status of a nuisance lawsuit. Meeting minutes at <https://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/county-council/minutes/2014/10-07-14.pdf>.

June 17, 2014: County Council Officer, Charleston County Council, Charleston, South Carolina. I advised Charleston County Council on the wording of a library referendum question. Meeting minutes at <https://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/county-council/minutes/2014/06-17-14.pdf>.

February 26, 2013: County Council Officer, Charleston County Council, Charleston, South Carolina. I advised Charleston County Council regarding amendments to the zoning ordinance. Meeting minutes at <https://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/county-council/minutes/2013/02-26-13.pdf>.

August 21, 2012: County Council Officer, Charleston County Council, Charleston, South Carolina. I communicated to Charleston County Council on a matter regarding a proposed Smoking Ordinance. Meeting minutes at <https://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/county-council/minutes/2012/08-21-12.pdf>.

January 5, 2012: County Council Officer, Charleston County Council, Charleston, South Carolina. I advised Charleston County Council regarding a parliamentary matter. Meeting minutes at <https://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/county-council/minutes/2012/01-05-12.pdf>.

December 6, 2011: County Council Officer, Charleston County Council, Charleston, South Carolina. I advised Charleston County Council regarding the use of credit cards to pay taxes. Meeting minutes at <https://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/county-council/minutes/2011/12-06-11.pdf>.

September 27, 2011: County Council Officer, Charleston County Council, Charleston, South Carolina. I communicated with Charleston County Council regarding redistricting criteria. Meeting minutes at <https://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/county-council/minutes/2011/09-27-11.pdf>.

September 13, 2011: County Council Officer, Charleston County Council, Charleston, South Carolina. I advised Charleston County Council regarding a parliamentary matter. Meeting minutes at <https://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/county-council/minutes/2011/09-13-11.pdf>.

September 7, 2010: County Council Officer, Charleston County Council, Charleston, South Carolina. I communicated with Charleston County Council regarding settlement of the Courthouse lawsuit. Meeting minutes at <https://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/county-council/minutes/2010/09-07-10.pdf>.

July 13, 2010: County Council Officer, Charleston County Council, Charleston, South Carolina. I communicated with Charleston County Council regarding Solid Waste program. Meeting minutes at <https://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/county-council/minutes/2010/07-13-10.pdf>.

April 6, 2010: County Council Officer, Charleston County Council, Charleston, South Carolina. I advised Charleston County Council regarding the sale of County property and advised Council regarding a parliamentary matter. Meeting minutes at <https://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/county-council/minutes/2010/04-06-10.pdf>.

February 16, 2010: County Council Officer, Charleston County Council, Charleston, South Carolina. I advised Charleston County Council regarding conflicts of interests for appointments to the Saint Johns Fire District Commission. Meeting minutes at <https://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/county-council/minutes/2010/02-16-10.pdf>.

February 2, 2010: County Council Officer, Charleston County Council, Charleston, South Carolina. I advised Charleston County Council regarding contributions to the Economic Development Fund. Meeting minutes at <https://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/county-council/minutes/2010/02-02-10.pdf>.

November 3, 2009: County Council Officer, Charleston County Council, Charleston, South Carolina. I advised Charleston County Council regarding recommendations for appointment by the Governor to the Disabilities and Special Needs Board. Meeting minutes at https://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/county-council/minutes/2009/11_03_09.pdf.

October 6, 2009: County Council Officer, Charleston County Council, Charleston, South Carolina. I advised Charleston County Council regarding

taxation on boats. Meeting minutes at https://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/county-council/minutes/2009/10_06_09.pdf.

September 1, 2009: County Council Officer, Charleston County Council, Charleston, South Carolina. I advised Charleston County Council regarding Solid Waste Management plan. Meeting minutes at https://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/county-council/minutes/2009/09_01_09.pdf.

June 2, 2009: County Council Officer, Charleston County Council, Charleston, South Carolina. I advised Charleston County Council regarding a parliamentary matter and the disposal of solid waste in Charleston County. Meeting minutes at https://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/county-council/minutes/2009/06_02_09.pdf.

February 17, 2009: County Council Officer, Charleston County Council, Charleston, South Carolina. I advised Charleston County Council regarding legal provisions on applications for appointments. Meeting minutes at https://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/county-council/minutes/2009/02_17_09.pdf.

June 20, 2006: County Council Officer, Charleston County Council, Charleston, South Carolina. I advised Charleston County Council regarding appointments to the Trident Workforce Investment Board. Meeting minutes supplied.

June 6, 2006: County Council Officer, Charleston County Council, Charleston, South Carolina. I advised Charleston County Council regarding amendments to proposed Budget Ordinance. Meeting minutes supplied.

December 20, 2005: County Council Officer, Charleston County Council, Charleston, South Carolina. I advised Charleston County Council regarding appointment to the Parks and Recreation Commission. Meeting minutes supplied.

October 18, 2005: County Council Officer, Charleston County Council, Charleston, South Carolina. I advised Charleston County Council regarding gifts of real property to Charleston County. Meeting minutes supplied.

June 21, 2005: County Council Officer, Charleston County Council, Charleston, South Carolina. I advised Charleston County Council regarding appointments to the South Carolina Coastal Council. Meeting minutes supplied.

May 24, 2005: County Council Officer, Charleston County Council, Charleston, South Carolina. I advised Charleston County Council regarding collection of judgments. Meeting minutes supplied.

February 1, 2005: County Council Officer, Charleston County Council, Charleston, South Carolina. I advised Charleston County Council regarding dual office holding. Meeting minutes supplied.

July 27, 2004: County Council Officer, Charleston County Council, Charleston, South Carolina. I advised Charleston County Council regarding Sales Tax Referendum. Meeting minutes supplied.

June 22, 2004: County Council Officer, Charleston County Council, Charleston, South Carolina. I advised Charleston County Council regarding Sales Tax Referendum. Meeting minutes supplied.

June 1, 2004: County Council Officer, Charleston County Council, Charleston, South Carolina. I advised Charleston County Council regarding a parliamentary matter. Meeting minutes supplied.

February 3, 2004: County Council Officer, Charleston County Council, Charleston, South Carolina. I advised Charleston County Council regarding a parliamentary matter. Meeting minutes supplied.

December 16, 2003: County Council Officer, Charleston County Council, Charleston, South Carolina. I advised Charleston County Council regarding appointments to the Saint John's Fire District. Meeting minutes supplied.

November 18, 2003: County Council Officer, Charleston County Council, Charleston, South Carolina. I advised Charleston County Council regarding the use of the Capital Improvement Account to pay for radio replacements. Meeting minutes supplied.

January 21, 2003: County Council Officer, Charleston County Council, Charleston, South Carolina. I advised Charleston County Council regarding a user fee appeal. Meeting minutes supplied.

July 2, 2002: County Council Officer, Charleston County Council, Charleston, South Carolina. I advised Charleston County Council regarding the County's compliance with environmental laws and historically significant sites on County property. Meeting minutes supplied.

- d. Supply four (4) copies, transcripts or recordings of all speeches or talks delivered by you, including commencement speeches, remarks, lectures, panel discussions, conferences, political speeches, and question-and-answer sessions. Include the date and place where they were delivered, and readily available press reports about the speech or talk. If you do not have a copy of the speech or a transcript or recording of your remarks, give the name and address of the group before whom the speech was given, the date of the speech, and a summary of its subject matter. If you did not speak from a prepared text, furnish a copy of any outline or notes from which you spoke.

August 28, 2019: Panelist, "Contracting at a Tipping Point," Resource Recycling

Conference and Trade Show, New Orleans, Louisiana. I have no notes, transcripts, or recordings of this program. I discussed contracting with local governments from the government's perspective. The address of the Resource Recycling Conference is Post Office Box 42270, Portland, Oregon 97242.

February 17, 2016: Panelist, "Careers for Lawyers with Local Government," Charleston School of Law, Charleston South Carolina. I have no notes, transcripts, or recordings. The address of the Charleston School of Law is 81 Mary Street, Charleston, South Carolina 29403.

June 2010 (estimated): Speaker, Fort Dorchester High School Baccalaureate Service, Old Fort Baptist Church, 10505 Dorchester Road, Summerville, South Carolina. I spoke to graduating high school seniors about making decisions. I have no notes, transcript or recording from this event. The address of Fort Dorchester High School is 8500 Patriot Boulevard, North Charleston, South Carolina 29420.

1999 – 2008: Judge Advocate General's Corps Officer, South Carolina Army National Guard, Columbia, South Carolina 29201. I gave annual legal briefings and deployment briefings to soldiers on Wills, Power of Attorneys, the Servicemembers' Civil Relief Act, the Lautenberg Amendment and scams targeting military families. I have no notes, transcripts, or recordings. Press coverage for a briefing given on June 14, 2004 for the local chapter of the Blue Star Mothers and Blue Star Families, which took place at the Lonnie Hamilton III Public Services Building, 4045 Bridge View Dr., North Charleston, is supplied.

- e. List all interviews you have given to newspapers, magazines or other publications, or radio or television stations, providing the dates of these interviews and four (4) copies of the clips or transcripts of these interviews where they are available to you.

I am not aware of any materials responsive to this request.

13. **Judicial Office:** State (chronologically) any judicial offices you have held, including positions as an administrative law judge, whether such position was elected or appointed, and a description of the jurisdiction of each such court.

I have not held judicial office.

- a. Approximately how many cases have you presided over that have gone to verdict or judgment? _____
- i. Of these, approximately what percent were:

jury trials:	_____ %
bench trials:	_____ % [total 100%]

civil proceedings: _____ %
criminal proceedings: _____ % [total 100%]

- b. Provide citations for all opinions you have written, including concurrences and dissents.
 - c. For each of the 10 most significant cases over which you presided, provide: (1) a capsule summary of the nature the case; (2) the outcome of the case; (3) the name and contact information for counsel who had a significant role in the trial of the case; and (3) the citation of the case (if reported) or the docket number and a copy of the opinion or judgment (if not reported).
 - d. For each of the 10 most significant opinions you have written, provide: (1) citations for those decisions that were published; (2) a copy of those decisions that were not published; and (3) the names and contact information for the attorneys who played a significant role in the case.
 - e. Provide a list of all cases in which certiorari was requested or granted.
 - f. Provide a brief summary of and citations for all of your opinions where your decisions were reversed by a reviewing court or where your judgment was affirmed with significant criticism of your substantive or procedural rulings. If any of the opinions listed were not officially reported, provide copies of the opinions.
 - g. Provide a description of the number and percentage of your decisions in which you issued an unpublished opinion and the manner in which those unpublished opinions are filed and/or stored.
 - h. Provide citations for significant opinions on federal or state constitutional issues, together with the citation to appellate court rulings on such opinions. If any of the opinions listed were not officially reported, provide copies of the opinions.
 - i. Provide citations to all cases in which you sat by designation on a federal court of appeals, including a brief summary of any opinions you authored, whether majority, dissenting, or concurring, and any dissenting opinions you joined.
14. **Recusal:** If you are or have been a judge, identify the basis by which you have assessed the necessity or propriety of recusal (If your court employs an "automatic" recusal system by which you may be recused without your knowledge, please include a general description of that system.) Provide a list of any cases, motions or matters that have come before you in which a litigant or party has requested that you recuse yourself due to an asserted conflict of interest or in which you have recused yourself sua sponte. Identify each such case, and for each provide the following information:
- a. whether your recusal was requested by a motion or other suggestion by a litigant or a party to the proceeding or by any other person or interested party; or if you

recused yourself sua sponte;

- b. a brief description of the asserted conflict of interest or other ground for recusal;
- c. the procedure you followed in determining whether or not to recuse yourself;
- d. your reason for recusing or declining to recuse yourself, including any action taken to remove the real, apparent or asserted conflict of interest or to cure any other ground for recusal.

15. **Public Office, Political Activities and Affiliations:**

- a. List chronologically any public offices you have held, other than judicial offices, including the terms of service and whether such positions were elected or appointed. If appointed, please include the name of the individual who appointed you. Also, state chronologically any unsuccessful candidacies you have had for elective office or unsuccessful nominations for appointed office.

Charleston County Attorney (2001 – present), Charleston, South Carolina;
appointed by Charleston County Council

I have had no unsuccessful candidacies for public office or unsuccessful nominations for appointed office.

- b. List all memberships and offices held in and services rendered, whether compensated or not, to any political party or election committee. If you have ever held a position or played a role in a political campaign, identify the particulars of the campaign, including the candidate, dates of the campaign, your title and responsibilities.

I have not been a member of or held any office in any political party or election committee. I have not held a position or played a role in a political campaign.

16. **Legal Career:** Answer each part separately.

- a. Describe chronologically your law practice and legal experience after graduation from law school including:
 - i. whether you served as clerk to a judge, and if so, the name of the judge, the court and the dates of the period you were a clerk;

I have not clerked for a judge.

- ii. whether you practiced alone, and if so, the addresses and dates;

2001 – present

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- iii. the dates, names and addresses of law firms or offices, companies or governmental agencies with which you have been affiliated, and the nature of your affiliation with each.

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2019 – present
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Columbia, South Carolina 29201
Board of Law Examiners

- iv. whether you served as a mediator or arbitrator in alternative dispute resolution proceedings and, if so, a description of the 10 most significant matters with which you were involved in that capacity.

I have not served as a mediator or arbitrator in alternative dispute resolution proceedings.

b. Describe:

- i. the general character of your law practice and indicate by date when its character has changed over the years.

After being admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 1997, I worked as an Assistant County Attorney in the Charleston County (South Carolina) Attorney's Office. As an Assistant County Attorney, I handled criminal prosecutions in magistrate's court and civil litigation. I was promoted to Deputy County Attorney in 2000, where my duties and responsibilities

increased to include staff supervision and case management. In 2001, Charleston County Council appointed me to the position of County Attorney, where I am responsible for managing and overseeing all legal matters for the County of Charleston, South Carolina to include countywide elected and appointed officials. The County has approximately 2,500 employees and a five hundred-million-dollar total annual budget. I supervise staff attorneys, outside counsel, support staff, and a \$1.7 million-dollar operating budget.

- ii. your typical clients and the areas at each period of your legal career, if any, in which you have specialized.

My primary client has been the County of Charleston.

- c. Describe the percentage of your practice that has been in litigation and whether you appeared in court frequently, occasionally, or not at all. If the frequency of your appearances in court varied, describe such variance, providing dates.
 - i. Indicate the percentage of your practice in:
 - 1. federal courts: 10%
 - 2. state courts of record: 65%
 - 3. other courts: 5%
 - 4. administrative agencies: 20%
 - ii. Indicate the percentage of your practice in:
 - 1. civil proceedings: 90%
 - 2. criminal proceedings: 10%
- d. State the number of cases in courts of record, including cases before administrative law judges, you tried to verdict, judgment or final decision (rather than settled), indicating whether you were sole counsel, chief counsel, or associate counsel.

At least 22 trials – 10 as sole counsel or chief counsel; 12 as supervising second chair

- i. What percentage of these trials were:
 - 1. jury: 25%
 - 2. non-jury: 75%
- e. Describe your practice, if any, before the Supreme Court of the United States. Supply four (4) copies of any briefs, amicus or otherwise, and, if applicable, any oral argument transcripts before the Supreme Court in connection with your practice.

None

17. **Litigation:** Describe the ten (10) most significant litigated matters which you personally handled, whether or not you were the attorney of record. Give the citations, if the cases were reported, and the docket number and date if unreported. Give a capsule summary of the substance of each case. Identify the party or parties whom you represented; describe in detail the nature of your participation in the litigation and the final disposition of the case. Also state as to each case:

- a. the date of representation;
- b. the name of the court and the name of the judge or judges before whom the case was litigated; and
- c. the individual name, addresses, and telephone numbers of co-counsel and of principal counsel for each of the other parties.

1. *Charleston Cty. Assessor v. Univ. Ventures, LLC*, 427 S.C. 273, 831 S.E.2d 412 (2019)

I represented the Charleston County Assessor as lead attorney at trial and on appeal before the South Carolina Court of Appeals and the South Carolina Supreme Court. University Ventures LLC constructed a new 115-room Hampton Inn and Suites, and when it received its property tax assessment it challenged whether the County Assessor properly conducted the quadrennial reassessment and whether new improvements should be taxed in the same year. I served as co-counsel at trial, co-drafted the appellate briefs, and argued the case on appeal before the appellate courts. The trial court ruled in favor of University Ventures and on appeal, the South Carolina Court of Appeals reversed the trial court in part and affirmed in part. On Petition for Certiorari, the South Carolina Supreme Court affirmed the Charleston County Assessor's method of valuing the property and reversed the South Carolina Court of Appeals regarding the proper method to conduct a quadrennial reassessment.

Dates of Representation: 2014

Courts and Presiding Judges: South Carolina Administrative Law Court, Hon. Shirley C. Robinson;
South Carolina Court of Appeals, Hon. James E. Lockemy, Hon. Aphrodite K. Konduros, and Hon. Stephanie P. McDonald;
South Carolina Supreme Court Hon. Donald W. Beatty, Hon. John W. Kittredge, Hon. Kaye G. Hearn, Hon. John C. Few, and Hon. George C. James, Jr.

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2. *James Early Trust v. Charleston Cty. Assessor*, 2018 S.C. Unpub. LEXIS 14, 2018 WL 1617720

This case involved a married couple where one spouse was domiciled in South Carolina and the other in a different state. I represented the Charleston County Assessor as lead attorney at trial and on appeal before the South Carolina Supreme Court and on remand to the trial court. The South Carolina spouse applied for a special tax assessment for owner-occupied residence, and the Assessor denied the spouse the special tax assessment because her spouse was domiciled in a different state. The taxpayers challenged the constitutionality of the statute, and the trial court dismissed the action because it lacked subject matter jurisdiction to adjudicate facial challenges to a statute. I co-drafted the briefs and argued the case before the trial court and the South Carolina Supreme Court. The South Carolina Supreme Court reversed the trial court's holding, finding that the challenge was an as applied challenge, rather than a facial challenge to the statute, and remanded the case. On remand, the trial court found in favor of the Assessor that the taxpayers did not qualify for the special tax treatment under South Carolina law, because both spouses were not domiciled in South Carolina.

Dates of Representation: 2015 – 2018

Courts and Presiding Judges: South Carolina Administrative Law Court, Hon. Ralph King Anderson, III;
South Carolina Supreme Court, Hon. Donald W. Beatty, Hon. John W. Kittredge, Hon. Kaye G. Hearn, Hon. John C. Few, and Hon. George C. James, Jr.

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3. *ATC S., Inc. v. Charleston Cty.*, 380 S.C. 191, 669 S.E.2d 337 (2008)

I represented the County of Charleston as lead attorney (at trial and on appeal) with counsel for a local utility, which sought to rezone its property to a Planned Development so that it could expand an existing electrical substation and to construct a cellphone tower on its property. The Plaintiff, a competitor in the cellphone industry, challenged Charleston County Council's rezoning of the property. I co-drafted the briefs and argued the case before the trial court and the South Carolina Supreme Court. The trial court dismissed the action because the Plaintiff lacked standing to challenge the rezoning under South Carolina law. The Plaintiff appealed the trial court's decision and the South Carolina Supreme Court on certiorari affirmed the trial court's ruling to dismiss the case.

Dates of Representation: 2005 – 2008

Courts and Presiding Judges: South Carolina Circuit Court, Hon. R. Markley Dennis, Jr.; South Carolina Supreme Court, Hon. Jean H. Toal, Hon. John H. Waller, Jr., Hon. Donald W. Beatty, Hon. John W. Kittredge, and Hon. Costa M. Pleicones

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4. *Brackenbrook N. Charleston, LP v. Cty. of Charleston*, 360 S.C. 390, 602 S.E.2d 39 (2004)

I represented the County of Charleston as co-lead attorney (at trial and on appeal) in a class action lawsuit brought by several taxpayers in Charleston County seeking a refund of ad valorem property taxes paid as a result of a special tax levy ordinance that was declared void by the South Carolina Supreme Court. I co-drafted the briefs before the trial court and the South Carolina Supreme Court. The trial court entered an order certifying the class and ordering refunds. The County appealed the Order, and the South Carolina Supreme Court reversed the trial court and found that it lacked subject matter jurisdiction to certify the class and award refunds under the South Carolina Revenue Procedures Act.

Dates of Representation: 2002 – 2004

Courts and Presiding Judges: South Carolina Circuit Court, Hon. A. Victor Rawl; South Carolina Supreme Court, Hon. E.C. Burnett, III, Hon. Ernest Kinard, Jr., Hon. John H. Waller, Jr., Hon. James E. Moore, and Hon. Costa M. Pleicones

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5. *Glover v. Cty. of Charleston*, 361 S.C. 634, 606 S.E.2d 773 (2004)

A group of landowners challenged the constitutionality of the County's newly adopted Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance. The landowners claimed that the new zoning deprived them of due process and equal protection. In addition, the landowners claimed the zoning regulations resulted in a taking of their property without just compensation. I served as lead counsel for the County of Charleston. I co-drafted the briefs and argued the motion for summary judgment before the trial court. The trial court granted summary judgment in favor of the County on all of the Plaintiffs' causes of action. I co-drafted the briefs before the South Carolina Supreme Court where it affirmed the trial court's decision.

Dates of Representation: 2000 – 2004

Courts and Presiding Judges: South Carolina Circuit Court, Hon. A. Victor Rawl; South Carolina Supreme Court, Hon. Jean H. Toal, Hon. John H. Waller, Jr., Hon. Costa M. Pleicones, Hon. E.C. Burnett, III, and Hon. James E. Moore

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6. *City of N. Charleston v. Cty. of Charleston*, 363 S.C. 527, 611 S.E.2d 920 (2005)

The City of North Charleston challenged the constitutionality of a state statute implemented by Charleston County which authorized individual counties to provide an exemption that would limit the appreciation of the fair market value of real property by fifteen percent. I served as co-lead counsel representing the County of Charleston. The case was heard in the original jurisdiction of the South Carolina Supreme Court. I managed the litigation, discovery, depositions, and co-drafted the briefs. The South Carolina Supreme Court ruled that the statute was unconstitutional, and the County ordinance was therefore invalid.

Dates of Representation: 2003 – 2005

Court and Presiding Judges: South Carolina Supreme Court, Hon. Jean H. Toal, Hon.

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7. *Charleston Cty. Parents for Pub. Sch., Inc. v. Moseley*, 343 S.C. 509, 541 S.E.2d 533 (2001)

This case involved whether the Charleston County School District had the authority to impose a tax levy in excess of 90 mills to operate the public school system in Charleston County. The Charleston County Auditor questioned the School District's authority to exceed the 90-mill cap. I served as co-counsel on the case brought in the original jurisdiction of the South Carolina Supreme Court. I co-drafted the discovery and the briefs, and co-argued the case before the South Carolina Supreme Court. The South Carolina Supreme Court found that the School District had the authority to unilaterally exceed the 90-mill cap and ordered the Auditor to levy sufficient millage to fund the School District's budget even if it exceeded the cap.

Dates of Representation: 2000 – 2001

Court and Presiding Judges: South Carolina Supreme Court, Hon. Jean H. Toal, Hon. John H. Waller, Jr., Hon. Costa M. Pleicones, Hon. E.C. Burnett, III, and Hon. James E. Moore

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8. *Grand Bees Dev., LLC v. S.C. Dep't of Health & Envtl. Control*, No. 2012-UP-314, 2012 S.C. App. Unpub. LEXIS 403 (Ct. App. May 23, 2012)

The question in this case was whether the Plaintiff, Grand Bees Development LLC, an adjacent property owner to the County's municipal solid waste landfill timely challenged the County's South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control permit to vertically expand its landfill. I served as lead counsel representing the County of Charleston. I co-drafted the trial and appellate briefs and argued the case before the South Carolina Court of Appeals. The South Carolina Court of Appeals affirmed the trial court's dismissal of the action in favor of the County.

Dates of Representation: 2009 – 2012

Court and Presiding Judges: South Carolina Circuit Court, Hon. Roger M. Young; South Carolina Court of Appeals, Hon. James E. Lockemy, Hon. Paula H. Thomas, and Hon. H. Bruce Williams

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9. *Fox v. Moultrie*, 379 S.C. 609, 666 S.E.2d 915 (2008)

The primary question in this case was whether an IRS lien survives a tax sale conducted under South Carolina law. I served as lead counsel for the County of Charleston at trial and on appeal to the South Carolina Supreme Court. I co-drafted briefs and I argued the case before the South Carolina Supreme Court. The South Carolina Supreme Court held that the tax sale was valid, but the IRS lien survived the tax sale; and therefore, the successful bidder acquired the property subject to the IRS lien.

Dates of Representation: 2005 – 2008

Court and Presiding Judges: Master-in-Equity, Hon. Mikell R. Scarborough; South Carolina Supreme Court, Hon. Donald W. Beatty, Hon. John H. Waller, Jr., Hon. Costa M. Pleicones, Hon. James E. Lockemy, and Hon. James E. Moore

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10. *Guardian Tax SC, LLC v. Day et al.*, Civil Action No. 2:18-cv-01686-BHH

This case involved multiple challenges to a Charleston County tax sale by the Plaintiff who as the successful bidder acquired title to a beach front home on the Isle of Palms, South Carolina. The property was purchased subject to a mortgage and an IRS tax lien. I served as lead counsel for the County of Charleston defending the sale and I drafted the briefs in support of the County's motion to dismiss the bidder's claims for damages as a result of purchasing the property subject to liens. The District Court affirmed the tax sale without discharging the IRS liens and granted the County's Motion to Dismiss the County as a defendant in the case.

Dates of Representation: 2018 – present

Court and Presiding Judge: United States District Court, District of South Carolina, Hon. Bruce H. Hendricks

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18. **Legal Activities:** Describe the most significant legal activities you have pursued, including significant litigation which did not progress to trial or legal matters that did not involve litigation. Describe fully the nature of your participation in these activities. List any client(s) or organization(s) for whom you performed lobbying activities and describe the lobbying activities you performed on behalf of such client(s) or organizations(s). (Note: As to any facts requested in this question, please omit any information protected by the attorney-client privilege.)

In addition to the matters described above, I have served as General Counsel to Charleston County since 2001. As County Attorney, Charleston County Council has frequently assigned me to negotiate several large economic development incentives, construction and renovation projects, and privatization initiatives. For example, I worked on financial incentive agreements that relocated the Boeing Company and Mercedes Benz Vans to Charleston County. In addition, I worked on a contract with the South Carolina Department of Transportation and the South Carolina Transportation Infrastructure Bank to construct a \$750 million highway transportation project.

Further, Charleston County Council also assigned me to oversee, provide strategic planning, and to implement various projects, to include but not limited to the resolution of construction defects with the Charleston County Judicial Facility, planning and overseeing the design and construction of a \$66 million consolidated Social Services Campus, and sale of a 400,000 square foot commercial building. In addition, since 2009 Council has tasked me to negotiate contracts and to oversee the planning and development of various aspects of the County's solid waste management program. These assignments have included overseeing the conversion of the County's dual stream recycling system to single-stream, privatization of the Materials Recovery Facility,

privatization of the compost program, the design and construction of a state of the art single stream recycling facility, and the closure of a waste-to-energy facility.

I also serve on the South Carolina Board of Law Examiners.

I have never acted or registered as a lobbyist.

19. **Teaching:** What courses have you taught? For each course, state the title, the institution at which you taught the course, the years in which you taught the course, and describe briefly the subject matter of the course and the major topics taught. If you have a syllabus of each course, provide four (4) copies to the committee.

I have not taught any courses.

20. **Deferred Income/ Future Benefits:** List the sources, amounts and dates of all anticipated receipts from deferred income arrangements, stock, options, uncompleted contracts and other future benefits which you expect to derive from previous business relationships, professional services, firm memberships, former employers, clients or customers. Describe the arrangements you have made to be compensated in the future for any financial or business interest.

None.

21. **Outside Commitments During Court Service:** Do you have any plans, commitments, or agreements to pursue outside employment, with or without compensation, during your service with the court? If so, explain.

I have no plans or commitments, or agreements to pursue outside employment.

22. **Sources of Income:** List sources and amounts of all income received during the calendar year preceding your nomination and for the current calendar year, including all salaries, fees, dividends, interest, gifts, rents, royalties, licensing fees, honoraria, and other items exceeding \$500 or more (if you prefer to do so, copies of the financial disclosure report, required by the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, may be substituted here).

See attached Financial Disclosure Report.

23. **Statement of Net Worth:** Please complete the attached financial net worth statement in detail (add schedules as called for).

See attached Net Worth Statement.

24. **Potential Conflicts of Interest:**

- a. Identify the family members or other persons, parties, categories of litigation, and financial arrangements that are likely to present potential conflicts-of-interest

when you first assume the position to which you have been nominated. Explain how you would address any such conflict if it were to arise.

If confirmed, I will recuse in any litigation where I have ever played a role. I will evaluate recusal in cases involving the County of Charleston. I would also recuse myself in matters involving my family, close friends, and my own financial interests. Lastly, I will evaluate any other real or potential conflict, or relationship that could give rise to appearance of conflict, on a case by case basis and determine appropriate action with the advice of parties and their counsel including recusal where necessary.

- b. Explain how you will resolve any potential conflict of interest, including the procedure you will follow in determining these areas of concern.

If confirmed, I will carefully review and address any real or potential conflicts by reference to 28 U.S.C. § 455, Canon 3 of the Code of Conduct for United States Judges, and any and all other laws, rules, and practices governing such circumstances.

25. **Pro Bono Work:** An ethical consideration under Canon 2 of the American Bar Association's Code of Professional Responsibility calls for "every lawyer, regardless of professional prominence or professional workload, to find some time to participate in serving the disadvantaged." Describe what you have done to fulfill these responsibilities, listing specific instances and the amount of time devoted to each.

During my career as an attorney I have served as guardian ad litem in family court cases, and I have volunteered to draft wills and power of attorneys. I have met with disadvantaged and minority civic and community associations and advised them on land use strategies to better their communities. I continue to serve the community through other community outreach initiatives and through the relationships I have developed with local community leaders.

26. **Selection Process:**

- a. Please describe your experience in the entire judicial selection process, from beginning to end (including the circumstances which led to your nomination and the interviews in which you participated). Is there a selection commission in your jurisdiction to recommend candidates for nomination to the federal courts? If so, please include that process in your description, as well as whether the commission recommended your nomination. List the dates of all interviews or communications you had with the White House staff or the Justice Department regarding this nomination. Do not include any contacts with Federal Bureau of Investigation personnel concerning your nomination.

In early 2020, I expressed an interest in serving as a federal judge to Senator Tim Scott. I received a telephone call on August 7, 2020, from the White House

Counsel's Office asking if I were interested in serving as a District Judge for the District of South Carolina. On August 10, 2020, I interviewed with attorneys from the White House Counsel's Office and the Department of Justice's Office of Legal Policy, and on August 13, 2020, I was contacted by the White House Counsel's Office and informed that I was being considered for a nomination. I have since been in contact with representatives of the Department of Justice and the White House Counsel's Office.

- b. Has anyone involved in the process of selecting you as a judicial nominee discussed with you any currently pending or specific case, legal issue or question in a manner that could reasonably be interpreted as seeking any express or implied assurances concerning your position on such case, issue, or question? If so, explain fully.

No.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

NET WORTH

Provide a complete, current financial net worth statement which itemizes in detail all assets (including bank accounts, real estate, securities, trusts, investments, and other financial holdings) all liabilities (including debts, mortgages, loans, and other financial obligations) of yourself, your spouse, and other immediate members of your household.

ASSETS				LIABILITIES			
Cash on hand and in banks		17	000	Notes payable to banks-secured (auto)		48	512
U.S. Government securities				Notes payable to banks-unsecured			
Listed securities – see schedule		18	408	Notes payable to relatives			
Unlisted securities				Notes payable to others			
Accounts and notes receivable:				Accounts and bills due			
Due from relatives and friends				Unpaid income tax			
Due from others				Other unpaid income and interest			
Doubtful				Real estate mortgages payable – see schedule		415	000
Real estate owned – see schedule		567	000	Chattel mortgages and other liens payable			
Real estate mortgages receivable				Other debts-itemize:			
Autos and other personal property		90	000	– Credit Cards		22	157
Cash value-life insurance							
Other assets itemize:							
				Total Liabilities	1	035	669
				Net Worth		-343	261
Total Assets		692	408	Total Liabilities and Net Worth		692	408
CONTINGENT LIABILITIES				GENERAL INFORMATION			
As endorser, comaker or guarantor – co-signed note for mortgage of church		550	000	Are any assets pledged? (Add schedule)	No		
On leases or contracts				Are you defendant in any suits or legal actions?	No		
Legal Claims				Have you ever taken bankruptcy?	No		
Provision for Federal Income Tax							
Other special debt							

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

NET WORTH SCHEDULES

Listed Securities

AGNC Investment Corp. stock	\$ 6,435
Mobile Telesystems stock	7,124
Transocean Inc. stock	1,724
Duke Energy Corp. stock	1,052
Money Market	836
South Carolina Retirement System	1,237
Total Listed Securities	<u>\$ 18,408</u>

Real Estate Owned

Personal Residence	<u>\$ 567,000</u>
Total Real Estate Owned	<u>\$ 567,000</u>

Real Estate Mortgages Payable

Personal Residence – Mortgage	<u>\$ 415,000</u>
Total Real Estate Mortgages Payable	<u>\$ 415,000</u>

AFFIDAVIT

I, Joseph Dawson III, do swear
that the information provided in this statement is, to the best
of my knowledge, true and accurate.

8 September 2020
(DATE)

Joseph Dawson III
(NAME)



Jacinta M. DeJesus
(NOTARY)