

**JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION  
STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS**

**NOTICE:** Answer each of the questions below or indicate that the question is not applicable. This statement should be returned to the Commission as soon as possible but in any event no later than 12:00 Noon on Thursday, August 8, 2013.

The completion of this form for the *Judicial Merit Selection Commission* does not satisfy the requirements of Section 8-13-910, and candidates should also complete the State Ethics Commission's Statement of Economic Interests Form E5A.2A. S.C. Code Section 8-13-910 requires candidates to file a statement of economic interests with the Chairman of the Senate Ethics Committee and the Chairman of the House of Representatives Ethics Committee.

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

1. Name: Mr. Costa M. Pleicones
  
2. Itemize the income, expenses, fees, payments, or additional benefits exceeding \$500, in the aggregate, received by you or a member of your immediate family from South Carolina state and local entities. List the type, source, and amount or value of the benefit. Be sure to list any expense reimbursement you received separately from your income.
  - (a) \$141,939 - judicial salary & taxable office expenses received
  - (b) \$125,306 - SC JSRS
  - (c) \$1,880 - State tax refund
  - (d) \$170.26 - reimbursement for costs advanced for annual judicial conference
  - (e) \$1,954.65 - travel reimbursements

3. Identify the name of each business with which you are associated which is regulated by a state agency with which you are associated. List each regulated business, your relationship to that business, and the regulatory involvement by your agency with that business.

N/A

4. 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;

N/A

- (b) in which there have been public improvements of \$200 or that adjoins property in which there have been public improvements of \$200; or

N/A

- (c) which was sold, leased, or rented to a state or local public agency in South Carolina.

N/A

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;

N/A

- (b) nature and value of any public improvements; and

N/A

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

N/A

Attach a copy of any contract or agreement.

5. 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.

N/A

6. Identify every business or entity in which you or a member of your immediate family holds or controls, in the aggregate, securities or interests constituting 5% or more of the total issued and outstanding securities and interests which constitute a value of more than \$100,000. Describe the business and your relationship to that business.

N/A

7. Identify by name and address any creditor to whom you or a member of your immediate family owed a debt in excess of \$500 at any time during the prior calendar year. List the original and outstanding amounts, the name and address of the creditor(s), and the rate of interest.

Do not include debt:

- (a) on credit cards or retail installment contracts;

N/A

- (b) promised or loaned by a bank, savings and loan, or other licensed financial institution which loans money in the ordinary course of business and on terms and interest rates generally available to a member of the general public without regard to status as a public official, public member, or public employee; or

N/A

- (c) promised or loaned by a family member not acting as your agent or intermediary to a financial institution.

N/A

8. Identify any lobbyist who is a member of your immediate family or with whom you or a member of your immediate family is associated in business. Describe your relationship to that lobbyist.

My wife holds a small interest (less than 5%) in a partnership known as J. E. Eubanks and Associates, located at 1 Windsor Cove, Suite 305, Columbia, SC 29223. The business performs management, bookkeeping and membership services for a number of state and national trade associations or affinity groups. One of these groups, the South Carolina Defense Trial Lawyers Association, retains a lobbyist independent of the services provided by the company and he is not subject to any control by the company. The lobbyist is Jeffrey N. Thordahl. I met Mr. Thordahl for the first time a few months ago. I am scheduled to appear on a CLE panel with Mr. Thordahl in late July. Other than this neither my wife nor I have any relationship with him.

9. Identify any lobbyist or lobbyist's principal who has purchased goods or services in excess of \$200 from you, a member of your household, or an individual or business with which you are associated. Identify the goods or services purchased, the amount, and the person from whom such goods or services were purchased.

N/A

10. Identify any compensation you received from an individual or business which contracts with a public agency with which you are associated. Disclose the name and address of the contractor, your relationship to such contractor, the agency contracted with, the nature of the contracts, and the amount of compensation you received from the contractor.

N/A

11. Identify all gifts (type or nature of the gift), their value, and the donor's relationship. Specifically, include transportation, lodging, food, and entertainment, given:

(a) as a result of your public position;

Only such as are incident to invitations to Bar related functions such as those disclosed on the Personal Data Questionnaire Addendum, filed herewith, and which are specifically permitted by Rule 501, SCACR, Canon 4D(5)(a) and (b).

(b) by someone seeking a contractual or business relationship with your agency; or

N/A

(c) by a donor whose activities are regulated by your agency and whose gifts to you exceed, in the aggregate, more than \$25 in one day or \$200 during the calendar year.

N/A

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT MY ANSWERS ARE TRUE AND COMPLETE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Investment Accounts-Non Retirement**

	Cash Balance Money Accounts	Pending Activity (Cash/Security)	Priced Investments	Margin Balance	Net Value
CMA 726-18195	\$0.35	\$0.00	\$45,456.72	-	\$119,410.07
Available to Withdraw (Cash)	\$73,953.35				

Total	\$0.35	\$0.00	\$45,456.72	-	\$119,410.07
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<b>My Accounts Total</b>	<b>\$0.35</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$45,456.72</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>\$119,410.07</b>
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- Notices and Disclosures
- Shareholder Notices
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**Link Accounts**

Prior-day close of business Balances Report

The data displayed is for informational purposes only. Your account statement is the official record of your holdings and balances.

Total represents the sum of all cash and cash equivalents including short positions with associated credit balances.

Fixed Annuities are classified as Fixed Income and Variable Annuities are classified as Equities. Life Insurance Products are classified as Other.

Note: Various factors, including unpriced securities and certain adjustments, holdings or activity, may cause report results to differ from actual performance. Report results may also differ from results reported by other Merrill Lynch services. Past performance does not guarantee future results. The Users Guide to Performance Reporting at Merrill Lynch can provide additional information about this report.

Insurance Cash Values and Annuity Contract Values (if applicable) are used to calculate Total. These values are as of Close of Business one business day prior to the 'as of' date shown above. Insurance Cash Values may not reflect immediately available funds due to loan balances and/or policy charges.

Annuity Contract Values may not reflect immediately available funds due to contract charges. Annuities and life insurance products are not held in your account. Their values are listed here for your convenience.

The security price and market value shown is based on the latest available market data, which is delayed at least 20 minutes.

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Investing in securities involves risks, and there is always the potential of losing money when you invest in securities.

**Stocks / Options**

Name/Symbol	Price	Quantity
ALERIAN MLP ETF [AMLP]	4:00 PM \$17.830 -0.010	297.000
ALLIANZ NFJ DIVID INT [NFJ]	4:02 PM \$17.440 +0.060	533.176
BANK OF AMERICA CORP B- [BAC]	4:00 PM \$14.600 +0.080	500.000 M
BB & T CORP B+ [BBT]	4:04 PM \$35.690 +0.090	914.000 M
CISCO SYS INC B+ [CSCO]	4:00 PM \$25.590 -0.080	2,000.000 M
GENERAL ELECTRIC CO A- [GE]	4:00 PM \$24.370 -0.110	1,100.000 M
GREENHAVEN CONTINUOUS CMDTY [GCC]	3:59 PM \$26.020 +0.130	164.000
ISHARES TIPS BOND ETF [TIP]	4:00 PM \$112.870 +0.710	153.000
JPMORGAN CHASE & CO B+ [JPM]	4:01 PM \$55.730 +0.400	342.000 M
SPDR GOLD TR GOLD SHS [GLD]	4:00 PM \$127.960 -0.160	36.000
UTILITIES SEL SECT SPDR FUND [XLU]	4:00 PM \$39.260 -0.290	144.000
VANGUARD REIT ETF [VNQ]	4:00 PM \$69.340 -1.150	162.000

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**Mutual Funds**

Name/Symbol	Net Asset Value	Quant
BLACKROCK GLOBAL ALLOCATION I [MALOX]	6:05 PM \$21.180 -0.010	1,917.316
DELAWARE DIVERSIFIED INC A [DPDFX]	6:05 PM \$8.900 -0.010	1,847.642
FIRST EAGLE GLOBAL I [SGIIX]	6:06 PM \$52.810 -0.060	865.596
FRANKLIN INCOME ADV [FRIAX]	6:05 PM \$2.320 -0.010	7,740.055
IVY ASSET STRATEGY I [IVAEX]	2:00 PM \$28.470 +0.010	252.458
JP MORGAN HIGH YIELD SEL [OHYFX]	6:05 PM \$8.130 -0.050	1,502.412
LOOMIS SAYLES BOND INST [LSBDX]	6:05 PM \$15.050 +0.010	1,260.216
LORD ABBETT SHT DURATION INC C [LDLAX]	6:05 PM \$4.600 -	44,587.404
NATIXIS LOOMIS SAY INV GR BD Y [LSIIX]	6:05 PM \$12.250 +0.010	1,316.480
NEUBERGER BERMAN HI INC BD INS [NHILX]	6:05 PM \$9.480 -0.010	1,218.392
OPPENHEIMER 529 AGE BSD 18YR G [OADDA]	7/30/2013 \$12.850 -	285.917
PRINCIPAL GLB DIVERS INC P [PGDPX]	6:05 PM \$13.930 -0.060	1,583.311
PRINCIPAL PREFERRED SEC A [PPSAX]	6:05 PM \$10.380 -0.030	1,133.108
T ROWE PRICE CAP APPREC FD [PRWCX]	2:00 PM \$25.550 +0.050	2,413.984
TEMPLETON GLOBAL BD FD ADV [TGBAX]	6:06 PM \$12.880 -0.040	686.617

**Total:**

**Government Securities**

Name/Symbol	Price	Quantity /
FINANCING CORP CPN FICO STRIP SER C INT PMT 9.80 2017 N/A / N/A Due : 11/30/2014	7/30/2013 \$99.212 -	2,000.000

**Totals:**

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1. Have you previously filed this form?  Yes  No

2. County of Residence: | R | | C | | H | | L | | A | | N | | D | | | | | | | | | |

3. Name: (Last-First-Middle Initial) | P | | L | | E | | I | | C | | O | | N | | E | | S | | | | | | | | | | C | | O | | S | | T | | A | | | | | | M | | | | |

4. Mailing Address: | ● | ● | ● | | ● | ● | ● | ● | | ● | ● | ● | ● | | ● | ● | ● | ● | | ● | ● | ● | ● | |

City: | C | | O | | L | | U | | M | | B | | I | | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | State: | S | | C |

Zip: | ● | ● | ● | ● | | 5. Phone: | ● | ● | ● | - | ● | ● | ● | - | ● | ● | ● | ● |

\*Status Position, Title, and Agency (If House or Senate, include District #) Term of Office (mo/yr)

6. Current 4 (a) SUPREME COURT, SEAT2, ASSOC. JUSTICE From 8/1/2006 To 7/31/2016

From \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_

7. Sought 4 (b) SUPREME COURT, CHIEF JUSTICE From 8/1/2014 To 7/31/2024

\*Status: 1. Appointed 2. Candidate 3. Employee 4. Elected 5. Employee/Regulated Business Association

8. Date of Hire or Appointment (mo -yr): 7/91

CANDIDATES ONLY

9. Date filed as a candidate (mo/da/yr) 7/8/13

10. Election Date(s) (mo/da/yr) Primary \_\_\_\_\_ General \_\_\_\_\_ Special 1/29/14 (TENTATIVE)

11. NOTE: ALL CANDIDATES MUST ALSO FILE A CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE FORM. A CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE FORM MUST BE FILED AT LEAST FIFTEEN DAYS BEFORE EACH ELECTION, EVEN IF NO MONEY IS RAISED OR SPENT. AN INITIAL REPORT MUST ALSO BE FILED WITHIN TEN DAYS AFTER SPENDING OR RECEIVING \$500, EVEN IF THE MONEY PROVIDED IS SOLELY THE CANDIDATE'S OWN FUNDS. AFTER THE CANDIDATE FILES THE INITIAL FORM, A CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE FORM MUST BE FILED WITHIN 10 DAYS AFTER THE END OF EACH CALENDAR QUARTER. THE QUARTERLY REPORTS MUST BE FILED UNTIL A FINAL REPORT IS FILED (i.e., NO MONEY IN THE CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT AND NO UNPAID DEBTS).

IF THE REPORTS ARE NOT FILED OR IF THE FORMS ARE LATE, A LATE FILING PENALTY, OF \$100 PER DAY, WILL BE LEVIED.

ALL CANDIDATES MUST OPEN A SEPARATE CHECKING OR SAVINGS ACCOUNT, UNLESS THE FILING FEE IS THE ONLY EXPENSE AND IT IS PAID FROM PERSONAL FUNDS.

12. CERTIFICATION: I certify that the contents of this statement are true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that if this statement is not received within 5 days of the deadline, a late filing penalty will be levied.

Date August 6, 2013 Signature [Signature]

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:
 COMPLETE \_\_\_\_\_  INCOMPLETE
 ENTERED \_\_\_\_\_  SCANNED

FAXED COPIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED
The original must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on the date of the established deadline.

NOTE: PLEASE PROVIDE ONE ORIGINAL OF THIS FORM TO THE APPROPRIATE SUPERVISORY OFFICE, AND KEEP A COPY FOR YOURSELF.



**SEC STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS**  
 (ALL RESPONSES MUST BE FOR THE PRIOR CALENDAR YEAR)

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13. INCOME FROM SOUTH CAROLINA GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY (CHECK IF NONE )

Source	Type	Amount/Value
JUDICIAL BRANCH, STATE OF SC	SALARY & EXPENSES	141,939
"	TRAVEL	1,954.65
STATE OF SC	TAX REFUND	1,880.00
JUDICIAL BRANCH	REIMBURSEMENT FOR COSTS ADVANCED	170.26

14. REGULATED BUSINESS ASSOCIATIONS (CHECK IF NONE )

Name of Business	Relationship	Source of Regulatory Involvement

15. REAL OR PERSONAL PROPERTY INTERESTS (CHECK IF NONE )

Description	Value	Location

Nature and Value of Improvements N/A

Nature of Potential Conflict of Interest N/A

Agency Purchasing, Leasing, or Renting the Property\* N/A

\*A copy of the contract, lease, or rental agreement must be attached to this form.

16. BUSINESS INTERESTS (CHECK IF NONE )

Name of Business	Relationship

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17. CREDITORS (CHECK IF NONE )

Name and Address of Creditor	Rate of Interest	Original Amount	Outstanding Amount

18. LOBBYISTS (CHECK IF NONE )

(a) Name of Lobbyist	Relationship or Association
JEFFREY N. THORDAHL	MY WIFE IS A PART-TIME EMPLOYEE AND LESS THAN 5% SHAREHOLDER IN JEEUBANKS AND ASSOCIATES, A MANAGEMENT COMPANY. ONE OF ITS CLIENTS, THE SCDTA EMPLOYE MR. THORDAHL TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, SHE HAS NO RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM OR AUTHORITY OVER HIM.

(b) Name of Lobbyist	Goods/Service Purchased	Amount	Purchased From	Relationship

19. GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS (CHECK IF NONE )

Contractor Name and Address	Relationship	Nature of Business	Amount	Agency

20. GIFTS\* (CHECK IF NONE )

Nature of Gift	Value	Donor	Relationship
TRAVEL & LODGING	869.20	NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF BAR EXAMINERS	PROFESSIONAL
REGISTRATION & LODGING	355.00	SOUTH CAROLINA BAR	PROFESSIONAL
LODGING & REGISTRATION	559.26	SC ASSOC. FOR JUSTICE	PROFESSIONAL
FOOD & LODGING	1,705.65	SC DEFENSE TRIAL ATTY. ASSOC.	PROFESSIONAL

21. MEMBERS OF AND CANDIDATES FOR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ONLY (CHECK IF NONE )

Person Represented	Services Rendered	Nature Contact w/Gov. Agency	Fees Earned

\* ALL FOR ACTIVITIES EXPRESSLY PERMITTED BY JUDICIAL CONDUCT CODE.

REAL ESTATE SCHEDULE

Personal Residence

[REDACTED]

Columbia, SC [REDACTED]

**RULE 501, SCACR, DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2012**

(Please print or type)

1. NAME: PLEICONES, COSTA M.  
(Last) (First) (Middle Initial)

2. COURT: SUPREME COURT

3. OFFICE ADDRESS: 1231 GERVAIS ST.  
COLUMBIA, SC 29201

4. OFFICE TELEPHONE NUMBER: (803) 734-1438

5. **EXEMPTION:** I am exempt from filing a Rule 501, SCACR, Disclosure Statement because:

I am a retired judge subject to recall who by law is not permitted to practice law, but was not assigned to hold court during calendar year 2012.

I am a continuing part-time judge, a periodic part-time judge, or a pro tempore part-time judge.

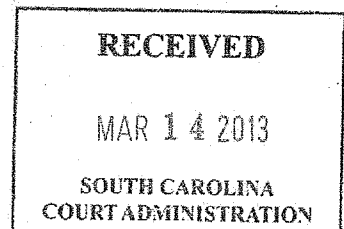
(If exempt, you need not complete Parts 6-8. You must, however, complete Part 9 and file the completed form with Court Administration.)

6. **GIFTS, BEQUESTS, FAVORS AND LOANS \* SEE ATTACHED SHEET**

(a) Have you or a family member residing in your household accepted any gift, bequest, favor or loan under Section 4D(5)(h), Rule 501, SCACR, which has a value exceeding \$150.00 during calendar year 2012?

No. (Skip to Part 7)

Yes. If yes, list all those gifts, bequests, favors or loans (attach a continuation sheet if necessary):



(b) Personally Accepted:

Date Accepted	Nature of Gift, Bequest, Favor, or Loan	Donor	Value
* SEE ATTACHED SHEET			

(c) Accepted by Family Member Residing in the Judge's Household:

Date Accepted	Relationship to Judge	Nature of Gift, Bequest, Favor, or Loan	Donor	Value

7. **EXTRA-JUDICIAL COMPENSATION: Have you received any extra-judicial compensation in calendar year 2012?**

No. (Skip to Part 8) *SEE EXPLANATION ON NEXT PAGE.*

Yes. If yes, list all extra-judicial compensation received (attach a continuation sheet if necessary):

Date	Nature of Compensation	Payor	Amount
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I receive retirement benefits from: the State of South Carolina; the United States Department of Defense; and, the Social Security Administration. While this is income, I do not believe it constitutes compensation, and I report it from an abundance of caution.

**8. FIDUCIARY ACTIVITIES**

(a) Have you served as an executor, administrator or other personal representative, trustee, guardian, conservator, attorney in fact or other fiduciary for an estate, trust or person who is not a member of your family during calendar year 2012?

No: (Skip to Part 8(b))

Yes. If yes, list all such fiduciary activities (attach a continuation sheet if necessary):

Nature of Fiduciary Relationship

Date of Appointment,  
Designation or Agreement

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(b) Have you been a signatory on a joint account with a guardian, conservator, attorney in fact or personal representative who is not a member of your family during calendar year 2012?

No. (Skip to Part 9)

Yes. If yes, provide information on each account (attach a continuation sheet if necessary):

Name and Nature of Account

Co-Signor(s)

Date of Signatory Agreement

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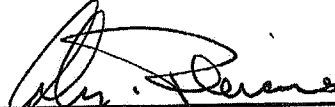
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**9. CERTIFICATION:**

I certify that the contents of this statement are true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Date: 3/13/13 Signature: 

NOTE: This form will be returned to you if all applicable items are not complete or the form is not signed and dated.

Please return this form to the Office of Court Administration. If you need to transmit this form by fax, please use the following address: South Carolina Court Administration (803) 734-0269, Attn. Terry Leverette. **You must follow up the transmittal of a faxed copy by immediately mailing the original, signed copy to South Carolina Court Administration at 1015 Sumter Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Columbia, SC 29201.**

Item 6 (continued)

During 2012, I received reimbursements for or direct provision of food, travel, and lodging from the following sources:

- a) National Conference of Bar Examiners: \$869.20 for travel, meals and lodging at April 2012 conference in Savannah, GA;
- b) South Carolina Association for Justice: \$559.26 for lodging and registration at August 2012 annual convention in Hilton Head, SC; and,
- c) South Carolina Defense Trial Attorneys' Association: \$1,705.65 for meals and lodging at November 2012 annual meeting at Kiawah Island, SC.

I have reported these items from an abundance of caution as I understand many judges report them because of uncertainty as to whether they are so required. I believe they are more aptly covered by Section 4D(5)(a) of Rule 501, SCACR.

I have not reported amounts received as travel reimbursements from the Judicial Department as that does not fall within the ambit of Section 4D(5)(h), Rule 501, SCACR.