



September 22, 2015

Katie R. Philpott
Director of Boards and Commissions
Office of Governor Nikki R. Haley
1205 Pendleton Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

RE: Reappointment to Commission on Indigent Defense

Dear Ms. Philpott:

Please find enclosed my application for re-appointment to the South Carolina Commission on Indigent Defense. Please let me know if you need anything else.

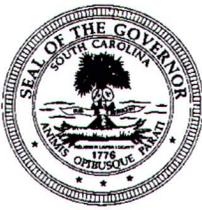
I thank Governor Haley for considering my re-appointment to the Commission and look forward to continued service.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

John S. Nichols

JSN/ms



Office of the Governor
State of South Carolina

Application for Boards, Commissions, and Committees

Your nomination will not be complete until this application is filed. Please return the application to: Office of the Governor, Attn: Katie Philpott, 1205 Pendleton Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29201.

1] Your Name:

Dr./Mr./Mrs./Ms. Nichols John Shannon
Last First Middle

2] Name of Board, Commission, or Committee you are being considered for:

Commission on Indigent Defense

3] Your Current Address, City, Zip Code and County: Your Congressional District: 2nd

1409 Devonshire Drive, Columbia, 29204

Richland County

4] Home Telephone: (803) 400-1930 5] Office Telephone: (803) 779-7599 ext. 115 6] Fax: (803) 771-8097

7] Mobile Telephone: (803) 360-1984 8] Email Address: jsnichols@bntdlaw.com

9] Drivers License # 004906451 10] Social Security #: 251-11-4828

11] Voter Registration # 6 289 635 12] Date of Birth: January 27, 1958

13] Race: Caucasian 14] Sex: Male / Female

15] Level of Educational Background Completed:
Some High School
High School graduate or equivalence (G.E.D.)
Some College
College graduate
Professional degree (please specify) Juris Doctor (Law)

16] Present Employer Bluestein Nichols Thompson & Delgado, LLC

Address PO Box 7965, Columbia, SC 29202

Current Position Partner

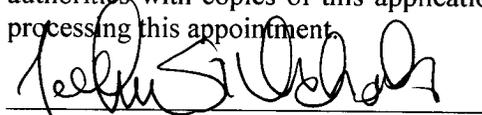
17] Years of residence in South Carolina: 57 years (entire life)

18] Have you ever been arrested for a crime other than a minor traffic violation? Yes. See attached If so, give details.*

- 19] Have you filed state and federal income tax returns for the past five years? Yes If not, give details.*
- 20] Are you or any company in which you have a controlling interest delinquent in any local, state or federal taxes? No If so, give details.*
- 21] Have you ever defaulted on any state or federal student loan? No If so, give details.*
- 22] Have you been treated for any alcohol, drug addiction, or substance abuse for the preceding five years? No
If so, give details.*
- 23] Have you been party (plaintiff or defendant) in any state or federal litigation for the preceding five years? Yes – see attached If so, give details.*
- 24] Have you ever served in the military? No
Were you honorably discharged? N/A If not, give details.*
- 25] Have you ever been terminated from employment for cause? No If so, give details.*
- 26] Have you or any employer in the preceding ten years been investigated, reprimanded, fined, or suspended for doing business with any state or federal agency? No If so, give details.*
- 27] Have you ever been disciplined or fined by the State Ethics Commission? No If so, give details.*
- 28] Have you ever been disciplined or fined by any professional or regulatory agency? No If so, give details.*
- 29] Do you serve on any local or state board, commission, committee, or elected office? Yes – see attached If so, list.*
- 30] Are you a registered lobbyist in the State of South Carolina? No
- 31] Do you or any member of your immediate family receive any income, compensation or benefits from state and local agencies in South Carolina? Yes—see attached so, give details.*
- 32] Do you or any member of your immediate family have any interest in any business that has, is, or will do business with the State of South Carolina or the entity for which you are applying? Yes – see attached If so, give details.*
- 33] Are you or any member of your immediate family associated with any business regulated by the entity to which you are applying? No If yes, give details.*

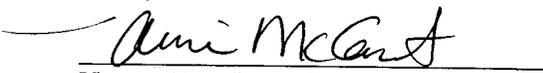
CERTIFICATION OF APPLICANT

Personally appeared before me, the applicant, who being duly sworn, disposed, and says that all his/her statements are true, accurate and complete: and that he/she knows and agrees that any misrepresentation or omission of the facts may result in his/her being disqualified or being discharged should he/she already be appointed by the Governor. He/she authorizes the State Law Enforcement Division to conduct a background investigation including, but not limited to, a criminal history, driving record and credit check. He/she also authorizes the Governor's Office to provide the nominating authorities with copies of this application, the criminal history and credit report and any other information gathered in processing this appointment.



Applicant's Signature

Sworn and subscribed before me this 21 day of September, Two Thousand and Fifteen.



Notary Public for South Carolina

My commission expires 7-19-2022

ADDENDUM TO APPLICATION

**[18] Have you ever been arrested for a crime other than a minor traffic violation? Yes. See attached
If so, give details.***

On March 8, 2002, I was in Atlanta, Georgia, to attend the Southeastern Conference basketball tournament at the Georgia Dome. My parents were scheduled to attend with me but at the last minute could not go. I took their ticket books with me to try to sell them at the tournament. A young lady approached me near the entrance to MARTA and asked me what I wanted for the tickets and I responded "face value." She was an undercover Atlanta police officer and she placed me under arrest for violation of a city ordinance that prohibits the resale of entertainment tickets at any price within 2,300 feet of the venue; I was about 1,000 feet from the Georgia Dome. On April 28, 2011, the City dismissed the charge pursuant to a motion by the city prosecutor. A copy of the disposition is attached.

[23] Have you been a party (plaintiff or defendant) in any state or federal litigation for the preceding five years? Yes

I was a plaintiff in a civil action involving a car wreck that occurred in June 2007. My car was rear-ended by a young lady who was not paying attention. I filed the matter in Lexington County in June 2010 to preserve the statute of limitations but resolved the case at mediation in 2011. I was a party in a divorce proceeding my wife filed in 2013. We have reconciled and the action was dismissed in 2014.

[29] Do you serve on any local or state board, commission, committee, or elected office? Yes

If so, list.*

- A. South Carolina Commission on Indigent Defense since 2012
- B. South Carolina Board of Law Examiners since 1993
- C. South Carolina Bar Professional Responsibility Committee since 2000

[31] Do you or any member of your immediate family receive any income, compensation or benefits from state and local agencies in South Carolina? Yes If so, give details.*

I receive \$9,000 annually in compensation from the South Carolina Judicial Department for my service on the Board of Law Examiners. I receive about \$2,000 annually from the South Carolina Bar as royalty payments for publications I author. I am also currently under contract with the South Carolina House of Representatives as independent counsel to advise individual House members, the House Ethics Committee and the Speaker of the House regarding issues under the South Carolina Ethics in Government Act – the compensation rate is \$300 per hour. I am also assisting the SC Commission on Indigent Defense with several litigation matters at an hourly rate of \$150.

[32] Do you or any member of your immediate family have any interest in any business that has, is, or will do business with the State of South Carolina or the entity for which you are applying?

Yes **If so, give details.***

I have an interest in my business, which is a law firm. One of my partners, John Delgado, receives some income from the Commission on Indigent Defense for work on criminal cases in which he has been appointed as counsel for indigent defendants. I do not receive any direct compensation from the State of South Carolina or the Commission for that work.

My wife is employed with Blue Cross and Blue Shield of South Carolina as a Human Resources Director. Her employer administers the State Health Insurance Plan. She does not have any ownership interest with that company but has been employed there over 20 years and is eligible for a pension. We receive no direct income from any agency of the State for her work.

[37] Do you or any member of your immediate family receive compensation from any individual or business that contracts with the entity for which you are applying? No If yes, please identify *:

- a) the individual or business - Bluestein Nichols Thompson & Delgado
 - b) the amount of compensation paid to you – no direct compensation to me. My law firm receives a percentage of the amount paid to my partner, John Delgado.
 - c) the nature and amount of the contract, - Partner John Delgado has ongoing appointments to represent indigent criminal defendants
 - d) the governmental entity involved. – Commission on Indigent Defense
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- a) the individual or business - Bluestein Nichols Thompson & Delgado
 - b) the amount of compensation paid to you – \$150 per hour.
 - c) the nature and amount of the contract, - representing the Commission in litigation and in a matter before the original jurisdiction of the Supreme Court
 - d) the governmental entity involved. – Commission on Indigent Defense

