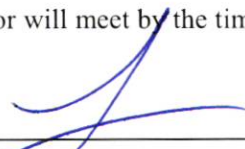
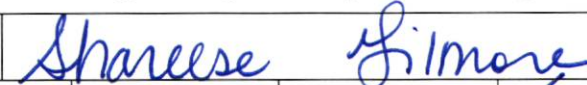


Statement of Intention of Candidacy & Party Pledge

This form must be filed with the appropriate election office by any candidate seeking a political party's nomination. All information on this form will be made available to the public at the time of filing. For more information, visit <https://scvotes.gov/candidates/>.

Name	Lester McGill Bell Jr.			Party	Democratic
Office	Third Judicial Circuit Solicitor			District	
Voter Reg. #	470547199	Primary or Convention Date	June 9, 2026	Election Date	Nov. 3, 2026
<i>Name on ballot may be any combination of a candidate's given name, derivative of the given name, or nickname. A derivative name or nickname must be used in good faith for honest purposes and may not imply professional or social status, an office, or military rank. A nickname may not exceed 15 letters.</i>					
Name on Ballot	Lester M. "Gill" Bell, Jr.				
Name pronunciation, if necessary, for audio ballot (e.g., Jackson Gervais: jur-VAY)					
Candidate Contact Information (address not required to be residence address)					
Address	40 N. Main St.	City	Sumter	Zip	29150
Phone	803-983-0652	Email	gill@bellforsolicitor.com		
Party Pledge (Party Pledge not applicable to designees for the Office of Lieutenant Governor) I hereby file my notice as a candidate for the nomination as <u>Third Judicial Circuit Solicitor</u> in the primary election or convention to be held on <u>June 9, 2026</u> . I affiliate with the <u>South Carolina Democratic</u> Party, and I hereby pledge myself to abide by the results of the primary or convention. I shall not authorize my name to be placed on the general election ballot by petition and will not offer or campaign as a write-in candidate for this office or any other office for which the party has a nominee. I authorize the issuance of an injunction upon ex parte application by the party chairman, as provided by law, should I violate this pledge by offering or campaigning in the ensuing general election for election to this office or any other office for which a nominee has been elected in the party primary election, unless the nominee for the office has become deceased or otherwise disqualified for election in the ensuing general election.					
Candidate's Oath I hereby affirm that I meet, or will meet by the time of the general or special election, or as otherwise required by law, the qualifications for this office.					
Candidate Signature  Date <u>March 16, 2026</u> <i>Candidate must sign in the presence of an Election Official or Notary Public.</i>					
Election Official Signature					
Date Received	<u>3/16/26</u>	Time Received	<u>12:00pm</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SEC <input type="checkbox"/>	County Board
For use if candidate signs in presence of Notary Public					
Name of Notary Public				My Commission Expires	
Signature of Notary Public				Date	