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Richard Mark Gergel is a native of Columbia, South Carolina and is a graduate of the Richland School District No. 1 public schools. He attended New College, Oxford University and Duke University, where he graduated in 1975 summa cum laude. Gergel attended the Duke University School of Law and graduated in 1979. While at Duke Law School, Gergel was a member of the Editorial Board of the Duke Law Journal. He was sworn in as a member of the South Carolina Bar in November 1979, initially practicing with the law firm of Medlock and Davis. He subsequently began his own law firm in 1983 and practiced with the firm, Gergel, Nickles and Solomon, until 2010. Gergel was nominated as a United States District Judge by President Barak Obama in December 2009 and was confirmed by a unanimous vote of the United States Senate on August 5, 2010. Judge Gergel presides in the Charleston Federal Courthouse. Gergel has a long standing interest in the history of his native state and has written books and numerous articles and book chapters on South Carolina history. His latest publication is titled *Unexampled Courage*. He is married to Dr. Belinda Friedman Gergel and they have two sons, Richie and Joseph.