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**M E D I A R E L E A S E**

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 The Judicial Merit Selection Commission is currently accepting applications for the judicial offices listed below. In order to receive application materials, a prospective candidate must notify the Commission in writing of his or her intent to apply. Correspondence and questions may be directed to the Judicial Merit Selection Commission as follows:

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 **The Commission will not accept applications after Noon on Thursday, August 12, 2010.**

 The term of office currently held by the Honorable Paul E. Short, Jr., Judge of the Court of Appeals, Seat 1, will expire June 30, 2011.

 The term of office currently held by the Honorable H. Bruce Williams, Judge of the Court of Appeals, Seat 2, will expire June 30, 2011.

 A vacancy will exist in the office currently held by the Honorable J. Ernest Kinard, Jr., Judge of the Circuit Court, Fifth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1, upon Judge Kinard’s retirement on or before August 31, 2010. The successor will fill the unexpired term of that office, which will expire June 30, 2013.

 A vacancy exists in the office formerly held by the Honorable John C. Few, Judge of the Circuit Court, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 2, upon his election to the Court of Appeals, Chief Judge, Seat 5, February 3, 2010. The successor will fill the unexpired term of that office, which will expire June 30, 2012, and the subsequent full term that will expire June 30, 2018.

 A vacancy exists in the office formerly held by the Honorable F. P. Segars-Andrews, Judge of the Family Court, Ninth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1. The successor will fill the subsequent full term of that office which will expire June 30, 2016.

 The term of office held by the Honorable Patrick R. Watts, Master-in-Equity of Dorchester County, expired June 30, 2010. The successor will fill the subsequent full term of that office, which will expire June 30, 2016.

 For further information about the Judicial Merit Selection Commission and the judicial screening process, you may access the website at <http://www.scstatehouse.gov/html-pages/judmerit.html>