

# Judicial Merit Selection Commission

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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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The Public Hearings for the Judicial Merit Selection Commission have been scheduled to begin Monday, November 18, 2019, with the hearings commencing at 9:00 a.m. regarding the qualifications of the following candidates for judicial positions:

### **Supreme Court**

**Seat 5**

**The Honorable George C. James Jr., Sumter, SC**

### **Court of Appeals**

**Seat 7**

**The Honorable Stephanie Pendarvis McDonald,  
Charleston, SC**

### **Circuit Court**

**At-Large, Seat 11**

**The Honorable Alison Renee Lee, Columbia, SC**

**At-Large, Seat 12**

**The Honorable Thomas A. Russo, Florence, SC**

**At-Large, Seat 13**

**Amanda A. Bailey, Myrtle Beach, SC  
Erin E. Bailey, Mt. Pleasant, SC  
Maryann Blake, Walterboro, SC  
Debbie Chapman, Chapin, SC  
The Honorable Joe M. Crosby, Georgetown, SC  
H. Steven DeBerry IV, Pamplico, SC  
The Honorable Marvin H. Dukes III, Beaufort, SC  
Sanford Cox Graves, Garden City Beach, SC  
Janice Holmes, West Columbia, SC  
B. Alex Hyman, Conway, SC  
Kyliene L. Keesley, West Columbia, SC  
William Vickery Meetze, Marion, SC  
Jane H. Merrill, Greenwood, SC**

**Family Court**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 3**

**W. T. Geddings Jr.**, Manning, SC  
**Ernest Joseph Jarrett**, Kingstree, SC

**4<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 3**

**The Honorable Michael S. Holt**, Hartsville, SC

**5<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 1**

**Blakely Copeland Cahoon**, Columbia, SC  
**Laurel Eden Harvey Hendrick**, Columbia, SC  
**Shawn L. Reeves**, Columbia, SC  
**C. Vance Stricklin Jr.**, Columbia, SC

**6<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 2**

**The Honorable Debra A. Matthews**, Blackstock, SC

**9<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 5**

**Spiros Stavros Ferderigos**, Charleston, SC  
**Kathleen Moraska Ferri**, Charleston, SC  
**Marissa K. Jacobson**, Charleston, SC  
**Julianne M. Stokes**, Charleston, SC

**10<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 3**

**M. Scott McElhannon**, Anderson, SC  
**Brittany Dreher Senerius**, Anderson, SC

**13<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 5**

**The Honorable Tarita A. Dunbar**, Greenville, SC

**14<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 2**

**Jean K. McCormick**, Beaufort, SC  
**The Honorable Douglas L. Novak**, Bluffton, SC

**15<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 3**

**The Honorable Ronald R. Norton**, Murrells Inlet, SC

**At-Large, Seat 1**

**Ashley Phillips Case**, Fountain Inn, SC  
**Martha M. Rivers Davisson**, Aiken, SC  
**Deanne M. Gray**, Summerville, SC  
**Jenny A. Horne**, Summerville, SC  
**Scarlet B. Moore**, Greenville, SC  
**Kimaka (Kim) Nichols-Graham**, Greenville, SC  
**Heather Vry Scalzo**, Greenville, SC  
**Kenneth P. Shabel**, Greenville, SC  
**R. Chadwick (Chad) Smith**, Rock Hill, SC

**Administrative Law Court**

**Seat 3**

**The Honorable Harold W. (Bill) Funderburk Jr.**,  
Camden, SC

**Seat 4**

**The Honorable Deborah Brooks Durden**, Columbia, SC

**Master –in-Equity**  
**Berkeley County**

**The Honorable Dale E. Van Slambrook, Goose Creek, SC**

**Retired**  
**Circuit Court**

**The Honorable Brooks P. Goldsmith, Edisto Island, SC**

Persons desiring to testify at public hearings shall furnish written notarized statements of proposed testimony, in accordance with the Procedural Rules of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission. These statements must be received by **Noon, Monday, November 4, 2019**. The Commission has witness affidavit forms that may be used for proposed testimony. While this form is not mandatory, it will be supplied on request. Statements should be mailed or delivered to the Judicial Merit Selection Commission as follows:

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All testimony, including documents furnished to the Commission, must be submitted under oath. Persons knowingly giving false information, either orally or in writing, shall be subject to penalty.

For further information about the Judicial Merit Selection Commission and the judicial screening process, you may access the website at:

<https://www.scstatehouse.gov/JudicialMeritPage/JMSCMainPage.php>.

Questions concerning the hearing and procedures should be directed to the Commission at (803) 212-6623.