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The Judicial Merit Selection Commission found the following judicial candidates qualified and nominated at the public hearings held November 16-19, 2020:

Court of Appeals

Seat 5, Chief Judge

The Honorable James E. Lockemy, Dillon, SC

Seat 6

The Honorable Aphrodite Konduros, Simpsonville, SC

Seat 8

The Honorable DeAndrea Gist Benjamin, Columbia, SC
The Honorable Deborah Brooks Durden, Columbia, SC
The Honorable Jerry Deese Vinson Jr., Florence, SC

Circuit Court

4th Judicial Circuit, Seat 2

The Honorable Michael S. Holt, Hartsville, SC

9th Judicial Circuit, Seat 3

The Honorable Roger M. Young Sr., North Charleston, SC

13th Judicial Circuit, Seat 3

A. Lance Crick, Greenville, SC
Patrick C. Fant III, Greenville, SC
G. D. Morgan Jr., Greenville, SC

14th Judicial Circuit, Seat 1

Robert Bonds, Walterboro, SC
Tameaka A. Legette, Ruffin, SC

14th Judicial Circuit, Seat 2

The Honorable Carmen Tevis Mullen, Hilton Head, SC

At-Large, Seat 1

The Honorable George M. McFaddin Jr., Gable, SC

At-Large, Seat 2

The Honorable R. Kirk Griffin, Sumter, SC

At-Large, Seat 3	The Honorable Clifton Newman, Columbia, SC
At-Large, Seat 4	The Honorable Edward Walter “Ned” Miller, Greenville, SC
At-Large, Seat 5	The Honorable J. Mark Hayes II, Spartanburg, SC
At-Large, Seat 6	The Honorable William Henry Seals Jr., Marion, SC
At-Large, Seat 10	The Honorable Jocelyn Newman, Columbia, SC
At-Large, Seat 12	H. Steven DeBerry IV, Pamplico, SC B. Alex Hyman, Conway, SC The Honorable Dale E. Van Slambrook, Goose Creek, SC
<u>Administrative Law Court</u> Seat 3	Stephanie N. Lawrence, Columbia, SC Robert L. Reibold, Columbia, SC Debra Sherman Tedeschi, Columbia, SC

The Judicial Merit Selection Commission found the following judicial candidate qualified:

<u>Retired</u> Circuit Court	The Honorable Robin B. Stilwell, Greer, SC
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The Judicial Merit Selection Commission will hold hearings on Monday, November 30 and Wednesday, December 2, 2020, on the remaining judicial candidates. As a reminder, the record remains open until the final report is issued at 12:00 Noon, Tuesday, January 19, 2021. Accordingly, judicial candidates are not free to seek or accept commitments until that time.

The election is currently scheduled for Noon on Wednesday, February 3, 2021.

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