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The Judicial Merit Selection Commission found the following judicial candidates qualified and nominated at the public hearings held November 19–November 29, 2018:

Family Court

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| 1st Judicial Circuit, Seat 1 | The Honorable Anne Guè Jones, Orangeburg, SC |
| 2nd Judicial Circuit, Seat 2 | The Honorable Angela W. Abstance, Barnwell, SC |
| 3rd Judicial Circuit, Seat 2 | The Honorable Angela R. Taylor, Sumter, SC |
| 3rd Judicial Circuit, Seat 3 | The Honorable Gordon B. Jenkinson, Kingstree, SC |
| 4th Judicial Circuit, Seat 2 | The Honorable Salley Huggins McIntyre, Dillon, SC |
| 5th Judicial Circuit, Seat 2 | The Honorable Michelle M. Hurley, Columbia, SC |
| 5th Judicial Circuit, Seat 3 | The Honorable Michael Scott Rankin, Camden, SC Carrie Hall Tanner, Elgin, SC |
| 6th Judicial Circuit, Seat 1 | The Honorable Coreen B. Khoury, Lancaster, SC |
| 7th Judicial Circuit, Seat 1 | The Honorable Phillip K. Sinclair, Spartanburg, SC |
| 7th Judicial Circuit, Seat 2 | Michael Todd Thigpen, Roebuck, SC |
| 8th Judicial Circuit, Seat 1 | The Honorable Matthew Price Turner, Laurens, SC |
| 8th Judicial Circuit, Seat 3 | The Honorable Joseph C. Smithdeal, Greenwood, SC |

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| 9th Judicial Circuit, Seat 2 | The Honorable Alice Anne Richter , Mount Pleasant, SC |
| 9th Judicial Circuit, Seat 4 | The Honorable Wayne M. Creech , Pinopolis, SC |
| 10th Judicial Circuit, Seat 1 | The Honorable Edgar Henderson Long Jr. , Anderson, SC |
| 11th Judicial Circuit, Seat 2 | The Honorable Huntley S. Crouch , Lexington, SC |
| 11th Judicial Circuit, Seat 3 | The Honorable Robert E. Newton , Lexington, SC |
| 12th Judicial Circuit, Seat 1 | The Honorable Timothy H. Pogue , Marion, SC |
| 12th Judicial Circuit, Seat 2 | The Honorable FitzLee Howard McEachin , Florence, SC |
| 13th Judicial Circuit, Seat 1 | The Honorable Rochelle Y. Conits , Greer, SC |
| 13th Judicial Circuit, Seat 2 | The Honorable W. Marsh Robertson , Greenville, SC |
| 13th Judicial Circuit, Seat 6 | Kimaka (Kim) Nichols-Graham , Greenville, SC The Honorable Jessica Ann Salvini , Greenville, SC |
| 14th Judicial Circuit, Seat 1 | The Honorable Gerald C. Smoak Jr. , Walterboro, SC |
| 14th Judicial Circuit, Seat 3 | The Honorable Deborah Ann Malphrus , Ridgeland, SC |
| 15th Judicial Circuit, Seat 1 | The Honorable Jan B. Bromell Holmes , Georgetown, SC |
| 16th Judicial Circuit, Seat 2 | The Honorable David G. Guyton , Rock Hill, SC |
| At-Large, Seat 2 | The Honorable Tony M. Jones , Rock Hill, SC |
| At-Large, Seat 3 | The Honorable James G. McGee III , Florence, SC |
| At-Large, Seat 5 | The Honorable Randall E. McGee , St. Matthews, SC |
| At-Large, Seat 6 | The Honorable David Earl Phillips , Easley, SC |
| <u>Administrative Law Court</u> | |
| Seat 1 | The Honorable Ralph King (Tripp) Anderson III , Columbia, SC Thomas Rosamond Smith , Columbia, SC |

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

Master-In-Equity

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| Abbeville County | Roy R. Hemphill , Greenwood, SC |
| Aiken County | The Honorable Maurice Anderson Griffith , Aiken, SC |
| Georgetown County | The Honorable Joe M. Crosby , Pawleys Island, SC |
| Kershaw County | The Honorable Jeffrey M. Tzerman , Lugoff, SC |
| Lee County | The Honorable Stephen Bryan Doby , Bishopville, SC |
| Lexington County | The Honorable James Otto Spence , Lexington, SC |
| Sumter County | Michael McKinney Jordan , Sumter, SC A. Paul Weissenstein Jr. , Sumter, SC |

As a reminder, the record remains open until the final report is issued at 12:00 Noon, Tuesday, January 15, 2019. Accordingly, judicial candidates are not free to seek or accept commitments until that time.

The election is currently scheduled for Noon on Wednesday, February 6, 2019.

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