## **Judicial Merit Selection Commission**

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## MEDIA RELEASE

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The Judicial Merit Selection Commission is accepting applications for the judicial offices listed below:

A vacancy will exist in the office currently held by the Honorable Costa M. Pleicones, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, upon his retirement on or before December 31, 2016. The successor will fill the unexpired term, which expires on July 31, 2024.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable John C. Few, Justice of the Supreme Court, Seat 2, will expire July 31, 2016.

A vacancy will exist in the office held by the Honorable John C. Few, Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals, Seat 5, upon his election to the Supreme Court, Seat 2, on February 3, 2016. The successor will fill the unexpired term, which expires on June 30, 2021.

A vacancy exists in the office formerly held by the late Honorable Harry L. "Don" Phillips, Judge of the Family Court, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 3. The current term of that office ends on June 30, 2016, and the successor will serve a new term of that office, which expires on June 30, 2022.

A vacancy will exist in the office currently held by the Honorable Alvin D. Johnson, Judge of the Family Court, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 4, upon his retirement on or before June 30, 2016, which is the end of the term for that office. The successor will serve a new term of that office, which expires on June 30, 2022.

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 should be directed to the Judicial Merit Selection Commission as follows:

Elizabeth H. Brogdon, Chief Counsel Post Office Box 142 Columbia, South Carolina 29202 (803) 212-6629 Lindi Legare, JMSC Administrative Assistant at (803) 212-6623.

## The Commission will not accept applications after 12:00 noon on Monday, March 7, 2016.

For further information about the Judicial Merit Selection Commission and the judicial screening process, you may access the website at <a href="http://www.scstatehouse.gov/JudicialMeritPage/JMSCMainPage.php">http://www.scstatehouse.gov/JudicialMeritPage/JMSCMainPage.php</a>.