## **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 Paul E. Short Jr., Judge of the Court of Appeals, Seat 1, upon his retirement on or before December 31, 2019. The successor will serve the remainder of the unexpired term, which expires June 30, 2023.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable John D. Geathers, Judge of the Court of Appeals, Seat 3, will expire June 30, 2019.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable Paula H. Thomas, Judge of the Court of Appeals, Seat 4, will expire June 30, 2019.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable Deandrea Gist Benjamin, Judge of the Circuit Court, Fifth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1, will expire June 30, 2019.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable J. Derham Cole, Judge of the Circuit Court, Seventh Judicial Circuit, Seat 1, will expire June 30, 2019.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable Deadra L. Jefferson, Judge of the Circuit Court, Ninth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1, will expire June 30, 2019.

A vacancy will exist in the office currently held by the Honorable Kristi Lea Harrington, Judge of the Circuit Court, Ninth Judicial Circuit, Seat 2. The successor will serve the remainder of the unexpired term, which expires June 30, 2024.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable Rivers Lawton McIntosh, Judge of the Circuit Court, Tenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1, will expire June 30, 2019.

Erin B. Crawford, Chief Counsel Emma Dean, Counsel A vacancy will exist in the office currently held by the Honorable R. Markley Dennis Jr., Judge of the Circuit Court, At-Large, Seat 2, upon his retirement on or before December 31, 2019. The successor will serve the remainder of the unexpired term, which expires June 30, 2021.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable R. Keith Kelly, Judge of the Circuit Court, At-Large, Seat 14, will expire June 30, 2019.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable Maite Murphy, Judge of the Circuit Court, At-Large, Seat 15, will expire June 30, 2019.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable Donald Bruce Hocker, Judge of the Circuit Court, At-Large, Seat 16, will expire June 30, 2019.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable Anne Guè Jones, Judge of the Family Court, First Judicial Circuit, Seat 1, will expire June 30, 2019.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable Angela W. Abstance, Judge of the Family Court, Second Judicial Circuit, Seat 2, will expire June 30, 2019.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable Angela R. Taylor, Judge of the Family Court, Third Judicial Circuit, Seat 2, will expire June 30, 2019.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable Gordon B. Jenkinson, Judge of the Family Court, Third Judicial Circuit, Seat 3, will expire June 30, 2019.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable Salley Huggins McIntyre, Judge of the Family Court, Fourth Judicial Circuit, Seat 2, will expire June 30, 2019.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable Michelle Manigault Hurley, Judge of the Family Court, Fifth Judicial Circuit, Seat 2, will expire June 30, 2019.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable Dana A. Morris, Judge of the Family Court, Fifth Judicial Circuit, Seat 3, will expire June 30, 2019.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable Coreen B. Khoury, Judge of the Family Court, Sixth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1, will expire June 30, 2019.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable Phillip K. Sinclair, Judge of the Family Court, Seventh Judicial Circuit, Seat 1, will expire June 30, 2019.

A vacancy will exist in the office currently held by the Honorable James F. Fraley Jr., Judge of the Family Court, Seventh Judicial Circuit, Seat 2, upon his retirement on or before June 30, 2019. The successor will serve a new term of that office, which expires June 30, 2025.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable Matthew Price Turner, Judge of the Family Court, Eighth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1, will expire June 30, 2019.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable Joseph Collins Smithdeal, Judge of the Family Court, Eighth Judicial Circuit, Seat 3, will expire June 30, 2019.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable Alice Anne Richter, Judge of the Family Court, Ninth Judicial Circuit, Seat 2, will expire June 30, 2019.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable Wayne M. Creech, Judge of the Family Court, Ninth Judicial Circuit, Seat 4, will expire June 30, 2019.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable Edgar H. Long, Judge of the Family Court, Tenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1, will expire June 30, 2019.

A vacancy will exist in the office currently held by the Honorable Tommy B. Edwards, Judge of the Family Court, Tenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 3, upon his retirement on or before June 30, 2019. The successor will serve a new term of that office, which expires June 30, 2025.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable Huntley Smith Crouch, Judge of the Family Court, Eleventh Judicial Circuit, Seat 2, will expire June 30, 2019.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable Robert E. Newton, Judge of the Family Court, Eleventh Judicial Circuit, Seat 3, will expire June 30, 2019.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable Timothy H. Pogue, Judge of the Family Court, Twelfth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1, will expire June 30, 2019.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable FitzLee Howard McEachin, Judge of the Family Court, Twelfth Judicial Circuit, Seat 2, will expire June 30, 2019.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable Rochelle Y. Conits, Judge of the Family Court, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1, will expire June 30, 2019.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable William Marsh Robertson, Judge of the Family Court, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 2, will expire June 30, 2019.

A vacancy exists in the office formerly held by the Honorable Alex Kinlaw Jr., Judge of the Family Court, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 6, upon his election to the Circuit Court, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 4. The successor will serve the remainder of the unexpired term, which expires June 30, 2022.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable Gerald Smoak Jr., Judge of the Family Court, Fourteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1, will expire June 30, 2019.

A vacancy will exist in the office currently held by the Honorable Peter L. Fuge, Judge of the Family Court, Fourteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 2, upon his retirement on or before December 31, 2019. The successor will serve the remainder of the unexpired term, which expires June 30, 2022.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable Deborah Ann Malphrus, Judge of the Family Court, Fourteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 3, will expire June 30, 2019.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable Jan B. Bromell Holmes, Judge of the Family Court, Fifteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1, will expire June 30, 2019.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable David Glenn Guyton, Judge of the Family Court, Sixteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 2, will expire June 30, 2019.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable Kelly Pope-Black, Judge of the Family Court, At-Large, Seat 1, will expire June 30, 2019.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable Tony M. Jones, Judge of the Family Court, At-Large, Seat 2, will expire June 30, 2019.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable James G. McGee III, Judge of the Family Court, At-Large, Seat 3, will expire June 30, 2019.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable Monet S. Pincus, Judge of the Family Court, At-Large, Seat 4, will expire June 30, 2019.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable Randall E. McGee, Judge of the Family Court, At-Large, Seat 5, will expire June 30, 2019.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable David E. Phillips, Judge of the Family Court, At-Large, Seat 6, will expire June 30, 2019.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable Ralph King "Tripp" Anderson III, Judge of the Administrative Law Court, Seat 1, will expire June 30, 2019.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable Curtis G. Clark, Master-in-Equity, Abbeville County, Eighth Circuit, will expire June 30, 2019.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable M. Anderson Griffith, Master-in-Equity, Aiken County, Second Circuit, will expire June 30, 2019.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable Joe M. Crosby, Master-in-Equity, Georgetown County, Fifteenth Circuit, will expire January 1, 2019.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable Jeffrey M. Tzerman, Master-in-Equity, Kershaw County, Fifth Circuit, will expire July 1, 2019.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable Stephen B. Doby, Master-in-Equity, Lee County, Third Circuit, will expire December 31, 2019.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable James O. Spence, Master-in-Equity, Lexington County, Eleventh Circuit, will expire January 1, 2019.

A vacancy exists in the office formerly held by the late Honorable Richard L. Booth, Master-in-Equity, Sumter County, Third Circuit. The successor will serve the remainder of the unexpired term, which expires December 31, 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:

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or

Lindi Legare, JMSC Administrative Assistant at (803) 212-6623 or LindiLegare@scsenate.gov.

## The Commission will not accept applications after 12:00 noon on Wednesday, July 25, 2018.

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