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MEDIA RELEASE

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Public Hearings have been scheduled to begin Tuesday, November 5 through Thursday, November 7, 2013, with the hearings commencing at 9 a.m. regarding the qualifications of the following candidates for judicial positions:

<u>Family Court</u> 15th Judicial Circuit, Seat 2

Melissa Johnson Emery, Myrtle Beach, SC Heather Smith von Herrmann, Conway, SC

Persons desiring to testify at public hearings shall furnish written notarized statements of proposed testimony. These statements must be received by <u>Noon, Tuesday, October 22, 2013</u>. 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:

Jane O. Shuler, Chief Counsel, 104 Gressette Building, Post Office Box 142, Columbia, South Carolina, 29202.

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 <u>www.scstatehouse.gov/html-pages/judmerit.html</u>.

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