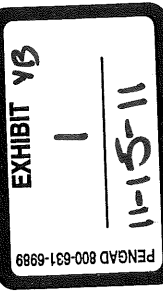


**Citizens Committee Report/S.C. Bar Judicial Qualifications Committee Report**

Court: 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court Seat 2  
 Candidate's Name: Honorable Kristi Lea Harrington  
 Fall Screening: Tuesday, September 20, 2011

	Unqualified	Qualified	Well-Qualified
<p><b>1. <u>Constitutional Qualifications:</u></b> A candidate must meet the constitutional or statutory requirements of citizenship, residence, age, and professional experience.</p>			X
<p><b>2. <u>Ethical Fitness:</u></b> A candidate must have the ability to perform adjudicative duties impartially and to deal with litigants, lawyers, witnesses, and other courtroom participants objectively and without bias. A candidate should have a sense of humor and must exhibit trustworthiness, moral vigor, and strength of character. A candidate's past action and deeds should demonstrate consistent adherence to high ethical principles and his or her reputation should be above reproach. A candidate must also follow campaigning and pledging laws. At a minimum, a sitting judge will be expected to have complied with the Code of Judicial Conduct's requirements to avoid impropriety, the appearance of impropriety, and partiality.</p>			X
<p><b>3. <u>Professional and Academic Ability:</u></b> A candidate is expected to be well-versed in fundamental legal principles and in procedural and evidentiary rules. A candidate must have the ability to communicate in a style that is both lucid and persuasive and must have the intellectual capacity to interpret established legal principles, apply them to specific factual situations, and clearly and logically communicate the reasoning leading up to his or her conclusion. A candidate's academic record, participation in continuing legal education or other seminars, legal writing, and reputation among professional colleagues to evaluate legal knowledge and ability will be reviewed. On the appellate court level, consideration will be given to a candidate's ability to work well with others and to build or reach a consensus when appropriate.</p>			X
<p><b>4. <u>Character:</u></b> The character of a candidate regarding his or her ethical standards, work habits, and financial responsibility, will be reviewed, as well as a thorough investigation of any complaints, grievances, or criminal allegations made against a candidate.</p>			X
<p><b>5. <u>Reputation:</u></b> Consideration of a candidate's background will include the following: 1) the non-legal experience; 2) the candidate's involvement in community affairs, public office, or pro bono work; or 3) the candidate's views on social issues and his or her desire to affect public policy. A review will be undertaken to ensure a candidate has followed the Code of Judicial Conduct's prohibition against certain extra-judicial activities and rules governing the use of judicial office.</p>			X
<p><b>6. <u>Physical Health:</u></b> The demands of the judicial office require a high level of performance, and a candidate must be both mentally and physically capable of performing the duties of the office sought with or without reasonable accommodation for any mental or physical impairment that substantially limits a major life activity.</p>			X
<p><b>7. <u>Mental Stability:</u></b> The demands of the judicial office require a high level of performance, and a candidate must be both mentally and physically capable of performing the duties of the office sought with or without reasonable accommodation for any mental or physical impairment that substantially limits a major life activity.</p>			X



	Unqualified	Qualified	Well-Qualified
<p><b>8. Experience:</b> The extent and variety of a candidate's experience as an attorney or as a judge or both should be considered in light of the nature of the judicial vacancy to be filled.</p>			X
<p><b>9. Judicial Temperament:</b> A candidate's ability to consistently exhibit exemplary judicial temperament will be reviewed. Among the qualities that comprise such a temperament are patience, open-mindedness, courtesy, tact, firmness, understanding, compassion, and humility. Factors that indicate a lack of judicial temperament include arrogance, impatience, pomposity, arbitrariness, and tyranny.</p>			X

**Related Comments:**

1. **Constitutional Qualifications:**

2. **Ethical Fitness:**

3. **Professional and Academic Ability:**

4. **Character:**

5. **Reputation:**

6. **Physical Health:**

7. **Mental Stability**

8. **Experience:**

9. **Judicial Temperament:**

**Summary Statement:** Outstanding candidate. The Committee received very favorable comments on this candidate! Judge Harrington has done an outstanding job for the 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit.

**Mike Hammond**  
Committee Chair's Name

**09-20-11**  
Date

**Candidate's Name: Honorable Kristi Lea Harrington**

**Citizens Committee Report/S.C. Bar Judicial Qualifications Committee Report**

Court: 14<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court Seat 1  
 Candidate's Name: Honorable Perry M. Buckner, III  
 Fall Screening: Tuesday, September 20, 2011

	Unqualified	Qualified	Well-Qualified
<p><b>1. Constitutional Qualifications:</b> A candidate must meet the constitutional or statutory requirements of citizenship, residence, age, and professional experience.</p>			X
<p><b>2. Ethical Fitness:</b> A candidate must have the ability to perform adjudicative duties impartially and to deal with litigants, lawyers, witnesses, and other courtroom participants objectively and without bias. A candidate should have a sense of humor and must exhibit trustworthiness, moral vigor, and strength of character. A candidate's past action and deeds should demonstrate consistent adherence to high ethical principles and his or her reputation should be above reproach. A candidate must also follow campaigning and pledging laws. At a minimum, a sitting judge will be expected to have complied with the Code of Judicial Conduct's requirements to avoid impropriety, the appearance of impropriety, and partiality.</p>			X
<p><b>3. Professional and Academic Ability:</b> A candidate is expected to be well-versed in fundamental legal principles and in procedural and evidentiary rules. A candidate must have the ability to communicate in a style that is both lucid and persuasive and must have the intellectual capacity to interpret established legal principles, apply them to specific factual situations, and clearly and logically communicate the reasoning leading up to his or her conclusion. A candidate's academic record, participation in continuing legal education or other seminars, legal writing, and reputation among professional colleagues to evaluate legal knowledge and ability will be reviewed. On the appellate court level, consideration will be given to a candidate's ability to work well with others and to build or reach a consensus when appropriate.</p>			X
<p><b>4. Character:</b> The character of a candidate regarding his or her ethical standards, work habits, and financial responsibility, will be reviewed, as well as a thorough investigation of any complaints, grievances, or criminal allegations made against a candidate.</p>			X
<p><b>5. Reputation:</b> Consideration of a candidate's background will include the following: 1) the non-legal experience; 2) the candidate's involvement in community affairs, public office, or pro bono work; or 3) the candidate's views on social issues and his or her desire to affect public policy. A review will be undertaken to ensure a candidate has followed the Code of Judicial Conduct's prohibition against certain extra-judicial activities and rules governing the use of judicial office.</p>			X
<p><b>6. Physical Health:</b> The demands of the judicial office require a high level of performance, and a candidate must be both mentally and physically capable of performing the duties of the office sought with or without reasonable accommodation for any mental or physical impairment that substantially limits a major life activity.</p>			X
<p><b>7. Mental Stability:</b> The demands of the judicial office require a high level of performance, and a candidate must be both mentally and physically capable of performing the duties of the office sought with or without reasonable accommodation for any mental or physical impairment that substantially limits a major life activity.</p>			X

	Unqualified	Qualified	Well-Qualified
<p><b>8. Experience:</b> The extent and variety of a candidate's experience as an attorney or as a judge or both should be considered in light of the nature of the judicial vacancy to be filled.</p> <p><b>9. Judicial Temperament:</b> A candidate's ability to consistently exhibit exemplary judicial temperament will be reviewed. Among the qualities that comprise such a temperament are patience, open-mindedness, courtesy, tact, firmness, understanding, compassion, and humility. Factors that indicate a lack of judicial temperament include arrogance, impatience, pomposity, arbitrariness, and tyranny.</p>			X
			X

**Related Comments:**

1. **Constitutional Qualifications:**

2. **Ethical Fitness:**

3. **Professional and Academic Ability:**

4. **Character:**

5. **Reputation:**

6. **Physical Health:**

7. **Mental Stability:**

8. **Experience:**

9. **Judicial Temperament:**

**Summary Statement:** Candidate is highly regarded in the community and well respected as a judge not only in the 14<sup>th</sup> Circuit, but statewide as well.

**Mike Hammond**  
Committee Chair's Name

**09-20-11**  
Date

**Candidate's Name: Honorable Perry M. Buckner, III**



**Citizens Committee Report/S.C. Bar Judicial Qualifications Committee Report**

Court Fifth Judicial Circuit, Seat 3

Candidate's Name: Lisa C. Glover

Fall/Spring Screening 2011 (year)

	Unqualified	Qualified	Well- Qualified
<b>1. Constitutional Qualifications:</b> A candidate must meet the constitutional or statutory requirements of citizenship, residence, age, and professional experience.			X
<b>2. Ethical Fitness:</b> A candidate must have the ability to perform adjudicative duties impartially and to deal with litigants, lawyers, witnesses, and other courtroom participants objectively and without bias. A candidate should have a sense of humor and must exhibit trustworthiness, moral vigor, and strength of character. A candidate's past action and deeds should demonstrate consistent adherence to high ethical principles and his or her reputation should be above reproach. A candidate must also follow campaigning and pledging laws. At a minimum, a sitting judge will be expected to have complied with the Code of Judicial Conduct's requirements to avoid impropriety, the appearance of impropriety, and partiality.			X
<b>3. Professional and Academic Ability:</b> A candidate is expected to be well-versed in fundamental legal principles and in procedural and evidentiary rules. A candidate must have the ability to communicate in a style that is both lucid and persuasive and must have the intellectual capacity to interpret established legal principles, apply them to specific factual situations, and clearly and logically communicate the reasoning leading up to his or her conclusion. A candidate's academic record, participation in continuing legal education or other seminars, legal writing, and reputation among professional colleagues to evaluate legal knowledge and ability will be reviewed. On the appellate court level, consideration will be given to a candidate's ability to work well with others and to build or reach a consensus when appropriate.			X
<b>4. Character:</b> The character of a candidate regarding his or her ethical standards, work habits, and financial responsibility, will be reviewed, as well as a thorough investigation of any complaints, grievances, or criminal allegations made against a candidate.			X
<b>5. Reputation:</b> Consideration of a candidate's background will include the following: 1) the non-legal experience; 2) the candidate's involvement in community affairs, public office, or pro bono work; or 3) the candidate's views on social issues and his or her desire to affect public policy. A review will be undertaken to ensure a candidate has followed the Code of Judicial Conduct's prohibition against certain extra-judicial activities and rules governing the use of judicial office.			X

	Unqualified	Qualified	Well- Qualified
<b>6. <u>Physical Health:</u></b> The demands of the judicial office require a high level of performance, and a candidate must be both mentally and physically capable of performing the duties of the office sought with or without reasonable accommodation for any mental or physical impairment that substantially limits a major life activity.			X
<b>7. <u>Mental Stability:</u></b> The demands of the judicial office require a high level of performance, and a candidate must be both mentally and physically capable of performing the duties of the office sought with or without reasonable accommodation for any mental or physical impairment that substantially limits a major life activity.			X
<b>8. <u>Experience:</u></b> The extent and variety of a candidate's experience as an attorney or as a judge or both should be considered in light of the nature of the judicial vacancy to be filled.		X	
<b>9. <u>Judicial Temperament:</u></b> A candidate's ability to consistently exhibit exemplary judicial temperament will be reviewed. Among the qualities that comprise such a temperament are patience, open-mindedness, courtesy, tact, firmness, understanding, compassion, and humility. Factors that indicate a lack of judicial temperament include arrogance, impatience, pomposity, arbitrariness, and tyranny.			X

**Related Comments:**

**1. Constitutional Qualifications:**

**2. Ethical Fitness:**

The Committee considered Mrs. Glover to be highly ethical.

**3. Professional and Academic Ability:**

**4. Character:**

The Committee believes Mrs. Glover's character is outstanding and above reproach. She is compassionate and committed to service to the state.

**5. Reputation:**

Mrs. Glover enjoys an excellent reputation in the legal community among her peers.

**6. Physical Health:**

7. **Mental Stability**

8. **Experience:**

The committee was impressed by Mrs. Glover's outstanding service to our state in the Fifth Circuit Solicitor's Office, as a Workers Compensation Commissioner and as Deputy General Counsel to the S.C. Second Injury Fund.

9. **Judicial Temperament:**

The committee believes that based on Mrs. Glover's variety of excellent legal experiences she would show outstanding judicial temperament.

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

The Committee was honored to interview Mrs. Glover again. She is a determined and committed candidate who truly desires to serve our state. We believe she is very qualified to serve on the Circuit Court bench. We are confident she would serve with compassion, common sense and in an outstanding manner.

John M. Grantland  
Committee Chair's Name

September 20, 2011  
Date

Lisa C. Glover  
Candidate's Name

**Citizens Committee Report/S.C. Bar Judicial Qualifications Committee Report**

Court Fifth Judicial Circuit, Seat 3

Candidate's Name: Joey Randall Floyd

Fall/Spring Screening 2011 (year)

	Unqualified	Qualified	Well- Qualified
<b>1. Constitutional Qualifications:</b> A candidate must meet the constitutional or statutory requirements of citizenship, residence, age, and professional experience.			X
<b>2. Ethical Fitness:</b> A candidate must have the ability to perform adjudicative duties impartially and to deal with litigants, lawyers, witnesses, and other courtroom participants objectively and without bias. A candidate should have a sense of humor and must exhibit trustworthiness, moral vigor, and strength of character. A candidate's past action and deeds should demonstrate consistent adherence to high ethical principles and his or her reputation should be above reproach. A candidate must also follow campaigning and pledging laws. At a minimum, a sitting judge will be expected to have complied with the Code of Judicial Conduct's requirements to avoid impropriety, the appearance of impropriety, and partiality.			X
<b>3. Professional and Academic Ability:</b> A candidate is expected to be well-versed in fundamental legal principles and in procedural and evidentiary rules. A candidate must have the ability to communicate in a style that is both lucid and persuasive and must have the intellectual capacity to interpret established legal principles, apply them to specific factual situations, and clearly and logically communicate the reasoning leading up to his or her conclusion. A candidate's academic record, participation in continuing legal education or other seminars, legal writing, and reputation among professional colleagues to evaluate legal knowledge and ability will be reviewed. On the appellate court level, consideration will be given to a candidate's ability to work well with others and to build or reach a consensus when appropriate.		X	
<b>4. Character:</b> The character of a candidate regarding his or her ethical standards, work habits, and financial responsibility, will be reviewed, as well as a thorough investigation of any complaints, grievances, or criminal allegations made against a candidate.			X
<b>5. Reputation:</b> Consideration of a candidate's background will include the following: 1) the non-legal experience; 2) the candidate's involvement in community affairs, public office, or pro bono work; or 3) the candidate's views on social issues and his or her desire to affect public policy. A review will be undertaken to ensure a candidate has followed the Code of Judicial Conduct's prohibition against certain extra-judicial activities and rules governing the use of judicial office.			X
<b>6. Physical Health:</b> The demands of the judicial office require a high level of performance, and a candidate must			X

	Unqualified	Qualified	Well- Qualified
be both mentally and physically capable of performing the duties of the office sought with or without reasonable accommodation for any mental or physical impairment that substantially limits a major life activity.			
<b>7. <u>Mental Stability:</u></b> The demands of the judicial office require a high level of performance, and a candidate must be both mentally and physically capable of performing the duties of the office sought with or without reasonable accommodation for any mental or physical impairment that substantially limits a major life activity.			X
<b>8. <u>Experience:</u></b> The extent and variety of a candidate's experience as an attorney or as a judge or both should be considered in light of the nature of the judicial vacancy to be filled.		X	
<b>9. <u>Judicial Temperament:</u></b> A candidate's ability to consistently exhibit exemplary judicial temperament will be reviewed. Among the qualities that comprise such a temperament are patience, open-mindedness, courtesy, tact, firmness, understanding, compassion, and humility. Factors that indicate a lack of judicial temperament include arrogance, impatience, pomposity, arbitrariness, and tyranny.			X

**Related Comments:**

**1. Constitutional Qualifications:**

**2. Ethical Fitness:**

The Committee considers Mr. Floyd to be highly ethical.

**3. Professional and Academic Ability:**

The Committee was very impressed by Mr. Floyd's civil engineering background prior to beginning his legal career.

**4. Character:**

The Committee was also impressed by Mr. Floyd's energy, enthusiasm and sincerity. We believe his outstanding character is above reproach.

**5. Reputation:**

Mr. Floyd enjoys a most outstanding reputation in the community that is well deserved. He is compassionate, respectful and has common sense beyond his years.

**6. Physical Health:**

**7. Mental Stability**

**8. Experience:**

The Committee was impressed by Mr. Floyd's excellent experience in civil law.

**9. Judicial Temperament:**

The Committee is confident that Mr. Floyd has the common sense, humility and compassion to have outstanding judicial temperament.

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

The Committee was very impressed with Mr. Floyd, and we enjoyed his interview. We found him to be sincere, energetic and committed to public service. We feel certain that he is very qualified to serve our state on the Circuit Court, and we know that he would serve in an outstanding manner.

John M. Grantland  
Committee Chair's Name

September 20, 2011  
Date

Joey Randall Floyd  
Candidate's Name

**Citizens Committee Report/S.C. Bar Judicial Qualifications Committee Report**  
**Court** Fifth Judicial Circuit, **Seat** 3  
**Candidate's Name:** John P. Meadors  
**Fall/Spring Screening** 2011 (year)

	Unqualified	Qualified	Well- Qualified
<b>1. Constitutional Qualifications:</b> A candidate must meet the constitutional or statutory requirements of citizenship, residence, age, and professional experience.			X
<b>2. Ethical Fitness:</b> A candidate must have the ability to perform adjudicative duties impartially and to deal with litigants, lawyers, witnesses, and other courtroom participants objectively and without bias. A candidate should have a sense of humor and must exhibit trustworthiness, moral vigor, and strength of character. A candidate's past action and deeds should demonstrate consistent adherence to high ethical principles and his or her reputation should be above reproach. A candidate must also follow campaigning and pledging laws. At a minimum, a sitting judge will be expected to have complied with the Code of Judicial Conduct's requirements to avoid impropriety, the appearance of impropriety, and partiality.			X
<b>3. Professional and Academic Ability:</b> A candidate is expected to be well-versed in fundamental legal principles and in procedural and evidentiary rules. A candidate must have the ability to communicate in a style that is both lucid and persuasive and must have the intellectual capacity to interpret established legal principles, apply them to specific factual situations, and clearly and logically communicate the reasoning leading up to his or her conclusion. A candidate's academic record, participation in continuing legal education or other seminars, legal writing, and reputation among professional colleagues to evaluate legal knowledge and ability will be reviewed. On the appellate court level, consideration will be given to a candidate's ability to work well with others and to build or reach a consensus when appropriate.			X
<b>4. Character:</b> The character of a candidate regarding his or her ethical standards, work habits, and financial responsibility, will be reviewed, as well as a thorough investigation of any complaints, grievances, or criminal allegations made against a candidate.			X
<b>5. Reputation:</b> Consideration of a candidate's background will include the following: 1) the non-legal experience; 2) the candidate's involvement in community affairs, public office, or pro bono work; or 3) the candidate's views on social issues and his or her desire to affect public policy. A review will be undertaken to ensure a candidate has followed the Code of Judicial Conduct's prohibition against certain extra-judicial activities and rules governing the use of judicial office.			X
<b>6. Physical Health:</b> The demands of the judicial office require a high level of performance, and a candidate must			X

	Unqualified	Qualified	Well- Qualified
be both mentally and physically capable of performing the duties of the office sought with or without reasonable accommodation for any mental or physical impairment that substantially limits a major life activity.			
7. <b>Mental Stability:</b> The demands of the judicial office require a high level of performance, and a candidate must be both mentally and physically capable of performing the duties of the office sought with or without reasonable accommodation for any mental or physical impairment that substantially limits a major life activity.			X
8. <b>Experience:</b> The extent and variety of a candidate's experience as an attorney or as a judge or both should be considered in light of the nature of the judicial vacancy to be filled.			X
9. <b>Judicial Temperament:</b> A candidate's ability to consistently exhibit exemplary judicial temperament will be reviewed. Among the qualities that comprise such a temperament are patience, open-mindedness, courtesy, tact, firmness, understanding, compassion, and humility. Factors that indicate a lack of judicial temperament include arrogance, impatience, pomposity, arbitrariness, and tyranny.			X

**Related Comments:**

**1. Constitutional Qualifications:**

**2. Ethical Fitness:**

The Committee believes that Mr. Meadors is highly ethical.

**3. Professional and Academic Ability:**

The Committee was very impressed by Mr. Meadors' outstanding ability as a solicitor and in private practice. He is the most well-rounded candidate we interviewed, and we believe his professional and academic ability is outstanding.

**4. Character:**

The Committee was most impressed by Mr. Meadors' impeccable character. We believe his character is sterling, outstanding and above reproach.



**5. Reputation:**

Mr. Meadors enjoys a most outstanding reputation among his peers as an able and very experienced solicitor and private practice attorney.

**6. Physical Health:**

**7. Mental Stability**

**8. Experience:**

The committee continues to be impressed by Mr. Meadors exemplary experience. He has devoted his entire professional life to the courtroom. His experience also shows a sincere commitment to our state. We were impressed by the fact that after left the 5<sup>th</sup> Circuit Solicitor's office and went into private practice, he agreed to also be a part-time Solicitor in Sumter to handle the more complex and serious criminal cases in that circuit.

**9. Judicial Temperament:**

Once again, this Committee found that Mr. Meadors possesses wisdom, humility, and profound common sense. He is compassionate, committed and dedicated to serving our state. We are certain that Mr. Meadors' judicial temperament would be most outstanding.

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

The Committee was honored to interview Mr. Meadors again. He is by far the most experienced and well-rounded candidate we interviewed. We strongly believe that Mr. Meadors is most eminently qualified to serve on the Circuit Court. We are most confident he would serve our state in an outstanding manner.

John M. Grantland  
Committee Chair's Name

September 20, 2011  
Date

John P. Meadors  
Candidate's Name

**Citizens Committee Report/S.C. Bar Judicial Qualifications Committee Report**

Court Fifth Circuit Court, Seat 3

Candidate's Name: Grady L. Patterson

Fall/Spring Screening 2011 (year)

	Unqualified	Qualified	Well- Qualified
<b>1. Constitutional Qualifications:</b> A candidate must meet the constitutional or statutory requirements of citizenship, residence, age, and professional experience.			X
<b>2. Ethical Fitness:</b> A candidate must have the ability to perform adjudicative duties impartially and to deal with litigants, lawyers, witnesses, and other courtroom participants objectively and without bias. A candidate should have a sense of humor and must exhibit trustworthiness, moral vigor, and strength of character. A candidate's past action and deeds should demonstrate consistent adherence to high ethical principles and his or her reputation should be above reproach. A candidate must also follow campaigning and pledging laws. At a minimum, a sitting judge will be expected to have complied with the Code of Judicial Conduct's requirements to avoid impropriety, the appearance of impropriety, and partiality.			X
<b>3. Professional and Academic Ability:</b> A candidate is expected to be well-versed in fundamental legal principles and in procedural and evidentiary rules. A candidate must have the ability to communicate in a style that is both lucid and persuasive and must have the intellectual capacity to interpret established legal principles, apply them to specific factual situations, and clearly and logically communicate the reasoning leading up to his or her conclusion. A candidate's academic record, participation in continuing legal education or other seminars, legal writing, and reputation among professional colleagues to evaluate legal knowledge and ability will be reviewed. On the appellate court level, consideration will be given to a candidate's ability to work well with others and to build or reach a consensus when appropriate.			X
<b>4. Character:</b> The character of a candidate regarding his or her ethical standards, work habits, and financial responsibility, will be reviewed, as well as a thorough investigation of any complaints, grievances, or criminal allegations made against a candidate.			X
<b>5. Reputation:</b> Consideration of a candidate's background will include the following: 1) the non-legal experience; 2) the candidate's involvement in community affairs, public office, or pro bono work; or 3) the candidate's views on social issues and his or her desire to affect public policy. A review will be undertaken to ensure a candidate has followed the Code of Judicial Conduct's prohibition against certain extra-judicial activities and rules governing the use of judicial office.			X
<b>6. Physical Health:</b> The demands of the judicial office require a high level of performance, and a candidate must			X

	Unqualified	Qualified	Well- Qualified
be both mentally and physically capable of performing the duties of the office sought with or without reasonable accommodation for any mental or physical impairment that substantially limits a major life activity.			
<b>7. <u>Mental Stability:</u></b> The demands of the judicial office require a high level of performance, and a candidate must be both mentally and physically capable of performing the duties of the office sought with or without reasonable accommodation for any mental or physical impairment that substantially limits a major life activity.			X
<b>8. <u>Experience:</u></b> The extent and variety of a candidate's experience as an attorney or as a judge or both should be considered in light of the nature of the judicial vacancy to be filled.			X
<b>9. <u>Judicial Temperament:</u></b> A candidate's ability to consistently exhibit exemplary judicial temperament will be reviewed. Among the qualities that comprise such a temperament are patience, open-mindedness, courtesy, tact, firmness, understanding, compassion, and humility. Factors that indicate a lack of judicial temperament include arrogance, impatience, pomposity, arbitrariness, and tyranny.			X

**Related Comments:**

**1. Constitutional Qualifications:**

**2. Ethical Fitness:**

The Committee considers Mr. Patterson to be highly ethical in every respect.

**3. Professional and Academic Ability:**

The Committee was very impressed that Mr. Patterson is a Brigadier General in S.C. Air National Guard in addition to practicing law for 30 years. We are certain his professional and academic abilities are outstanding in every way.

**4. Character:**

The Committee found that Mr. Patterson is a mature and committed public servant who is very wise and has great degree of common sense. We are certain that Mr. Patterson's outstanding character is above reproach.

**5. Reputation:**

Mr. Patterson enjoys a most outstanding reputation among his peers in the legal community and the Air National Guard.

**6. Physical Health:**

**7. Mental Stability**

**8. Experience:**

The Committee was most impressed by Mr. Patterson's 30 years of outstanding experience in practicing law, and his honorable service in the Air National Guard..

**9. Judicial Temperament:**

The Committee is absolutely certain that Mr. Patterson's maturity, wisdom, and common sense will enable him to show most outstanding judicial temperament.

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

The Committee was honored to interview Mr. Patterson and we enjoyed our time with him. We truly appreciate his honorable service to our state and country. We believe that he is a most eminently qualified candidate, and we are certain without a doubt that he would serve on the Circuit Court in a most outstanding manner.

John M. Grantland  
Committee Chair's Name

September 20, 2011  
Date

Grady L. Patterson  
Candidate's Name

**Citizens Committee Report/S.C. Bar Judicial Qualifications Committee Report**  
**Court** Fifth Judicial Circuit, **Seat** 3  
**Candidate's Name:** Robert L. Reibold  
**Fall/Spring Screening** 2011 (year)

	Unqualified	Qualified	Well- Qualified
<b>1. Constitutional Qualifications:</b> A candidate must meet the constitutional or statutory requirements of citizenship, residence, age, and professional experience.			X
<b>2. Ethical Fitness:</b> A candidate must have the ability to perform adjudicative duties impartially and to deal with litigants, lawyers, witnesses, and other courtroom participants objectively and without bias. A candidate should have a sense of humor and must exhibit trustworthiness, moral vigor, and strength of character. A candidate's past action and deeds should demonstrate consistent adherence to high ethical principles and his or her reputation should be above reproach. A candidate must also follow campaigning and pledging laws. At a minimum, a sitting judge will be expected to have complied with the Code of Judicial Conduct's requirements to avoid impropriety, the appearance of impropriety, and partiality.			X
<b>3. Professional and Academic Ability:</b> A candidate is expected to be well-versed in fundamental legal principles and in procedural and evidentiary rules. A candidate must have the ability to communicate in a style that is both lucid and persuasive and must have the intellectual capacity to interpret established legal principles, apply them to specific factual situations, and clearly and logically communicate the reasoning leading up to his or her conclusion. A candidate's academic record, participation in continuing legal education or other seminars, legal writing, and reputation among professional colleagues to evaluate legal knowledge and ability will be reviewed. On the appellate court level, consideration will be given to a candidate's ability to work well with others and to build or reach a consensus when appropriate.		X	
<b>4. Character:</b> The character of a candidate regarding his or her ethical standards, work habits, and financial responsibility, will be reviewed, as well as a thorough investigation of any complaints, grievances, or criminal allegations made against a candidate.			X
<b>5. Reputation:</b> Consideration of a candidate's background will include the following: 1) the non-legal experience; 2) the candidate's involvement in community affairs, public office, or pro bono work; or 3) the candidate's views on social issues and his or her desire to affect public policy. A review will be undertaken to ensure a candidate has followed the Code of Judicial Conduct's prohibition against certain extra-judicial activities and rules governing the use of judicial office.			X
<b>6. Physical Health:</b> The demands of the judicial office			X

	Unqualified	Qualified	Well- Qualified
require a high level of performance, and a candidate must be both mentally and physically capable of performing the duties of the office sought with or without reasonable accommodation for any mental or physical impairment that substantially limits a major life activity.			
7. <b><u>Mental Stability</u></b> : The demands of the judicial office require a high level of performance, and a candidate must be both mentally and physically capable of performing the duties of the office sought with or without reasonable accommodation for any mental or physical impairment that substantially limits a major life activity.			X
8. <b><u>Experience</u></b> : The extent and variety of a candidate's experience as an attorney or as a judge or both should be considered in light of the nature of the judicial vacancy to be filled.		X	
9. <b><u>Judicial Temperament</u></b> : A candidate's ability to consistently exhibit exemplary judicial temperament will be reviewed. Among the qualities that comprise such a temperament are patience, open-mindedness, courtesy, tact, firmness, understanding, compassion, and humility. Factors that indicate a lack of judicial temperament include arrogance, impatience, pomposity, arbitrariness, and tyranny.			X

**Related Comments:**

2. **Ethical Fitness:**

The committee believes Mr. Reibold to be highly ethical.

3. **Professional and Academic Ability:**

The committee was very impressed by Mr. Reibold's publications he authored for the S.C. Bar, and we found his professional and academic background to be outstanding.

4. **Character:**

Mr. Reibold's character is outstanding and above reproach.

5. **Reputation:**

Mr. Reibold is very well thought of by his peers, and we found that he has an excellent reputation in the legal community.

**6. Physical Health:**

**7. Mental Stability**

**8. Experience:**

The committee was impressed by Mr. Reibold's commitment to service and his extensive experience in civil litigation.

**9. Judicial Temperament:**

Mr. Reibold has impeccable character, intelligence, and common sense, and the committee believes he would have outstanding judicial temperament on the bench.

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

The committee was impressed by Mr. Reibold. We found him to be a very intelligent, sincere and committed candidate. He is very qualified to serve as a Judge on the Circuit Court, and we are confident he would serve our state in an excellent manner.

John M. Grantland  
Committee Chair's Name

September 21, 2011  
Date

Robert L. Reibold  
Candidate's Name

**Citizens Committee Report/S.C. Bar Judicial Qualifications Committee Report**  
**Court Eleventh Judicial Circuit, Seat 2**  
**Candidate's Name: R. Knox McMahon**  
**Fall/Spring Screening 2011 (year)**

	Unqualified	Qualified	Well- Qualified
<b>1. Constitutional Qualifications:</b> A candidate must meet the constitutional or statutory requirements of citizenship, residence, age, and professional experience.			X
<b>2. Ethical Fitness:</b> A candidate must have the ability to perform adjudicative duties impartially and to deal with litigants, lawyers, witnesses, and other courtroom participants objectively and without bias. A candidate should have a sense of humor and must exhibit trustworthiness, moral vigor, and strength of character. A candidate's past action and deeds should demonstrate consistent adherence to high ethical principles and his or her reputation should be above reproach. A candidate must also follow campaigning and pledging laws. At a minimum, a sitting judge will be expected to have complied with the Code of Judicial Conduct's requirements to avoid impropriety, the appearance of impropriety, and partiality.			X
<b>3. Professional and Academic Ability:</b> A candidate is expected to be well-versed in fundamental legal principles and in procedural and evidentiary rules. A candidate must have the ability to communicate in a style that is both lucid and persuasive and must have the intellectual capacity to interpret established legal principles, apply them to specific factual situations, and clearly and logically communicate the reasoning leading up to his or her conclusion. A candidate's academic record, participation in continuing legal education or other seminars, legal writing, and reputation among professional colleagues to evaluate legal knowledge and ability will be reviewed. On the appellate court level, consideration will be given to a candidate's ability to work well with others and to build or reach a consensus when appropriate.			X
<b>4. Character:</b> The character of a candidate regarding his or her ethical standards, work habits, and financial responsibility, will be reviewed, as well as a thorough investigation of any complaints, grievances, or criminal allegations made against a candidate.			X
<b>5. Reputation:</b> Consideration of a candidate's background will include the following: 1) the non-legal experience; 2) the candidate's involvement in community affairs, public office, or pro bono work; or 3) the candidate's views on social issues and his or her desire to affect public policy. A review will be undertaken to ensure a candidate has followed the Code of Judicial Conduct's prohibition against certain extra-judicial activities and rules governing the use of judicial office.			X
<b>6. Physical Health:</b> The demands of the judicial office require a high level of performance, and a candidate must			X



	Unqualified	Qualified	Well- Qualified
be both mentally and physically capable of performing the duties of the office sought with or without reasonable accommodation for any mental or physical impairment that substantially limits a major life activity.			
7. <b>Mental Stability:</b> The demands of the judicial office require a high level of performance, and a candidate must be both mentally and physically capable of performing the duties of the office sought with or without reasonable accommodation for any mental or physical impairment that substantially limits a major life activity.			X
8. <b>Experience:</b> The extent and variety of a candidate's experience as an attorney or as a judge or both should be considered in light of the nature of the judicial vacancy to be filled.			X
9. <b>Judicial Temperament:</b> A candidate's ability to consistently exhibit exemplary judicial temperament will be reviewed. Among the qualities that comprise such a temperament are patience, open-mindedness, courtesy, tact, firmness, understanding, compassion, and humility. Factors that indicate a lack of judicial temperament include arrogance, impatience, pomposity, arbitrariness, and tyranny.			X

**Related Comments:**

**1. Constitutional Qualifications:**

**2. Ethical Fitness:**

The committee found that Judge McMahon is considered highly ethical.

**3. Professional and Academic Ability:**

Outstanding in every respect. The Committee appreciates and greatly respects Judge McMahon's outstanding past career in law enforcement and as a prosecutor in the solicitor's office.

**4. Character:**

The committee was most impressed by Judge McMahon's sincere and humble commitment to service. His impeccable character is above reproach.

**5. Reputation:**

Judge McMahon has a most outstanding reputation among lawyers, litigants and the community.

**6. Physical Health:**

**7. Mental Stability**

**8. Experience:**

The committee recognized and appreciated Judge McMahon's 6 years of Circuit Court experience which has included over 100 jury trials. The committee was further impressed by Judge McMahon's past experience in law enforcement and as a solicitor.

**9. Judicial Temperament:**

Outstanding in every respect. We truly appreciated his humility, sincerity and sense of humor. He is the epitome of judicial temperament.

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

We were honored to interview Judge McMahon and thoroughly enjoyed our interview. We are all very proud he is one of State's judges. He is truly an asset to our state judiciary, and his service to our State has been outstanding and honorable in every way. He is most eminently qualified to continue his outstanding service on the Circuit Court bench.

John M. Grantland  
Committee Chair's Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

R. Knox McMahon  
Candidate's Name

**Citizens Committee Report/S.C. Bar Judicial Qualifications Committee Report**

Court                     Fifth Judicial Circuit                    , Seat       3      

Candidate's Name:                     Robert Marshall Paul Masella                    

Fall/Spring Screening   2011   (year)

	Unqualified	Qualified	Well- Qualified
<b>1. Constitutional Qualifications:</b> A candidate must meet the constitutional or statutory requirements of citizenship, residence, age, and professional experience.			X
<b>2. Ethical Fitness:</b> A candidate must have the ability to perform adjudicative duties impartially and to deal with litigants, lawyers, witnesses, and other courtroom participants objectively and without bias. A candidate should have a sense of humor and must exhibit trustworthiness, moral vigor, and strength of character. A candidate's past action and deeds should demonstrate consistent adherence to high ethical principles and his or her reputation should be above reproach. A candidate must also follow campaigning and pledging laws. At a minimum, a sitting judge will be expected to have complied with the Code of Judicial Conduct's requirements to avoid impropriety, the appearance of impropriety, and partiality.			X
<b>3. Professional and Academic Ability:</b> A candidate is expected to be well-versed in fundamental legal principles and in procedural and evidentiary rules. A candidate must have the ability to communicate in a style that is both lucid and persuasive and must have the intellectual capacity to interpret established legal principles, apply them to specific factual situations, and clearly and logically communicate the reasoning leading up to his or her conclusion. A candidate's academic record, participation in continuing legal education or other seminars, legal writing, and reputation among professional colleagues to evaluate legal knowledge and ability will be reviewed. On the appellate court level, consideration will be given to a candidate's ability to work well with others and to build or reach a consensus when appropriate.			X
<b>4. Character:</b> The character of a candidate regarding his or her ethical standards, work habits, and financial responsibility, will be reviewed, as well as a thorough investigation of any complaints, grievances, or criminal allegations made against a candidate.			X
<b>5. Reputation:</b> Consideration of a candidate's background will include the following: 1) the non-legal experience; 2) the candidate's involvement in community affairs, public office, or pro bono work; or 3) the candidate's views on social issues and his or her desire to affect public policy. A review will be undertaken to ensure a candidate has followed the Code of Judicial Conduct's prohibition against certain extra-judicial activities and rules governing the use of judicial office.			X
<b>6. Physical Health:</b> The demands of the judicial office require a high level of performance, and a candidate must			X

	Unqualified	Qualified	Well- Qualified
be both mentally and physically capable of performing the duties of the office sought with or without reasonable accommodation for any mental or physical impairment that substantially limits a major life activity.			
<b>7. <u>Mental Stability:</u></b> The demands of the judicial office require a high level of performance, and a candidate must be both mentally and physically capable of performing the duties of the office sought with or without reasonable accommodation for any mental or physical impairment that substantially limits a major life activity.			X
<b>8. <u>Experience:</u></b> The extent and variety of a candidate's experience as an attorney or as a judge or both should be considered in light of the nature of the judicial vacancy to be filled.			X
<b>9. <u>Judicial Temperament:</u></b> A candidate's ability to consistently exhibit exemplary judicial temperament will be reviewed. Among the qualities that comprise such a temperament are patience, open-mindedness, courtesy, tact, firmness, understanding, compassion, and humility. Factors that indicate a lack of judicial temperament include arrogance, impatience, pomposity, arbitrariness, and tyranny.			X

### **Related Comments:**

#### **1. Constitutional Qualifications:**

#### **2. Ethical Fitness:**

The Committee considered Mr. Masella to be highly ethical.

#### **3. Professional and Academic Ability:**

The committee was moved and very impressed by Mr. Masella's real world experiences before becoming a lawyer. We were equally impressed by Mr. Masella's outstanding professional and academic ability.

#### **4. Character:**

The Committee believes Mr. Masella's character is outstanding. We found him to be a determined, sincere, and serious candidate whose character is above reproach.

**5. Reputation:**

Mr. Masella enjoys a most outstanding reputation in the community among his peers. Our Committee was very impressed by Mr. Masella's commitment to his church and the community.

**6. Physical Health:**

**7. Mental Stability**

**8. Experience:**

The committee was most impressed by Mr. Masella's wide range of experiences ranging from a judicial law clerk to Justice Hearn, assistant solicitor to opening his own general practice and being a Municipal Court Judge. He is one of the most well-rounded candidates we interviewed, and we found that he had extensive experience in civil and criminal law.

**9. Judicial Temperament:**

The Committee believes that Mr. Masella is a very sincere, mature and serious candidate. We are certain he would show outstanding judicial temperament.

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

The Committee was honored to interview Mr. Masella, and we enjoyed our interview. We were inspired by his commitment to service, his dedication to his family and the community, and his outstanding experience. We believe he is eminently qualified to serve on the Circuit Court bench, and we are very confident that he would serve our state in a most outstanding manner.

John M. Grantland  
Committee Chair's Name

September 22, 2011  
Date

Robert Marshall Paul Masella  
Candidate's Name

**Citizens Committee Report/S.C. Bar Judicial Qualifications Committee Report**

Court Eleventh Circuit Court, Seat 1

Candidate's Name: William Paul Keesley

Fall/Spring Screening 2011 (year)

	Unqualified	Qualified	Well- Qualified
<b>1. Constitutional Qualifications:</b> A candidate must meet the constitutional or statutory requirements of citizenship, residence, age, and professional experience.			X
<b>2. Ethical Fitness:</b> A candidate must have the ability to perform adjudicative duties impartially and to deal with litigants, lawyers, witnesses, and other courtroom participants objectively and without bias. A candidate should have a sense of humor and must exhibit trustworthiness, moral vigor, and strength of character. A candidate's past action and deeds should demonstrate consistent adherence to high ethical principles and his or her reputation should be above reproach. A candidate must also follow campaigning and pledging laws. At a minimum, a sitting judge will be expected to have complied with the Code of Judicial Conduct's requirements to avoid impropriety, the appearance of impropriety, and partiality.			X
<b>3. Professional and Academic Ability:</b> A candidate is expected to be well-versed in fundamental legal principles and in procedural and evidentiary rules. A candidate must have the ability to communicate in a style that is both lucid and persuasive and must have the intellectual capacity to interpret established legal principles, apply them to specific factual situations, and clearly and logically communicate the reasoning leading up to his or her conclusion. A candidate's academic record, participation in continuing legal education or other seminars, legal writing, and reputation among professional colleagues to evaluate legal knowledge and ability will be reviewed. On the appellate court level, consideration will be given to a candidate's ability to work well with others and to build or reach a consensus when appropriate.			X
<b>4. Character:</b> The character of a candidate regarding his or her ethical standards, work habits, and financial responsibility, will be reviewed, as well as a thorough investigation of any complaints, grievances, or criminal allegations made against a candidate.			X
<b>5. Reputation:</b> Consideration of a candidate's background will include the following: 1) the non-legal experience; 2) the candidate's involvement in community affairs, public office, or pro bono work; or 3) the candidate's views on social issues and his or her desire to affect public policy. A review will be undertaken to ensure a candidate has followed the Code of Judicial Conduct's prohibition against certain extra-judicial activities and rules governing the use of judicial office.			X
<b>6. Physical Health:</b> The demands of the judicial office require a high level of performance, and a candidate must			X

	Unqualified	Qualified	Well- Qualified
be both mentally and physically capable of performing the duties of the office sought with or without reasonable accommodation for any mental or physical impairment that substantially limits a major life activity.			
7. <b>Mental Stability:</b> The demands of the judicial office require a high level of performance, and a candidate must be both mentally and physically capable of performing the duties of the office sought with or without reasonable accommodation for any mental or physical impairment that substantially limits a major life activity.			X
8. <b>Experience:</b> The extent and variety of a candidate's experience as an attorney or as a judge or both should be considered in light of the nature of the judicial vacancy to be filled.			X
9. <b>Judicial Temperament:</b> A candidate's ability to consistently exhibit exemplary judicial temperament will be reviewed. Among the qualities that comprise such a temperament are patience, open-mindedness, courtesy, tact, firmness, understanding, compassion, and humility. Factors that indicate a lack of judicial temperament include arrogance, impatience, pomposity, arbitrariness, and tyranny.			X

**Related Comments:**

1. **Constitutional Qualifications:**

2. **Ethical Fitness:**

Judge Keesley is considered highly ethical.

3. **Professional and Academic Ability:**

Outstanding in every respect

4. **Character:**

Judge Keesley's sterling character is outstanding and above reproach.

5. **Reputation:**

Judge Keesley has a most outstanding reputation.

6. **Physical Health:**

7. **Mental Stability**

**8. Experience:**

The committee was both impressed and appreciative of Judge Keesley's 20 years of outstanding and exemplary service on the Circuit Court bench.

**9. Judicial Temperament:**

Judge Keesley's temperament is outstanding in every way. He sets the standard for his peers to emulate.

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

Judge Keesley is a truly an asset to our State and our judiciary. We were truly honored to interview him, and we enjoyed our interview. The committee has the utmost appreciation for his honorable service on the Circuit Court, the drug court, and in the community. We believe he is most eminently qualified to continue his service on the Circuit Court, and we are confident he would continue to serve in an outstanding manner.

John M. Grantland  
Committee Chair's Name

September 20, 2011  
Date

William Paul Keesley  
Candidate's Name



**Citizens Committee Report/S.C. Bar Judicial Qualifications Committee Report**  
**Court** Fifth Judicial Circuit **Seat** 3  
**Candidate's Name:** Clifford Scott  
**Fall/Spring Screening** 2011 (year)

	Unqualified	Qualified	Well- Qualified
<b>1. Constitutional Qualifications:</b> A candidate must meet the constitutional or statutory requirements of citizenship, residence, age, and professional experience.			X
<b>2. Ethical Fitness:</b> A candidate must have the ability to perform adjudicative duties impartially and to deal with litigants, lawyers, witnesses, and other courtroom participants objectively and without bias. A candidate should have a sense of humor and must exhibit trustworthiness, moral vigor, and strength of character. A candidate's past action and deeds should demonstrate consistent adherence to high ethical principles and his or her reputation should be above reproach. A candidate must also follow campaigning and pledging laws. At a minimum, a sitting judge will be expected to have complied with the Code of Judicial Conduct's requirements to avoid impropriety, the appearance of impropriety, and partiality.			X
<b>3. Professional and Academic Ability:</b> A candidate is expected to be well-versed in fundamental legal principles and in procedural and evidentiary rules. A candidate must have the ability to communicate in a style that is both lucid and persuasive and must have the intellectual capacity to interpret established legal principles, apply them to specific factual situations, and clearly and logically communicate the reasoning leading up to his or her conclusion. A candidate's academic record, participation in continuing legal education or other seminars, legal writing, and reputation among professional colleagues to evaluate legal knowledge and ability will be reviewed. On the appellate court level, consideration will be given to a candidate's ability to work well with others and to build or reach a consensus when appropriate.			X
<b>4. Character:</b> The character of a candidate regarding his or her ethical standards, work habits, and financial responsibility, will be reviewed, as well as a thorough investigation of any complaints, grievances, or criminal allegations made against a candidate.			X
<b>5. Reputation:</b> Consideration of a candidate's background will include the following: 1) the non-legal experience; 2) the candidate's involvement in community affairs, public office, or pro bono work; or 3) the candidate's views on social issues and his or her desire to affect public policy. A review will be undertaken to ensure a candidate has followed the Code of Judicial Conduct's prohibition against certain extra-judicial activities and rules governing the use of judicial office.			X
<b>6. Physical Health:</b> The demands of the judicial office require a high level of performance, and a candidate must			X

	Unqualified	Qualified	Well- Qualified
be both mentally and physically capable of performing the duties of the office sought with or without reasonable accommodation for any mental or physical impairment that substantially limits a major life activity.			
7. <b>Mental Stability:</b> The demands of the judicial office require a high level of performance, and a candidate must be both mentally and physically capable of performing the duties of the office sought with or without reasonable accommodation for any mental or physical impairment that substantially limits a major life activity.			X
8. <b>Experience:</b> The extent and variety of a candidate's experience as an attorney or as a judge or both should be considered in light of the nature of the judicial vacancy to be filled.			X
9. <b>Judicial Temperament:</b> A candidate's ability to consistently exhibit exemplary judicial temperament will be reviewed. Among the qualities that comprise such a temperament are patience, open-mindedness, courtesy, tact, firmness, understanding, compassion, and humility. Factors that indicate a lack of judicial temperament include arrogance, impatience, pomposity, arbitrariness, and tyranny.			X

**Related Comments:**

**1. Constitutional Qualifications:**

**2. Ethical Fitness:**

The Committee considers Mr. Scott to be highly ethical in every respect.

**3. Professional and Academic Ability:**

**4. Character:**

The Committee believes that Mr. Scott's outstanding character is above reproach.

**5. Reputation:**

Mr. Scott enjoys a most outstanding reputation among his peers.

**6. Physical Health:**

**7. Mental Stability**

**8. Experience:**

The Committee was most impressed by Mr. Scott's extensive experience in criminal and civil law and in his honorable service in the Army. Moreover, the Committee was also very impressed by Mr. Scott's outstanding service as an attorney for the University of South Carolina.

**9. Judicial Temperament:**

The Committee believes that Mr. Scott's humility, maturity and common sense will enable him to show outstanding judicial temperament.

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

The Committee believes that Mr. Scott is a highly regarded and an eminently qualified candidate. We are confident that he would serve on the Circuit Court in a most outstanding manner.

John M. Grantland  
Committee Chair's Name

September 22, 2011  
Date

Clifford Scott  
Candidate's Name

**Citizens Committee Report/S.C. Bar Judicial Qualifications Committee Report**

Court Fifth Circuit Court, Seat 2

Candidate's Name: Casey Lee Manning

Fall/Spring Screening 2011 (year)

	Unqualified	Qualified	Well- Qualified
<b>1. Constitutional Qualifications:</b> A candidate must meet the constitutional or statutory requirements of citizenship, residence, age, and professional experience.			X
<b>2. Ethical Fitness:</b> A candidate must have the ability to perform adjudicative duties impartially and to deal with litigants, lawyers, witnesses, and other courtroom participants objectively and without bias. A candidate should have a sense of humor and must exhibit trustworthiness, moral vigor, and strength of character. A candidate's past action and deeds should demonstrate consistent adherence to high ethical principles and his or her reputation should be above reproach. A candidate must also follow campaigning and pledging laws. At a minimum, a sitting judge will be expected to have complied with the Code of Judicial Conduct's requirements to avoid impropriety, the appearance of impropriety, and partiality.			X
<b>3. Professional and Academic Ability:</b> A candidate is expected to be well-versed in fundamental legal principles and in procedural and evidentiary rules. A candidate must have the ability to communicate in a style that is both lucid and persuasive and must have the intellectual capacity to interpret established legal principles, apply them to specific factual situations, and clearly and logically communicate the reasoning leading up to his or her conclusion. A candidate's academic record, participation in continuing legal education or other seminars, legal writing, and reputation among professional colleagues to evaluate legal knowledge and ability will be reviewed. On the appellate court level, consideration will be given to a candidate's ability to work well with others and to build or reach a consensus when appropriate.			X
<b>4. Character:</b> The character of a candidate regarding his or her ethical standards, work habits, and financial responsibility, will be reviewed, as well as a thorough investigation of any complaints, grievances, or criminal allegations made against a candidate.			X
<b>5. Reputation:</b> Consideration of a candidate's background will include the following: 1) the non-legal experience; 2) the candidate's involvement in community affairs, public office, or pro bono work; or 3) the candidate's views on social issues and his or her desire to affect public policy. A review will be undertaken to ensure a candidate has followed the Code of Judicial Conduct's prohibition against certain extra-judicial activities and rules governing the use of judicial office.			X
<b>6. Physical Health:</b> The demands of the judicial office require a high level of performance, and a candidate must			X

	Unqualified	Qualified	Well- Qualified
be both mentally and physically capable of performing the duties of the office sought with or without reasonable accommodation for any mental or physical impairment that substantially limits a major life activity.			
7. <b>Mental Stability:</b> The demands of the judicial office require a high level of performance, and a candidate must be both mentally and physically capable of performing the duties of the office sought with or without reasonable accommodation for any mental or physical impairment that substantially limits a major life activity.			X
8. <b>Experience:</b> The extent and variety of a candidate's experience as an attorney or as a judge or both should be considered in light of the nature of the judicial vacancy to be filled.			X
9. <b>Judicial Temperament:</b> A candidate's ability to consistently exhibit exemplary judicial temperament will be reviewed. Among the qualities that comprise such a temperament are patience, open-mindedness, courtesy, tact, firmness, understanding, compassion, and humility. Factors that indicate a lack of judicial temperament include arrogance, impatience, pomposity, arbitrariness, and tyranny.			X

### **Related Comments:**

#### **1. Constitutional Qualifications:**

#### **2. Ethical Fitness:**

Judge Manning is considered highly ethical.

#### **3. Professional and Academic Ability:**

Outstanding in every way

#### **4. Character:**

The Committee believes Judge Manning's character is impeccable and above reproach.

#### **5. Reputation:**

Judge Manning has a most outstanding reputation among lawyers, litigants and the community.

**6. Physical Health:**

**7. Mental Stability**

**8. Experience:**

The Committee is grateful and appreciative of Judge Manning's 18 years of outstanding experience and service to our State on the Circuit Court.

**9. Judicial Temperament:**

Judge Manning's temperament is outstanding in every way. We appreciated his sincerity, humility and sense of humor.

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

The Committee was honored to interview Judge Manning, and we enjoyed our interview with him. We believe he is truly an asset to our State and our judiciary. We are grateful for his continued service on the Circuit Court, and we believe he is most eminently qualified to continue his legacy of outstanding service and leadership on our Circuit Court.

John M. Grantland  
Committee Chair's Name

September 20, 2011  
Date

Casey Lee Manning  
Candidate's Name

**Citizens Committee Report/S.C. Bar Judicial Qualifications Committee Report**  
**Court** Fifth Circuit Court, Seat 3  
**Candidate's Name:** Robert Eldon Hood  
**Fall/Spring Screening** 2011 (year)

	Unqualified	Qualified	Well- Qualified
<b>1. Constitutional Qualifications:</b> A candidate must meet the constitutional or statutory requirements of citizenship, residence, age, and professional experience.			X
<b>2. Ethical Fitness:</b> A candidate must have the ability to perform adjudicative duties impartially and to deal with litigants, lawyers, witnesses, and other courtroom participants objectively and without bias. A candidate should have a sense of humor and must exhibit trustworthiness, moral vigor, and strength of character. A candidate's past action and deeds should demonstrate consistent adherence to high ethical principles and his or her reputation should be above reproach. A candidate must also follow campaigning and pledging laws. At a minimum, a sitting judge will be expected to have complied with the Code of Judicial Conduct's requirements to avoid impropriety, the appearance of impropriety, and partiality.			X
<b>3. Professional and Academic Ability:</b> A candidate is expected to be well-versed in fundamental legal principles and in procedural and evidentiary rules. A candidate must have the ability to communicate in a style that is both lucid and persuasive and must have the intellectual capacity to interpret established legal principles, apply them to specific factual situations, and clearly and logically communicate the reasoning leading up to his or her conclusion. A candidate's academic record, participation in continuing legal education or other seminars, legal writing, and reputation among professional colleagues to evaluate legal knowledge and ability will be reviewed. On the appellate court level, consideration will be given to a candidate's ability to work well with others and to build or reach a consensus when appropriate.			X
<b>4. Character:</b> The character of a candidate regarding his or her ethical standards, work habits, and financial responsibility, will be reviewed, as well as a thorough investigation of any complaints, grievances, or criminal allegations made against a candidate.			X
<b>5. Reputation:</b> Consideration of a candidate's background will include the following: 1) the non-legal experience; 2) the candidate's involvement in community affairs, public office, or pro bono work; or 3) the candidate's views on social issues and his or her desire to affect public policy. A review will be undertaken to ensure a candidate has followed the Code of Judicial Conduct's prohibition against certain extra-judicial activities and rules governing the use of judicial office.			X

	Unqualified	Qualified	Well- Qualified
6. <b>Physical Health:</b> The demands of the judicial office require a high level of performance, and a candidate must be both mentally and physically capable of performing the duties of the office sought with or without reasonable accommodation for any mental or physical impairment that substantially limits a major life activity.			X
7. <b>Mental Stability:</b> The demands of the judicial office require a high level of performance, and a candidate must be both mentally and physically capable of performing the duties of the office sought with or without reasonable accommodation for any mental or physical impairment that substantially limits a major life activity.			X
8. <b>Experience:</b> The extent and variety of a candidate's experience as an attorney or as a judge or both should be considered in light of the nature of the judicial vacancy to be filled.			X
9. <b>Judicial Temperament:</b> A candidate's ability to consistently exhibit exemplary judicial temperament will be reviewed. Among the qualities that comprise such a temperament are patience, open-mindedness, courtesy, tact, firmness, understanding, compassion, and humility. Factors that indicate a lack of judicial temperament include arrogance, impatience, pomposity, arbitrariness, and tyranny.			X

### **Related Comments:**

#### **1. Constitutional Qualifications:**

#### **2. Ethical Fitness:**

The Committee believes that Mr. Hood is highly ethical.

#### **3. Professional and Academic Ability:**

The Committee was very impressed by Mr. Hood's professional abilities exhibited in the Attorney General's office and now in private practice. His abilities are outstanding in every way.

#### **4. Character:**

The Committee is certain Mr. Hood is a mature, serious candidate, and we believe his character is also outstanding and above reproach.



**5. Reputation:**

The Committee found that Mr. Hood has an outstanding reputation among his peers in the legal community.

**6. Physical Health:**

**7. Mental Stability**

**8. Experience:**

The Committee was impressed again by Mr. Hood's extensive criminal experience with the State Grand Jury and his successful civil experience in private practice. His experiences make him a very well-rounded candidate.

**9. Judicial Temperament:**

Mr. Hood has maturity, wisdom and common sense beyond his years. The committee is most confident that he would show outstanding judicial temperament on the bench.

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

The Committee was honored to interview Mr. Hood, and we enjoyed our time with him. His energy and enthusiasm is contagious. We feel certain that he has the character, work ethic, and experience to be an outstanding Circuit Court Judge. We believe he is eminently qualified to serve on the Circuit Court.

John M. Grantland  
Committee Chair's Name

September 22, 2011  
Date

Robert Eldon Hood  
Candidate's Name

**Citizens Committee Report/S.C. Bar Judicial Qualifications Committee Report**

**Court of Appeals, Seat 8**

**Candidate's Name: Thomas E. Huff**

**Fall/Spring Screening 2011 (year)**

	Unqualified	Qualified	Well- Qualified
<b>1. Constitutional Qualifications:</b> A candidate must meet the constitutional or statutory requirements of citizenship, residence, age, and professional experience.			X
<b>2. Ethical Fitness:</b> A candidate must have the ability to perform adjudicative duties impartially and to deal with litigants, lawyers, witnesses, and other courtroom participants objectively and without bias. A candidate should have a sense of humor and must exhibit trustworthiness, moral vigor, and strength of character. A candidate's past action and deeds should demonstrate consistent adherence to high ethical principles and his or her reputation should be above reproach. A candidate must also follow campaigning and pledging laws. At a minimum, a sitting judge will be expected to have complied with the Code of Judicial Conduct's requirements to avoid impropriety, the appearance of impropriety, and partiality.			X
<b>3. Professional and Academic Ability:</b> A candidate is expected to be well-versed in fundamental legal principles and in procedural and evidentiary rules. A candidate must have the ability to communicate in a style that is both lucid and persuasive and must have the intellectual capacity to interpret established legal principles, apply them to specific factual situations, and clearly and logically communicate the reasoning leading up to his or her conclusion. A candidate's academic record, participation in continuing legal education or other seminars, legal writing, and reputation among professional colleagues to evaluate legal knowledge and ability will be reviewed. On the appellate court level, consideration will be given to a candidate's ability to work well with others and to build or reach a consensus when appropriate.			X
<b>4. Character:</b> The character of a candidate regarding his or her ethical standards, work habits, and financial responsibility, will be reviewed, as well as a thorough investigation of any complaints, grievances, or criminal allegations made against a candidate.			X
<b>5. Reputation:</b> Consideration of a candidate's background will include the following: 1) the non-legal experience; 2) the candidate's involvement in community affairs, public office, or pro bono work; or 3) the candidate's views on social issues and his or her desire to affect public policy. A review will be undertaken to ensure a candidate has followed the Code of Judicial Conduct's prohibition against certain extra-judicial activities and rules governing the use of judicial office.			X
<b>6. Physical Health:</b> The demands of the judicial office			X

	Unqualified	Qualified	Well- Qualified
require a high level of performance, and a candidate must be both mentally and physically capable of performing the duties of the office sought with or without reasonable accommodation for any mental or physical impairment that substantially limits a major life activity.			
<b>7. <u>Mental Stability:</u></b> The demands of the judicial office require a high level of performance, and a candidate must be both mentally and physically capable of performing the duties of the office sought with or without reasonable accommodation for any mental or physical impairment that substantially limits a major life activity.			X
<b>8. <u>Experience:</u></b> The extent and variety of a candidate's experience as an attorney or as a judge or both should be considered in light of the nature of the judicial vacancy to be filled.			X
<b>9. <u>Judicial Temperament:</u></b> A candidate's ability to consistently exhibit exemplary judicial temperament will be reviewed. Among the qualities that comprise such a temperament are patience, open-mindedness, courtesy, tact, firmness, understanding, compassion, and humility. Factors that indicate a lack of judicial temperament include arrogance, impatience, pomposity, arbitrariness, and tyranny.			X

**Related Comments:**

**1. Constitutional Qualifications:**

**2. Ethical Fitness:**

Judge Huff is considered highly ethical.

**3. Professional and Academic Ability:**

Outstanding in every respect

**4. Character:**

Judge Huff's sterling character is outstanding and above reproach.

**5. Reputation:**

Judge Huff has a most outstanding reputation.

**6. Physical Health:**

**7. Mental Stability**

**8. Experience:**

The committee was both impressed and appreciative of Judge Huff's outstanding and exemplary service on the Court of Appeals.

**9. Judicial Temperament:**

Judge Huff's temperament is outstanding in every way. He is truly the epitome of judicial temperament, and we believe he sets the standard for his peers to emulate.

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

Judge Huff is a truly an asset to our State and our judiciary. The committee has the utmost appreciation for his honorable service on the Court of Appeals and in the community. We believe he is most eminently qualified to continue his service on the Court of Appeals, and we are confident he would continue to serve in an outstanding manner.

John M. Grantland  
Committee Chair's Name

September 22, 2011  
Date

Thomas E. Huff  
Candidate's Name

**Pee Dee Citizens Committee Report**  
**Retired, Circuit Court**  
**Candidate's Name: Honorable Edward B. Cottingham**  
**Fall Screening 2011**

	Unqualified	Qualified	Well-Qualified
<b>1. Constitutional Qualifications:</b> A candidate must meet the constitutional or statutory requirements of citizenship, residence, age, and professional experience.		X	
<b>2. Physical Health:</b> The demands of the judicial office require a high level of performance, and a candidate must be both mentally and physically capable of performing the duties of the office sought with or without reasonable accommodation for any mental or physical impairment that substantially limits a major life activity.		X	
<b>3. Mental Stability:</b> The demands of the judicial office require a high level of performance, and a candidate must be both mentally and physically capable of performing the duties of the office sought with or without reasonable accommodation for any mental or physical impairment that substantially limits a major life activity.		X	
<b>4. Ethical Fitness:</b> A candidate must have the ability to perform adjudicative duties impartially and to deal with litigants, lawyers, witnesses, and other courtroom participants objectively and without bias. A candidate should have a sense of humor and must exhibit trustworthiness, moral vigor, and strength of character. A candidate's past action and deeds should demonstrate consistent adherence to high ethical principles and his or her reputation should be above reproach. A candidate must also follow campaigning and pleading laws. At a minimum, a sitting judge will be expected to have complied with the Code of Judicial Conduct's requirements to avoid impropriety, the appearance of impropriety, and partiality.			X
<b>5. Professional and Academic Ability:</b> A candidate is expected to be well-versed in fundamental legal principles and in procedural and evidentiary rules. A candidate must have the ability to communicate in a style that is both lucid and persuasive and must have the intellectual capacity to interpret established legal principles, apply them to specific factual situations, and clearly and logically communicate the reasoning leading up to his or her conclusion. A candidate's academic record, participation in continuing legal education or other seminars, legal writing, and reputation among professional colleagues to evaluate legal knowledge and ability will be reviewed. On the appellate court level, consideration will be given to a candidate's ability to work well with others and to build or reach a consensus when appropriate.			X
<b>6. Character:</b> The character of a candidate regarding his or her ethical standards, work habits, and financial responsibility, will be reviewed, as well as a thorough investigation of any complaints, grievances, or criminal allegations made against a candidate.			X
<b>7. Reputation:</b> Consideration of a candidate's background will include the following: 1) the non-legal experience; 2) the candidate's involvement in community affairs, public office, or pro bono work; or 3) the candidate's views on social issues and his or her desire to affect public policy. A review will be undertaken to ensure a candidate has followed the Code of Judicial Conduct's prohibition against certain extra-judicial activities and rules governing the use of judicial office.			X

	Unqualified	Qualified	Well-Qualified
<p><b>8. Experience:</b> The extent and variety of a candidate's experience as an attorney or as a judge or both should be considered in light of the nature of the judicial vacancy to be filled.</p> <p><b>9. Judicial Temperament:</b> A candidate's ability to consistently exhibit exemplary judicial temperament will be reviewed. Among the qualities that comprise such a temperament are patience, open-mindedness, courtesy, tact, firmness, understanding, compassion, and humility. Factors that indicate a lack of judicial temperament include arrogance, impatience, pomposity, arbitrariness, and tyranny.</p>			X
			X

**Related Comments:**

1. **Constitutional Qualifications:**
2. **Ethical Fitness:**
3. **Professional and Academic Ability:**
4. **Character:**
5. **Reputation:**
6. **Physical Health:**
7. **Mental Stability:**
8. **Experience:**
9. **Judicial Temperament:**

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:** Judge Cottingham is a true statesman and a credit to the bench.

**Diane Rabon Bagnol**  
Committee Chair's Name

**9/26/11**  
Date

**Honorable Edward B. Cottingham**  
Candidate's Name

**Pee Dee Citizens Committee Report**  
**Circuit Court, 3<sup>rd</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat #2**  
**Candidate's Name: Honorable George C. "Buck" James, Jr.**  
**Fall Screening 2011**

	Unqualified	Qualified	Well-Qualified
<b>1. Constitutional Qualifications:</b> A candidate must meet the constitutional or statutory requirements of citizenship, residence, age, and professional experience.		X	
<b>2. Physical Health:</b> The demands of the judicial office require a high level of performance, and a candidate must be both mentally and physically capable of performing the duties of the office sought with or without reasonable accommodation for any mental or physical impairment that substantially limits a major life activity.		X	
<b>3. Mental Stability:</b> The demands of the judicial office require a high level of performance, and a candidate must be both mentally and physically capable of performing the duties of the office sought with or without reasonable accommodation for any mental or physical impairment that substantially limits a major life activity.		X	
<b>4. Ethical Fitness:</b> A candidate must have the ability to perform adjudicative duties impartially and to deal with litigants, lawyers, witnesses, and other courtroom participants objectively and without bias. A candidate should have a sense of humor and must exhibit trustworthiness, moral vigor, and strength of character. A candidate's past action and deeds should demonstrate consistent adherence to high ethical principles and his or her reputation should be above reproach. A candidate must also follow campaigning and pledging laws. At a minimum, a sitting judge will be expected to have complied with the Code of Judicial Conduct's requirements to avoid impropriety, the appearance of impropriety, and partiality.			X
<b>5. Professional and Academic Ability:</b> A candidate is expected to be well-versed in fundamental legal principles and in procedural and evidentiary rules. A candidate must have the ability to communicate in a style that is both lucid and persuasive and must have the intellectual capacity to interpret established legal principles, apply them to specific factual situations, and clearly and logically communicate the reasoning leading up to his or her conclusion. A candidate's academic record, participation in continuing legal education or other seminars, legal writing, and reputation among professional colleagues to evaluate legal knowledge and ability will be reviewed. On the appellate court level, consideration will be given to a candidate's ability to work well with others and to build or reach a consensus when appropriate.			X
<b>6. Character:</b> The character of a candidate regarding his or her ethical standards, work habits, and financial responsibility, will be reviewed, as well as a thorough investigation of any complaints, grievances, or criminal allegations made against a candidate.			X
<b>7. Reputation:</b> Consideration of a candidate's background will include the following: 1) the non-legal experience; 2) the candidate's involvement in community affairs, public office, or pro bono work; or 3) the candidate's views on social issues and his or her desire to affect public policy. A review will be undertaken to ensure a candidate has followed the Code of Judicial Conduct's prohibition against certain extra-judicial activities and rules governing the use of judicial office.			X

	Unqualified	Qualified	Well-Qualified
8. <u>Experience</u> : The extent and variety of a candidate's experience as an attorney or as a judge or both should be considered in light of the nature of the judicial vacancy to be filled.			X
9. <u>Judicial Temperament</u> : A candidate's ability to consistently exhibit exemplary judicial temperament will be reviewed. Among the qualities that comprise such a temperament are patience, open-mindedness, courtesy, tact, firmness, understanding, compassion, and humility. Factors that indicate a lack of judicial temperament include arrogance, impatience, pomposity, arbitrariness, and tyranny.			X

**Related Comments:**

1. **Constitutional Qualifications:**
2. **Ethical Fitness:**
3. **Professional and Academic Ability:**
4. **Character:**
5. **Reputation:**
6. **Physical Health:**
7. **Mental Stability:**
8. **Experience:**
9. **Judicial Temperament:**

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:** Judge James is known to come into the courtroom well-prepared for the cases he is to hear, and he expects the attorneys on those cases to be prepared, as well. We believe this to be a fine quality in a judge.

**Diane Rabon Bagnol**  
Committee Chair's Name

**9/26/11**  
Date

**Honorable George C. James, Jr.**  
Candidate's Name



**Pee Dee Citizens Committee Report**  
**Supreme Court, Seat #4**  
**Candidate's Name: Honorable Kaye G. Hearn**  
**Fall Screening 2011**

	Unqualified	Qualified	Well-Qualified
<b>1. <u>Constitutional Qualifications:</u></b> A candidate must meet the constitutional or statutory requirements of citizenship, residence, age, and professional experience.		X	
<b>2. <u>Physical Health:</u></b> The demands of the judicial office require a high level of performance, and a candidate must be both mentally and physically capable of performing the duties of the office sought with or without reasonable accommodation for any mental or physical impairment that substantially limits a major life activity.		X	
<b>3. <u>Mental Stability:</u></b> The demands of the judicial office require a high level of performance, and a candidate must be both mentally and physically capable of performing the duties of the office sought with or without reasonable accommodation for any mental or physical impairment that substantially limits a major life activity.		X	
<b>4. <u>Ethical Fitness:</u></b> A candidate must have the ability to perform adjudicative duties impartially and to deal with litigants, lawyers, witnesses, and other courtroom participants objectively and without bias. A candidate should have a sense of humor and must exhibit trustworthiness, moral vigor, and strength of character. A candidate's past action and deeds should demonstrate consistent adherence to high ethical principles and his or her reputation should be above reproach. A candidate must also follow campaigning and pledging laws. At a minimum, a sitting judge will be expected to have complied with the Code of Judicial Conduct's requirements to avoid impropriety, the appearance of impropriety, and partiality.			X
<b>5. <u>Professional and Academic Ability:</u></b> A candidate is expected to be well-versed in fundamental legal principles and in procedural and evidentiary rules. A candidate must have the ability to communicate in a style that is both lucid and persuasive and must have the intellectual capacity to interpret established legal principles, apply them to specific factual situations, and clearly and logically communicate the reasoning leading up to his or her conclusion. A candidate's academic record, participation in continuing legal education or other seminars, legal writing, and reputation among professional colleagues to evaluate legal knowledge and ability will be reviewed. On the appellate court level, consideration will be given to a candidate's ability to work well with others and to build or reach a consensus when appropriate.			X
<b>6. <u>Character:</u></b> The character of a candidate regarding his or her ethical standards, work habits, and financial responsibility, will be reviewed, as well as a thorough investigation of any complaints, grievances, or criminal allegations made against a candidate.			X
<b>7. <u>Reputation:</u></b> Consideration of a candidate's background will include the following: 1) the non-legal experience; 2) the candidate's involvement in community affairs, public office, or pro bono work; or 3) the candidate's views on social issues and his or her desire to affect public policy. A review will be undertaken to ensure a candidate has followed the Code of Judicial Conduct's prohibition against certain extra-judicial activities and rules governing the use of judicial office.			X

	Unqualified	Qualified	Well-Qualified
<p><b>8. Experience:</b> The extent and variety of a candidate's experience as an attorney or as a judge or both should be considered in light of the nature of the judicial vacancy to be filled.</p> <p><b>9. Judicial Temperament:</b> A candidate's ability to consistently exhibit exemplary judicial temperament will be reviewed. Among the qualities that comprise such a temperament are patience, open-mindedness, courtesy, tact, firmness, understanding, compassion, and humility. Factors that indicate a lack of judicial temperament include arrogance, impatience, pomposity, arbitrariness, and tyranny.</p>			X  X

**Related Comments:**

1. **Constitutional Qualifications:**
2. **Ethical Fitness:**
3. **Professional and Academic Ability:**
4. **Character:**
5. **Reputation:**
6. **Physical Health:**
7. **Mental Stability:**
8. **Experience:**
9. **Judicial Temperament:**

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:** Justice Hearn has an impressive legal background and is well-qualified to serve as a justice on the SC Supreme Court.

**Diane Rabon Bagnal**  
Committee Chair's Name

**9/26/11**  
Date

**Honorable Kaye G. Hearn**  
Candidate's Name

**Pee Dee Citizens Committee Report  
Circuit Court, 4<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat #2  
Candidate's Name: Honorable John Michael Baxley  
Fall Screening 2011**

	Unqualified	Qualified	Well-Qualified
<b>1. Constitutional Qualifications:</b> A candidate must meet the constitutional or statutory requirements of citizenship, residence, age, and professional experience.		X	
<b>2. Physical Health:</b> The demands of the judicial office require a high level of performance, and a candidate must be both mentally and physically capable of performing the duties of the office sought with or without reasonable accommodation for any mental or physical impairment that substantially limits a major life activity.		X	
<b>3. Mental Stability:</b> The demands of the judicial office require a high level of performance, and a candidate must be both mentally and physically capable of performing the duties of the office sought with or without reasonable accommodation for any mental or physical impairment that substantially limits a major life activity.		X	
<b>4. Ethical Fitness:</b> A candidate must have the ability to perform adjudicative duties impartially and to deal with litigants, lawyers, witnesses, and other courtroom participants objectively and without bias. A candidate should have a sense of humor and must exhibit trustworthiness, moral vigor, and strength of character. A candidate's past action and deeds should demonstrate consistent adherence to high ethical principles and his or her reputation should be above reproach. A candidate must also follow campaigning and pledging laws. At a minimum, a sitting judge will be expected to have complied with the Code of Judicial Conduct's requirements to avoid impropriety, the appearance of impropriety, and partiality.			X
<b>5. Professional and Academic Ability:</b> A candidate is expected to be well-versed in fundamental legal principles and in procedural and evidentiary rules. A candidate must have the ability to communicate in a style that is both lucid and persuasive and must have the intellectual capacity to interpret established legal principles, apply them to specific factual situations, and clearly and logically communicate the reasoning leading up to his or her conclusion. A candidate's academic record, participation in continuing legal education or other seminars, legal writing, and reputation among professional colleagues to evaluate legal knowledge and ability will be reviewed. On the appellate court level, consideration will be given to a candidate's ability to work well with others and to build or reach a consensus when appropriate.			X
<b>6. Character:</b> The character of a candidate regarding his or her ethical standards, work habits, and financial responsibility, will be reviewed, as well as a thorough investigation of any complaints, grievances, or criminal allegations made against a candidate.			X
<b>7. Reputation:</b> Consideration of a candidate's background will include the following: 1) the non-legal experience; 2) the candidate's involvement in community affairs, public office, or pro bono work; or 3) the candidate's views on social issues and his or her desire to affect public policy. A review will be undertaken to ensure a candidate has followed the Code of Judicial Conduct's prohibition against certain extra-judicial activities and rules governing the use of judicial office.			X

	Unqualified	Qualified	Well-Qualified
<p><b>8. Experience:</b> The extent and variety of a candidate's experience as an attorney or as a judge or both should be considered in light of the nature of the judicial vacancy to be filled.</p> <p><b>9. Judicial Temperament:</b> A candidate's ability to consistently exhibit exemplary judicial temperament will be reviewed. Among the qualities that comprise such a temperament are patience, open-mindedness, courtesy, tact, firmness, understanding, compassion, and humility. Factors that indicate a lack of judicial temperament include arrogance, impatience, pomposity, arbitrariness, and tyranny.</p>			X
			X

**Related Comments:**

1. **Constitutional Qualifications:**
2. **Ethical Fitness:**
3. **Professional and Academic Ability:**
4. **Character:**
5. **Reputation:**
6. **Physical Health:**
7. **Mental Stability:**
8. **Experience:**
9. **Judicial Temperament:**

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:** Judge Baxley is an extremely conscientious judge who understands the law well and is willing to apply it fairly to all litigants appearing before him.

Diane Rabon Bagnol  
Committee Chair's Name

9/26/11  
Date

Honorable John Michael Baxley  
Candidate's Name

**Pee Dee Citizens Committee Report**  
**Circuit Court, 12<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat #1**  
**Candidate's Name: Honorable Michael G. Nettles**  
**Fall Screening 2011**

	Unqualified	Qualified	Well-Qualified
<b>1. Constitutional Qualifications:</b> A candidate must meet the constitutional or statutory requirements of citizenship, residence, age, and professional experience.		X	
<b>2. Physical Health:</b> The demands of the judicial office require a high level of performance, and a candidate must be both mentally and physically capable of performing the duties of the office sought with or without reasonable accommodation for any mental or physical impairment that substantially limits a major life activity.		X	
<b>3. Mental Stability:</b> The demands of the judicial office require a high level of performance, and a candidate must be both mentally and physically capable of performing the duties of the office sought with or without reasonable accommodation for any mental or physical impairment that substantially limits a major life activity.		X	
<b>4. Ethical Fitness:</b> A candidate must have the ability to perform adjudicative duties impartially and to deal with litigants, lawyers, witnesses, and other courtroom participants objectively and without bias. A candidate should have a sense of humor and must exhibit trustworthiness, moral vigor, and strength of character. A candidate's past action and deeds should demonstrate consistent adherence to high ethical principles and his or her reputation should be above reproach. A candidate must also follow campaigning and pledging laws. At a minimum, a sitting judge will be expected to have complied with the Code of Judicial Conduct's requirements to avoid impropriety, the appearance of impropriety, and partiality.			X
<b>5. Professional and Academic Ability:</b> A candidate is expected to be well-versed in fundamental legal principles and in procedural and evidentiary rules. A candidate must have the ability to communicate in a style that is both lucid and persuasive and must have the intellectual capacity to interpret established legal principles, apply them to specific factual situations, and clearly and logically communicate the reasoning leading up to his or her conclusion. A candidate's academic record, participation in continuing legal education or other seminars, legal writing, and reputation among professional colleagues to evaluate legal knowledge and ability will be reviewed. On the appellate court level, consideration will be given to a candidate's ability to work well with others and to build or reach a consensus when appropriate.			X
<b>6. Character:</b> The character of a candidate regarding his or her ethical standards, work habits, and financial responsibility, will be reviewed, as well as a thorough investigation of any complaints, grievances, or criminal allegations made against a candidate.			X
<b>7. Reputation:</b> Consideration of a candidate's background will include the following: 1) the non-legal experience; 2) the candidate's involvement in community affairs, public office, or pro bono work; or 3) the candidate's views on social issues and his or her desire to affect public policy. A review will be undertaken to ensure a candidate has followed the Code of Judicial Conduct's prohibition against certain extra-judicial activities and rules governing the use of judicial office.			X

	Unqualified	Qualified	Well-Qualified
8. <b><u>Experience:</u></b> The extent and variety of a candidate's experience as an attorney or as a judge or both should be considered in light of the nature of the judicial vacancy to be filled.			X
9. <b><u>Judicial Temperament:</u></b> A candidate's ability to consistently exhibit exemplary judicial temperament will be reviewed. Among the qualities that comprise such a temperament are patience, open-mindedness, courtesy, tact, firmness, understanding, compassion, and humility. Factors that indicate a lack of judicial temperament include arrogance, impatience, pomposity, arbitrariness, and tyranny.			X

**Related Comments:**

1. **Constitutional Qualifications:**
2. **Ethical Fitness:**
3. **Professional and Academic Ability:**
4. **Character:**
5. **Reputation:**
6. **Physical Health:**
7. **Mental Stability:**
8. **Experience:**
9. **Judicial Temperament:**

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:** Judge Nettles enjoys an excellent reputation as a fair-minded, firm jurist with extensive knowledge of the law.

**Diane Rabon Bagnol**  
Committee Chair's Name

**9/26/11**  
Date

**Honorable Michael G. Nettles**  
Candidate's Name

**Pee Dee Citizens Committee Report**  
**Retired, Family Court**  
**Candidate's Name: Honorable Wylie H. Caldwell, Jr.**  
**Fall Screening 2011**

	Unqualified	Qualified	Well-Qualified
<b>1. Constitutional Qualifications:</b> A candidate must meet the constitutional or statutory requirements of citizenship, residence, age, and professional experience.		X	
<b>2. Physical Health:</b> The demands of the judicial office require a high level of performance, and a candidate must be both mentally and physically capable of performing the duties of the office sought with or without reasonable accommodation for any mental or physical impairment that substantially limits a major life activity.		X	
<b>3. Mental Stability:</b> The demands of the judicial office require a high level of performance, and a candidate must be both mentally and physically capable of performing the duties of the office sought with or without reasonable accommodation for any mental or physical impairment that substantially limits a major life activity.		X	
<b>4. Ethical Fitness:</b> A candidate must have the ability to perform adjudicative duties impartially and to deal with litigants, lawyers, witnesses, and other courtroom participants objectively and without bias. A candidate should have a sense of humor and must exhibit trustworthiness, moral vigor, and strength of character. A candidate's past action and deeds should demonstrate consistent adherence to high ethical principles and his or her reputation should be above reproach. A candidate must also follow campaigning and pledging laws. At a minimum, a sitting judge will be expected to have complied with the Code of Judicial Conduct's requirements to avoid impropriety, the appearance of impropriety, and partiality.			X
<b>5. Professional and Academic Ability:</b> A candidate is expected to be well-versed in fundamental legal principles and in procedural and evidentiary rules. A candidate must have the ability to communicate in a style that is both lucid and persuasive and must have the intellectual capacity to interpret established legal principles, apply them to specific factual situations, and clearly and logically communicate the reasoning leading up to his or her conclusion. A candidate's academic record, participation in continuing legal education or other seminars, legal writing, and reputation among professional colleagues to evaluate legal knowledge and ability will be reviewed. On the appellate court level, consideration will be given to a candidate's ability to work well with others and to build or reach a consensus when appropriate.			X
<b>6. Character:</b> The character of a candidate regarding his or her ethical standards, work habits, and financial responsibility, will be reviewed, as well as a thorough investigation of any complaints, grievances, or criminal allegations made against a candidate.			X
<b>7. Reputation:</b> Consideration of a candidate's background will include the following: 1) the non-legal experience; 2) the candidate's involvement in community affairs, public office, or pro bono work; or 3) the candidate's views on social issues and his or her desire to affect public policy. A review will be undertaken to ensure a candidate has followed the Code of Judicial Conduct's prohibition against certain extra-judicial activities and rules governing the use of judicial office.			X

	Unqualified	Qualified	Well-Qualified
<p><b>8. Experience:</b> The extent and variety of a candidate's experience as an attorney or as a judge or both should be considered in light of the nature of the judicial vacancy to be filled.</p> <p><b>9. Judicial Temperament:</b> A candidate's ability to consistently exhibit exemplary judicial temperament will be reviewed. Among the qualities that comprise such a temperament are patience, open-mindedness, courtesy, tact, firmness, understanding, compassion, and humility. Factors that indicate a lack of judicial temperament include arrogance, impatience, pomposity, arbitrariness, and tyranny.</p>			X
			X

**Related Comments:**

1. **Constitutional Qualifications:**
2. **Ethical Fitness:**
3. **Professional and Academic Ability:**
4. **Character:**
5. **Reputation:**
6. **Physical Health:**
7. **Mental Stability:**
8. **Experience:**
9. **Judicial Temperament:**

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:** Judge Caldwell combines a strong knowledge of the law with a kind, caring demeanor that is very well suited for a family courtroom.

**Diane Rabon Bagnol**  
Committee Chair's Name

**9/26/11**  
Date

**Honorable Wylie H. Caldwell, Jr.**  
Candidate's Name





	Unqualified	Qualified	Well-Qualified
<p><b>8. Experience:</b> The extent and variety of a candidate's experience as an attorney or as a judge or both should be considered in light of the nature of the judicial vacancy to be filled.</p>			✓
<p><b>9. Judicial Temperament:</b> A candidate's ability to consistently exhibit exemplary judicial temperament will be reviewed. Among the qualities that comprise such a temperament are patience, open-mindedness, courtesy, tact, firmness, understanding, compassion, and humility. Factors that indicate a lack of judicial temperament include arrogance, impatience, pomposity, arbitrariness, and tyranny.</p>			✓

**Related Comments:**

**1. Constitutional Qualifications:**

**2. Ethical Fitness:**

**3. Professional and Academic Ability:**

**4. Character:**

**5. Reputation:**

6. Physical Health:

7. Mental Stability

8. Experience:

9. Judicial Temperament:

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

*Mr Griffith is eminently qualified to be  
Re-elected a circuit judge*

*Charles A. Montgomery*      *September 2, 2011*      *Eugene Griffith, Jr.*  
Committee Chair's Name      Date      Candidate's Name

*Predmet* Citizens Committee Report  
 Court Admin Law Court, Seat 3  
 Candidate's Name: John P. McLeod  
 Fall/Spring Screening \_\_\_\_\_ (2011)

	Unqualified	Qualified	Well-Qualified
<p><b>1. Constitutional Qualifications:</b> A candidate must meet the constitutional or statutory requirements of citizenship, residence, age, and professional experience.</p> <p><b>2. Physical Health:</b> The demands of the judicial office require a high level of performance, and a candidate must be both mentally and physically capable of performing the duties of the office sought with or without reasonable accommodation for any mental or physical impairment that substantially limits a major life activity.</p> <p><b>3. Mental Stability:</b> The demands of the judicial office require a high level of performance, and a candidate must be both mentally and physically capable of performing the duties of the office sought with or without reasonable accommodation for any mental or physical impairment that substantially limits a major life activity.</p> <p><b>4. Ethical Fitness:</b> A candidate must have the ability to perform adjudicative duties impartially and to deal with litigants, lawyers, witnesses, and other courtroom participants objectively and without bias. A candidate should have a sense of humor and must exhibit trustworthiness, moral vigor, and strength of character. A candidate's past action and deeds should demonstrate consistent adherence to high ethical principles and his or her reputation should be above reproach. A candidate must also follow campaigning and pledging laws. At a minimum, a sitting judge will be expected to have complied with the Code of Judicial Conduct's requirements to avoid impropriety, the appearance of impropriety, and partiality.</p> <p><b>5. Professional and Academic Ability:</b> A candidate is expected to be well-versed in fundamental legal principles and in procedural and evidentiary rules. A candidate must have the ability to communicate in a style that is both lucid and persuasive and must have the intellectual capacity to interpret established legal principles, apply them to specific factual situations, and clearly and logically communicate the reasoning leading up to his or her conclusion. A candidate's academic record, participation in continuing legal education or other seminars, legal writing, and reputation among professional colleagues to evaluate legal knowledge and ability will be reviewed. On the appellate court level, consideration will be given to a candidate's ability to work well with others and to build or reach a consensus when appropriate.</p> <p><b>6. Character:</b> The character of a candidate regarding his or her ethical standards, work habits, and financial responsibility, will be reviewed, as well as a thorough investigation of any complaints, grievances, or criminal allegations made against a candidate.</p> <p><b>7. Reputation:</b> Consideration of a candidate's background will include the following: 1) the non-legal experience; 2) the candidate's involvement in community affairs, public office, or pro bono work; or 3) the candidate's views on social issues and his or her desire to affect public policy. A review will be undertaken to ensure a candidate has followed the Code of Judicial Conduct's prohibition against certain extra-judicial activities and rules governing the use of judicial office.</p>		✓	
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		✓	
			✓
		✓	
			✓

	Unqualified	Qualified	Well-Qualified
<p><b>8. Experience:</b> The extent and variety of a candidate's experience as an attorney or as a judge or both should be considered in light of the nature of the judicial vacancy to be filled.</p> <p><b>9. Judicial Temperament:</b> A candidate's ability to consistently exhibit exemplary judicial temperament will be reviewed. Among the qualities that comprise such a temperament are patience, open-mindedness, courtesy, tact, firmness, understanding, compassion, and humility. Factors that indicate a lack of judicial temperament include arrogance, impatience, pomposity, arbitrariness, and tyranny.</p>			<p>✓</p> <p>✓</p>

**Related Comments:**

**1. Constitutional Qualifications:**

**2. Ethical Fitness:**

**3. Professional and Academic Ability:**

**4. Character:**

**5. Reputation:**

6. Physical Health:

7. Mental Stability

8. Experience:

9. Judicial Temperament:

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

*Mr. McLeod is very qualified to be reappointed*

Charles A. Montgomery  
Committee Chair's Name

9-21-2011  
Date

John J. McLeod  
Candidate's Name

*Piedmont* Citizens Committee Report  
 Court Supreme Court, Seat  
 Candidate's Name: JAMES E. MOORE  
 Fall/Spring Screening \_\_\_\_\_ (2011)

	Unqualified	Qualified	Well-Qualified
<p><b>1. Constitutional Qualifications:</b> A candidate must meet the constitutional or statutory requirements of citizenship, residence, age, and professional experience.</p>		✓	
<p><b>2. Physical Health:</b> The demands of the judicial office require a high level of performance, and a candidate must be both mentally and physically capable of performing the duties of the office sought with or without reasonable accommodation for any mental or physical impairment that substantially limits a major life activity.</p>		✓	
<p><b>3. Mental Stability:</b> The demands of the judicial office require a high level of performance, and a candidate must be both mentally and physically capable of performing the duties of the office sought with or without reasonable accommodation for any mental or physical impairment that substantially limits a major life activity.</p>		✓	
<p><b>4. Ethical Fitness:</b> A candidate must have the ability to perform adjudicative duties impartially and to deal with litigants, lawyers, witnesses, and other courtroom participants objectively and without bias. A candidate should have a sense of humor and must exhibit trustworthiness, moral vigor, and strength of character. A candidate's past action and deeds should demonstrate consistent adherence to high ethical principles and his or her reputation should be above reproach. A candidate must also follow campaigning and pledging laws. At a minimum, a sitting judge will be expected to have complied with the Code of Judicial Conduct's requirements to avoid impropriety, the appearance of impropriety, and partiality.</p>			✓
<p><b>5. Professional and Academic Ability:</b> A candidate is expected to be well-versed in fundamental legal principles and in procedural and evidentiary rules. A candidate must have the ability to communicate in a style that is both lucid and persuasive and must have the intellectual capacity to interpret established legal principles, apply them to specific factual situations, and clearly and logically communicate the reasoning leading up to his or her conclusion. A candidate's academic record, participation in continuing legal education, or other seminars, legal writing, and reputation among professional colleagues to evaluate legal knowledge and ability will be reviewed. On the appellate court level, consideration will be given to a candidate's ability to work well with others and to build or reach a consensus when appropriate.</p>			✓
<p><b>6. Character:</b> The character of a candidate regarding his or her ethical standards, work habits, and financial responsibility, will be reviewed, as well as a thorough investigation of any complaints, grievances, or criminal allegations made against a candidate.</p>			✓
<p><b>7. Reputation:</b> Consideration of a candidate's background will include the following: 1) the non-legal experience; 2) the candidate's involvement in community affairs, public office, or pro bono work; or 3) the candidate's views on social issues and his or her desire to affect public policy. A review will be undertaken to ensure a candidate has followed the Code of Judicial Conduct's prohibition against certain extra-judicial activities and rules governing the use of judicial office.</p>			✓

	Unqualified	Qualified	Well-Qualified
<p><b>8. Experience:</b> The extent and variety of a candidate's experience as an attorney or as a judge or both should be considered in light of the nature of the judicial vacancy to be filled.</p>			✓
<p><b>9. Judicial Temperament:</b> A candidate's ability to consistently exhibit exemplary judicial temperament will be reviewed. Among the qualities that comprise such a temperament are patience, open-mindedness, courtesy, tact, firmness, understanding, compassion, and humility. Factors that indicate a lack of judicial temperament include arrogance, impatience, pomposity, arbitrariness, and tyranny.</p>			✓

**Related Comments:**

**1. Constitutional Qualifications:**

**2. Ethical Fitness:**

**3. Professional and Academic Ability:**

**4. Character:**

**5. Reputation:**



6. Physical Health:

7. Mental Stability

8. Experience:

9. Judicial Temperament:

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

*Our committee finds Judge Moore to be eminently qualified; and the committee holds him in high regard.*

Charles A. Montgomery  
Committee Chair's Name

9-21-2011  
Date

James E. Moore  
Candidate's Name

**Upstate Citizens Committee Report  
Circuit Court, 7<sup>th</sup> Circuit, Seat 2  
Candidate's Name: The Honorable Roger L. Couch  
Fall Screening (2011)**

	Unqualified	Qualified	Well-Qualified
<b>1. Constitutional Qualifications:</b> A candidate must meet the constitutional or statutory requirements of citizenship, residence, age, and professional experience.		X	
<b>2. Physical Health:</b> The demands of the judicial office require a high level of performance, and a candidate must be both mentally and physically capable of performing the duties of the office sought with or without reasonable accommodation for any mental or physical impairment that substantially limits a major life activity.		X	
<b>3. Mental Stability:</b> The demands of the judicial office require a high level of performance, and a candidate must be both mentally and physically capable of performing the duties of the office sought with or without reasonable accommodation for any mental or physical impairment that substantially limits a major life activity.		X	
<b>4. Ethical Fitness:</b> A candidate must have the ability to perform adjudicative duties impartially and to deal with litigants, lawyers, witnesses, and other courtroom participants objectively and without bias. A candidate should have a sense of humor and must exhibit trustworthiness, moral vigor, and strength of character. A candidate's past action and deeds should demonstrate consistent adherence to high ethical principles and his or her reputation should be above reproach. A candidate must also follow campaigning and pledging laws. At a minimum, a sitting judge will be expected to have complied with the Code of Judicial Conduct's requirements to avoid impropriety, the appearance of impropriety, and partiality.			X
<b>5. Professional and Academic Ability:</b> A candidate is expected to be well-versed in fundamental legal principles and in procedural and evidentiary rules. A candidate must have the ability to communicate in a style that is both lucid and persuasive and must have the intellectual capacity to interpret established legal principles, apply them to specific factual situations, and clearly and logically communicate the reasoning leading up to his or her conclusion. A candidate's academic record, participation in continuing legal education or other seminars, legal writing, and reputation among professional colleagues to evaluate legal knowledge and ability will be reviewed. On the appellate court level, consideration will be given to a candidate's ability to work well with others and to build or reach a consensus when appropriate.			X
<b>6. Character:</b> The character of a candidate regarding his or her ethical standards, work habits, and financial responsibility, will be reviewed, as well as a thorough investigation of any complaints, grievances, or criminal allegations made against a candidate.			X
<b>7. Reputation:</b> Consideration of a candidate's background will include the following: 1) the non-legal experience; 2) the candidate's involvement in community affairs, public office, or pro bono work; or 3) the candidate's views on social issues and his or her desire to affect public policy. A review will be undertaken to ensure a candidate has followed the Code of Judicial Conduct's prohibition against certain extra-judicial activities and rules governing the use of judicial office.			X

	Unqualified	Qualified	Well-Qualified
<p><b>8. Experience:</b> The extent and variety of a candidate's experience as an attorney or as a judge or both should be considered in light of the nature of the judicial vacancy to be filled.</p> <p><b>9. Judicial Temperament:</b> A candidate's ability to consistently exhibit exemplary judicial temperament will be reviewed. Among the qualities that comprise such a temperament are patience, open-mindedness, courtesy, tact, firmness, understanding, compassion, and humility. Factors that indicate a lack of judicial temperament include arrogance, impatience, pomposity, arbitrariness, and tyranny.</p>			X
			X

**Related Comments:**

**1. Constitutional Qualifications:**

**2. Ethical Fitness:**

**3. Professional and Academic Ability:**

**4. Character:**

**5. Reputation:**

**6. Physical Health:**

**7. Mental Stability**

**8. Experience:**

**9. Judicial Temperament:**

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

**Nancy Jo Thomason**  
**Committee Chair's Name**

**10/4/11**  
**Date**

**The Hon. Roger L. Couch**  
**Candidate's Name**

**Upstate Citizens Committee Report  
Circuit Court, 10<sup>th</sup> Circuit, Seat 2  
Candidate's Name: The Honorable Alexander Macaulay  
Fall Screening (2011)**

	Unqualified	Qualified	Well-Qualified
<b>1. Constitutional Qualifications:</b> A candidate must meet the constitutional or statutory requirements of citizenship, residence, age, and professional experience.		X	
<b>2. Physical Health:</b> The demands of the judicial office require a high level of performance, and a candidate must be both mentally and physically capable of performing the duties of the office sought with or without reasonable accommodation for any mental or physical impairment that substantially limits a major life activity.		X	
<b>3. Mental Stability:</b> The demands of the judicial office require a high level of performance, and a candidate must be both mentally and physically capable of performing the duties of the office sought with or without reasonable accommodation for any mental or physical impairment that substantially limits a major life activity.		X	
<b>4. Ethical Fitness:</b> A candidate must have the ability to perform adjudicative duties impartially and to deal with litigants, lawyers, witnesses, and other courtroom participants objectively and without bias. A candidate should have a sense of humor and must exhibit trustworthiness, moral vigor, and strength of character. A candidate's past action and deeds should demonstrate consistent adherence to high ethical principles and his or her reputation should be above reproach. A candidate must also follow campaigning and pleading laws. At a minimum, a sitting judge will be expected to have complied with the Code of Judicial Conduct's requirements to avoid impropriety, the appearance of impropriety, and partiality.			X
<b>5. Professional and Academic Ability:</b> A candidate is expected to be well-versed in fundamental legal principles and in procedural and evidentiary rules. A candidate must have the ability to communicate in a style that is both lucid and persuasive and must have the intellectual capacity to interpret established legal principles, apply them to specific factual situations, and clearly and logically communicate the reasoning leading up to his or her conclusion. A candidate's academic record, participation in continuing legal education or other seminars, legal writing, and reputation among professional colleagues to evaluate legal knowledge and ability will be reviewed. On the appellate court level, consideration will be given to a candidate's ability to work well with others and to build or reach a consensus when appropriate.			X
<b>6. Character:</b> The character of a candidate regarding his or her ethical standards, work habits, and financial responsibility, will be reviewed, as well as a thorough investigation of any complaints, grievances, or criminal allegations made against a candidate.			X
<b>7. Reputation:</b> Consideration of a candidate's background will include the following: 1) the non-legal experience; 2) the candidate's involvement in community affairs, public office, or pro bono work; or 3) the candidate's views on social issues and his or her desire to affect public policy. A review will be undertaken to ensure a candidate has followed the Code of Judicial Conduct's prohibition against certain extra-judicial activities and rules governing the use of judicial office.			X

	Unqualified	Qualified	Well-Qualified
<p><b>8. Experience:</b> The extent and variety of a candidate's experience as an attorney or as a judge or both should be considered in light of the nature of the judicial vacancy to be filled.</p> <p><b>9. Judicial Temperament:</b> A candidate's ability to consistently exhibit exemplary judicial temperament will be reviewed. Among the qualities that comprise such a temperament are patience, open-mindedness, courtesy, tact, firmness, understanding, compassion, and humility. Factors that indicate a lack of judicial temperament include arrogance, impatience, pomposity, arbitrariness, and tyranny.</p>			X
			X

**Related Comments:**

**1. Constitutional Qualifications:**

**2. Ethical Fitness:**

**3. Professional and Academic Ability:**

**4. Character:**

**5. Reputation:**

**6. Physical Health:**

**7. Mental Stability**

**8. Experience:**

**9. Judicial Temperament:**

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

**Nancy Jo Thomason**  
**Committee Chair's Name**

**10/4/11**  
**Date**

**The Hon. Alexander Macaulay**  
**Candidate's Name**

**Upstate Citizens Committee Report**  
**Circuit Court, Retired**  
**Candidate's Name: The Honorable Victor Pyle**  
**Fall Screening (2011)**

	Unqualified	Qualified	Well-Qualified
<b>1. <u>Constitutional Qualifications:</u></b> A candidate must meet the constitutional or statutory requirements of citizenship, residence, age, and professional experience.		X	
<b>2. <u>Physical Health:</u></b> The demands of the judicial office require a high level of performance, and a candidate must be both mentally and physically capable of performing the duties of the office sought with or without reasonable accommodation for any mental or physical impairment that substantially limits a major life activity.		X	
<b>3. <u>Mental Stability:</u></b> The demands of the judicial office require a high level of performance, and a candidate must be both mentally and physically capable of performing the duties of the office sought with or without reasonable accommodation for any mental or physical impairment that substantially limits a major life activity.		X	
<b>4. <u>Ethical Fitness:</u></b> A candidate must have the ability to perform adjudicative duties impartially and to deal with litigants, lawyers, witnesses, and other courtroom participants objectively and without bias. A candidate should have a sense of humor and must exhibit trustworthiness, moral vigor, and strength of character. A candidate's past action and deeds should demonstrate consistent adherence to high ethical principles and his or her reputation should be above reproach. A candidate must also follow campaigning and pledging laws. At a minimum, a sitting judge will be expected to have complied with the Code of Judicial Conduct's requirements to avoid impropriety, the appearance of impropriety, and partiality.			X
<b>5. <u>Professional and Academic Ability:</u></b> A candidate is expected to be well-versed in fundamental legal principles and in procedural and evidentiary rules. A candidate must have the ability to communicate in a style that is both lucid and persuasive and must have the intellectual capacity to interpret established legal principles, apply them to specific factual situations, and clearly and logically communicate the reasoning leading up to his or her conclusion. A candidate's academic record, participation in continuing legal education or other seminars, legal writing, and reputation among professional colleagues to evaluate legal knowledge and ability will be reviewed. On the appellate court level, consideration will be given to a candidate's ability to work well with others and to build or reach a consensus when appropriate.			X
<b>6. <u>Character:</u></b> The character of a candidate regarding his or her ethical standards, work habits, and financial responsibility, will be reviewed, as well as a thorough investigation of any complaints, grievances, or criminal allegations made against a candidate.			X
<b>7. <u>Reputation:</u></b> Consideration of a candidate's background will include the following: 1) the non-legal experience; 2) the candidate's involvement in community affairs, public office, or pro bono work; or 3) the candidate's views on social issues and his or her desire to affect public policy. A review will be undertaken to ensure a candidate has followed the Code of Judicial Conduct's prohibition against certain extra-judicial activities and rules governing the use of judicial office.			X



	Unqualified	Qualified	Well-Qualified
<p><b>8. Experience:</b> The extent and variety of a candidate's experience as an attorney or as a judge or both should be considered in light of the nature of the judicial vacancy to be filled.</p> <p><b>9. Judicial Temperament:</b> A candidate's ability to consistently exhibit exemplary judicial temperament will be reviewed. Among the qualities that comprise such a temperament are patience, open-mindedness, courtesy, tact, firmness, understanding, compassion, and humility. Factors that indicate a lack of judicial temperament include arrogance, impatience, pomposity, arbitrariness, and tyranny.</p>			X
			X

**Related Comments:**

**1. Constitutional Qualifications:**

**2. Ethical Fitness:**

**3. Professional and Academic Ability:**

**4. Character:**

**5. Reputation:**

**6. Physical Health:**

**7. Mental Stability**

**8. Experience:**

**9. Judicial Temperament:**

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

Nancy Jo Thomason  
Committee Chair's Name

10/4/11  
Date

The Hon. Victor Pyle  
Candidate's Name