# Circuit Court

## Circuit Judges, Official Reporters, Judicial Circuits, and At-Large Judges

46 Judges: 33 elected by the General Assembly from the sixteen Judicial Circuits for 6-year terms; 13 elected by the General Assembly from the State at-large for 6-year terms—Act 164, 1979, Sec. 14-5-610 of the 1976 Code, amended by Act 610, 1990. Act 145, 1995 added 3 new at-large seats. Act 222, 1997 added 3 new circuit seats. Act 241, 2012, added 3 new at-large seats.

## First Circuit

***Counties*—Calhoun, Dorchester, Orangeburg**

**DICKSON, Edgar W.** (2009–16), Judge of the First Circuit, Seat 1, 151 Docket St., P.O. Box 1949, Orangeburg 29116, Tel. (803) 535-2187, Fax (803) 535-2188; *b.* Aug. 26, 1950; *s.* Glenn Wells Dickson, Sr. and Katherine Montgomery Dickson; *g.* Univ. of S.C., B.S., 1972, J.D., 1977; Nov. 17, 1973 *m.* Lessie Gayle Floyd, 2 children, E. Charles and James F.; mem.: S.C. Bar; Orangeburg Co. Bar Assn.; Amer. Bar Assn.; St. Andrews Soc. of Cola.; Soc. of High Hill of the Santee; Orangeburg Presbyterian Church Soc.; First Presbyterian Church, Elder; elected Judge of the First Circuit, Seat 1, Feb. 11, 2009 to succeed James C. Williams, retired; qualified Feb. 27, 2009, serving continuously since.

*Admin. Asst.*—Peggy T. Smith . . . . . .Orangeburg
*Court Reporter*—Hilda M. Jordan . . . . . .Lexington
*Solicitor*—David M. Pascoe, Jr. (2017) . . . . . .Summerville
*Public Defender*—Mark A. Leiendecker . . . . . .Summerville

**GOODSTEIN, Diane Schafer** (1998–16), Judge of the First Circuit, Seat 2, P.O. Box 234, St. George 29477, Tel. (843) 832-0332; *b.* Dec. 1, 1955 in Dillon; *d.* Joseph M. Schafer and Helen Schafer Mast; *g.* Univ. of N.C. at Chapel Hill, B.A., 1978, J.D., 1981; Apr. 2, 1983 *m.* Arnold S. Goodstein; private practice, Goodstein, Bowling, Douglas & Phillips, 1981–83; Partner/VP, Goodstein & Goodstein, P.A., 1983–98; Dorchester Co. Atty., 1986–88; Bd. mem.: Greater Summerville Chamber

of Commerce; Hospice of Charleston; My Sister's House; S.C. Bar Professional Responsibility Com.; Dorchester Co. Centennial Com.; Bd. of Dirs., KK Beth Elohim, 2000–04; mem., Circuit Judge's Adv. Com.; Panel Chair of the Comm. on Judicial Conduct; 2012 recipient of the Pursuit of Justice Award from the Amer. Bar Assn. Litigation/Ins. Section; 2014 Portrait Recipient, S.C. Assn. for Justice; 2014–15 Del. to Amer. Bar Assn.; elected Judge of the First Circuit, Seat 2, May 5, 1998 to fulfill Act 458, 1996; qualified May 26, 1998, serving continuously since.

*Admin. Asst.*—Karen Parker . . . . . .Harleyville
*Law Clerk*—Ryan D. Templeton . . . . . .Charleston
*Solicitor*—David M. Pascoe, Jr. (2017) . . . . . .Summerville
*Public Defender*—Mark A. Leiendecker . . . . . .Summerville

## Second Circuit

***Counties*—Aiken, Bamberg, Barnwell**

**EARLY, Doyet A. III** (2004–16), Judge of the Second Circuit, Seat 1, P.O. Box 90, Bamberg 29003, Tel. (803) 245-4004; *b.* Jan. 6, 1948 in Orangeburg; *s.* D. A. "Jack" and Olivia Prevette Early; *g.* Univ. of S.C., B.A., 1971, J.D., 1974; July 20, 1969 *m.* Lee Foy Early, 2 children, William P. and Ross H.; founded private practice which became the firm of Early and Ness; admitted to practice law in all S.C. courts, the U.S. Dist. Court for the Dist. of S.C. and the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals; mem.: RHO Chap. of the Kappa Alpha Order; S.C. Bar Assn., S.C. Trial Lawyers Assn., Amer. Bd. of Trial Attys.; has served on Bd. of Comrs. on Grievances and Discipline, Judicial Qualifications Com. of the S.C. Bar; past Pres., Bamberg Co. Public Defender Corp.; past mem., Adv. Bd. of S.C. Bank and Trust, Bamberg; past Chm., S.C. Heart Fund; past Pres., Bamberg-Ehrhardt Red Raider Booster Club; mem., First Baptist Church; elected Judge of the Second Circuit, Seat 1, Feb. 4, 2004 to fulfill the unexpired term of Rodney A. Peeples, retired; qualified May 1, 2004, serving continuously since.

*Admin. Asst.*—Karin Coker . . . . . .Bamberg
*Law Clerk*—Aliecia Bores . . . . . .Bamberg
*Court Reporter*—Bethanie Creppon . . . . . .Lexington
*Solicitor*—J. Strom Thurmond, Jr. (2017) . . . . . .Aiken
*Public Defender*—D. Grant Gibbons . . . . . .Aiken

## Third Circuit

***Counties*—Clarendon, Lee, Sumter, Williamsburg**

**COTHRAN, Ralph Ferrell, Jr.** (2006–16), Judge of the Third Circuit, Seat 1, 16 N. Brooks St., Manning 29102, Tel. (803) 435-2450; *b.* Feb. 14, 1952 in Clarendon Co.; *s.* Ralph Ferrell and Ruth Cothran; *g.* Univ. of S.C., B.A., 1974, J.D., 1977; Apr. 12, 1985 *m.* Deborah Jean Brakefield, 3 children, Scott Ferrell, Michael Bailey, and stepson, Marion Epps Dubose IV; past Chm., Clarendon Co. Election Comm.; Chm., United Way; mem.: Rotary Club, 1989–06; S.C. Bar Assn.; Clarendon Co. Bar Assn.; Clarendon Co. Atty.; Asst. Solicitor, Clarendon Co., 1983–06; Fee Dispute & Resolution Bd.; Session Presbyterian Church; elected Judge of the Third Circuit, Seat 1, Feb. 15, 2006 to fulfill the unexpired term of Thomas W. Cooper, Jr., retired; qualified Oct. 4, 2006, serving continuously since.

*Admin. Asst.*—Gayle Brunson . . . . . .Manning
*Court Reporter*—Melissa Singletary . . . . . .Summerville
*Solicitor*—Ernest A. Finney III (2015) . . . . . .Sumter
*Public Defender*—Jack D. Howle, Jr. . . . . .Sumter

**JAMES, George C. "Buck", Jr.** (2006–18), Judge of the Third Circuit, Seat 2, P.O. Box 1716, Sumter 29151, Tel. (803) 436-2150, Fax (803) 436-2403; *b.* June 2, 1960 in Savannah, Ga.; *s.* Ren F. James and the late George C. James; *g.* The Citadel, B.S., 1982; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1985; *m.* Mar. 22, 1986, 2 children; private practice, firm of Richardson, James & Player, 1985–00; Partner, firm of Lee, Erter, Wilson, James, Holler & Smith, LLC, 2000–06; admitted to practice in S.C. and U.S. Dist. Court for the Dist. of S.C.; Wilson Hall School, Bd. of Trustees, 1998–06; former Dixie Youth baseball coach; former YMCA youth basketball coach; mem.: S.C. Bar; Sumter Co. Bar Assn., S.C. Defense Trial Attys. Assn.; Defense Research Inst.; Matthew J. Perry Civility Award, 2009; mem., Trinity United Methodist Church; elected Judge of the Third Circuit, Seat 2, Feb. 15, 2006 to succeed Howard P. King, retired; qualified June 23, 2006, serving continuously since.

*Admin. Asst.*—Debbie Flinchum . . . . . .Sumter
*Law Clerk*—Lindsay Crawford . . . . . .Sumter

*Court Reporter*—Margaret Sullivan . . . . . .Sumter
*Solicitor*—Ernest A. Finney III (2015) . . . . . .Sumter
*Public Defender*—Jack D. Howle, Jr. . . . . .Sumter

## Fourth Circuit

***Counties*—Chesterfield, Darlington, Marlboro, Dillon**

**BURCH, Paul Michael** (1991–16), Judge of the Fourth Circuit, Seat 1, P.O. Box 276, Pageland 29728, Tel. (843) 672-3270; residing in Pageland; *b.* Feb. 10, 1954 in Charlotte, N.C.; *s.* William B. and Laura (Arant) Burch; *g.* Univ. of S.C.-Lancaster, A.S., Criminal Justice, 1974; Univ. of S.C., B.S., 1976, M.A., 1978, J.D., 1980; graduate, Gen. Jurisdiction and Advanced Evidence Course of Natl. Judicial Coll., Reno, Nevada; Aug. 1, 1976 *m.* Kimberly Lee Thomas, 3 children, Kendall Renee, Ashley Lee, and Paul Michael, Jr.; Chesterfield Co. Council, 1983–88, VC, 1987–88; past Chm. of Trustees and Admin. Bd. of Pageland United Methodist Church; past Master, Mt. Moriah Masonic Lodge No. 58 A.F.M.; Jamil Shrine Temple; Pageland Police Dept. (6 years); Pageland Volunteer Fire Dept. (42 years); past Chm., Sandhill Ducks Unlimited; Sentencing Guidelines Comm.; Legis. Fire Caucus; House of Reps., 1988–91; Judicial Del. to the ABA Natl. Conf., 2000–02; Pres., S.C. Circuit Court Judges Assn., 2008–10; elected Judge of the Fourth Circuit, Seat 1, May 29, 1991 to fulfill the unexpired term of C. Anthony Harris, retired; qualified July 10, 1991, serving continuously since.
*Admin. Asst.*—Dell B. Chapman . . . . . .Pageland
*Law Clerk*—Samuel H. Thomas . . . . . .Pageland
*Court Reporter*—Hattie Gordon . . . . . .Wallace
*Solicitor*—Will Rogers (2017) . . . . . .Cheraw
*Public Defender*—A.C. Michael Stephens . . . . . .Dillon

**HENDERSON, Roger E.** (2015–18), Judge of the Fourth Circuit, Seat 2, P.O. Box 311, 155 W. Main St., Chesterfield 29709, Tel. (843) 623-3080, Fax (843) 623-3402; residing in Chesterfield; *b.* Oct. 12, 1949 in Wadesboro, N.C.; *s.* the late James F., Sr. and Selma R. Henderson; *g.* Wofford Coll., 1971, B.S.; Univ. of S.C., 1977, J.D.; May 24, 1975 *m.* Sarah Jane Leppard, 3 children, Emory C., Charlotte Rae, and Roger Edward, Jr.; mem.,

Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity; firm of Henderson & Spenser, 1977–95; Chm., Chesterfield Co. Election Comm., 1979–84; Higher Educ. Comm., 1986–93; Bd. of Comrs., Grievances and Discipline, 1986–90; Asst. Recorder, Town of Chesterfield, 1979–80, Recorder, 1981–82; mem.: S.C. Bar Assn.; Chesterfield Co. Bar Assn.; Amer. Bar Assn.; past mem.: S.C. Trial Lawyers' Assn.; Jaycees; Lion's Club; Chesterfield Civitan Club; Chesterfield Serv. Club; Boy Scout Troop 650; Eagle Scout; admitted to practice in all S.C. courts and the U.S. Dist. Court for the Dist. of S.C.; past Pres., S.C. Conf. of Family Court Judges; awarded the Family Court's Buchan, Brown and Jacobs Award in 2014; mem., Chesterfield Baptist Church; mil. serv.: USA, 1971–77; Family Court Judge, 1995–15; elected Circuit Judge of the Fourth Circuit, Seat 2, Feb. 4, 2015 to fulfill the unexpired term of J. Michael Baxley, resigned.
*Admin. Asst.*—Mary Mumford . . . . . .Chesterfield
*Law Clerk*—Ryan Studemeyer . . . . . .Chesterfield

## Fifth Circuit

***Counties*—Kershaw, Richland**

**BENJAMIN, DeAndrea Gist** (2011–19), Judge of the Fifth Circuit, Seat 1, P.O. Box 192, Columbia 29202, Tel. (803) 576-1746, Fax (803) 576-1777; residing in Columbia; *b.* Oct. 4, 1972 in Richland Co.; *d.* Donald and Adrienne Gist; *g.* Winthrop Univ., B.A., 1994; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1997; June 8, 2002 *m.* Stephen K. Benjamin, 2 children; Asst. Solicitor, Richland Co. Solicitor's Off., 1998–99; Asst. Atty. Gen., Atty. Gen.'s Off., 1999–01; Juvenile Parole Bd., 2001–04; Gist Law Firm, 2001–11; City of Cola. Municipal Judge, 2004–11; Chm., S.C. Bar Young Lawyer's Div., 2006–07; mem.: S.C. Bar Bd. of Govs., 2007–09; S.C. Bar House of Delegates, 2004–09; ABA Young Lawyer's Div.; S.C. Women Lawyers Assn.; S.C. Black Lawyers Assn.; Richland Co. Bar Assn.; S.C. Appleseed Foundation; Cola. Alumnae Chap. of Delta Sigma Theta; Bd. mem.: Edventure Children's Museum; Congaree Girl Scouts; mem., St. John Baptist Church; elected Judge of the Fifth Circuit, Seat 1, to fulfill the unexpired term of John Ernest Kinard, Jr., retired; qualified Nov. 16, 2010, serving continuously since.
*Admin. Asst.*—Jerrell Kirk-James . . . . . .Columbia
*Court Reporter*—Deborah M. McCurdy . . . . . .Columbia

*Solicitor*—Daniel E. Johnson (2015) . . . . . .Columbia
*Public Defender*—Douglas S. Strickler . . . . . .Columbia

**MANNING, Lee Casey** (1994–18), Judge of the Fifth Circuit, Seat 2, P.O. Box 192, Columbia 29202, Tel. (803) 576-1773, Fax (803) 576-1744; residing in Columbia; elected Judge of the Fifth Circuit, Seat 2, Feb. 2, 1994; qualified Mar. 31, 1994, serving continuously since.

*Admin. Asst.*—Ada James . . . . . .Columbia
*Court Reporter*—Crystal Roach-Holmes . . . . . .Columbia
*Solicitor*—Daniel E. Johnson (2015) . . . . . .Columbia
*Public Defender*—Douglas S. Strickler . . . . . .Columbia

**HOOD, Robert E.** (2013–15), Judge of the Fifth Circuit, Seat 3, 1701 Main St., Room 222, P.O. Box 192, Columbia 29202-0192, Tel. (803) 576-1770, Fax (803) 576-1772; *b.* 1975 in Atlanta, Ga.; *s.* H.C. and Brenda B. Hood; *g.* The Citadel, B.A., 1998; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 2001; Apr. 17, 2004 *m.* Kristina Kirk, 2 children; mem., Moot Court Bar; Order of the Barristers; Asst. Solicitor; 5th Judicial Circuit, 2001–03; Asst. Atty. for the Statewide Grand Jury, 2003–05; private practice, 2005–12; elected Feb. 1, 2012, to fulfill the unexpired term of G. Thomas Cooper, Jr., retired; qualified Jan. 2, 2013.
*Admin. Asst.*—Jennifer Smith . . . . . .Columbia
*Court Reporter*—Karen Ambroziak . . . . . .Blythewood
*Solicitor*—Daniel E. Johnson (2015) . . . . . .Columbia
*Public Defender*—Douglas S. Strickler . . . . . .Columbia

## Sixth Circuit

***Counties*—Chester, Lancaster, Fairfield**

**GIBBONS, Brian McDowell** (2013–16), Judge of the Sixth Circuit, Seat 1, P.O. Box 580, Chester 29706, Tel. (803) 581-4115; residing in Chester; *b.* Nov. 24, 1966 in Orangeburg; *s.* I. McDowell "Mac" and Beverly Williamson Gibbons; *g.* The Citadel, B.S., 1989; Univ. of S.C. School of Law, J.D., 1992; *m.* Lorena Crouch, 3 children, Mason Bradley, Mitchell Banks,

and Marshall Britt; founding Pres., Chester/Fairfield Citadel Club; private practice, Hamilton, Delleney and Gibbons, 1992–2005; former city atty., Chester; former town atty., Fort Lawn and Great Falls; past Pres., Chester Rotary Club; Blackstock Bluegrass; Chester YMCA Bd.; past Bd. mem., Richard Winn Academy; Sixth Circuit rep. for the S.C. Trial Lawyers Bd. of Govs.; licensed to practice in all state courts, the Fed. Dist. Court, and U.S. Court of Appeals; Family Court Judge, 2005–2013; mem., Diaconate, Chester Assoc. Reformed Presbyterian Church; elected Judge of the Sixth Circuit, Seat 1, May 15, 2013 to fulfill the unexpired term of Brooks Pope Goldsmith, retired.

*Admin. Asst.*—Mary Orr . . . . . .Chester
*Law Clerk*—Neil Alger . . . . . .Chester
*Solicitor*—Douglas A. Barfield, Jr. (2015) . . . . . .Lancaster
*Public Defender*—Michael H. Lifsey . . . . . .Chester

## Seventh Circuit

***Counties*—Cherokee, Spartanburg**

**COLE, Joseph Derham** (1992–19), Judge of the Seventh Circuit, Seat 1, P.O. Box 1744, Spartanburg 29304, Tel. (864) 596-2685; residing in Spartanburg; *b.* May 27, 1952; *s.* Claude, Jr. and Esther L. Lewis Cole; *g.* Spartanburg High School, 1970; Univ. of S.C., B.A., 1974, J.D., 1976; Aug. 10, 1974 *m.* Candace Linn Carlson, 3 children, J. Derham, Jr., Jonathan, and Carlson; mem.: Co. & S.C. Bar Assns.; Natl. Jud. Coll., Univ. of Nevada, 1993; Asst. Circuit Solicitor, Seventh Judicial Circuit, 1977–85; Chm., Spartanburg Co. House Delegation; VC, Spartanburg Co. Legis. Delegation; Order of the Palmetto; panel Chm., Comm. on Judicial Conduct, 2001–; VP, S.C. Assn. Circuit Judges, 2008–10, Pres., 2010–12; Del., Natl. Conf. State Trial Judges; mem., Amer. Bar Assn.; designated S.C. Bus. Court Judge; prev. serv. in House 1987–92; elected Judge of the Seventh Circuit, Seat 1, Feb. 5, 1992; qualified Mar. 31, 1992, serving continuously since.

*Admin. Asst.*—Sue Pardue . . . . . .Spartanburg
*Law Clerk*—Lauren Ward . . . . . .Spartanburg
*Court Reporter*—Linda Moffitt . . . . . .Spartanburg
*Solicitor*—Barry J. Barnette (2017) . . . . . .Spartanburg
*Public Defender*—Clay T. Allen . . . . . .Spartanburg

**COUCH, Roger L.** (2004–18), Judge of the Seventh Circuit, Seat 2, Spartanburg Co. Courthouse, P.O. Box 2614, Spartanburg 29304, Tel. (864) 596-2285; *b.* Feb. 1, 1950 in Spartanburg Co.; *s.* the late Kenneth O. and Catherine Ramsey Couch Edwards; *g.* Univ. of S.C., B.A., 1972, J.D., 1975; *m.* Joy E. Ayers Couch, 3 children, William R., Robert A., and James D. Jennings, 3 grandchildren; admitted to S.C. Bar, 1975; private practice, 1976–97; past mem., Spartanburg Co. Dist. Six School Bd.; mem., Downtown Spartanburg Rotary Club; Spartanburg Co. Master-in-Equity, 1997–04; mem., First Presbyterian Church of Spartanburg; elected Judge of the Seventh Circuit, Seat 2, Feb. 15, 2004 to fulfill the unexpired term of Donald W. Beatty, elected to Court of Appeals, Seat 6; qualified May 20, 2004, serving continuously since.

*Admin. Asst.*—Lori Crooke . . . . . .Spartanburg
*Law Clerk*—John F. Connell, Jr. . . . . .Spartanburg
*Court Reporter*—Pamela Greene . . . . . .Spartanburg
*Solicitor*—Barry J. Barnette (2017) . . . . . .Spartanburg
*Public Defender*—Clay T. Allen . . . . . .Spartanburg

## Eighth Circuit

***Counties*—Abbeville, Greenwood, Laurens, Newberry**

**ADDY, Frank R., Jr.** (2010–16), Judge of the Eighth Circuit, Seat 1, 528 Monument St., Suite 210, Greenwood 29646, Tel. (864) 943-8020, Fax (864) 942-8581; *b.* Nov. 5, 1967 in Greenwood; *s.* Mary Katherine and the late F. Robert Addy, Sr.; *g.* Univ. of S.C., B.A., 1990, J.D., 1993; *m.* Kelly Sprouse; Univ. of S.C. School of Law, Articles Editor for the Student Editorial Bd. of the Real Property, Probate, and Trust Journal; Pres., Intl. Law Soc.; Intl. Moot Court Team; mem., Palmetto Law Soc.; admitted to the S.C. Bar, 1993; former Asst. Solicitor, Eighth Circuit; Dep. Solicitor, 1995; private practice, 1997; Public Defender, Greenwood and Abbeville Cos., 1998–99; Greenwood Co. Probate Judge, 1999–10; Chm., Probate Judge's Adv. Com. to the Chief Justice, 2001–03; Exec. of the Year award from the Emerald Chap. of the IAAP, 2003; Pres., S.C. Assn. of Probate Judges, 2005–06; Special Circuit Judge, 2006–07; mem.: Greenwood Masonic Lodge #91; St. Mark

United Methodist Church; Judge, Eighth Circuit Drug Court, 2008–; elected Judge of the Eighth Circuit, Seat 1, Feb. 3, 2010 to fulfill the unexpired term of Wyatt Saunders, deceased; qualified Apr. 19, 2010, serving continuously since.
*Admin. Asst.*—Freda Sartin . . . . . .Greenwood
*Law Clerk*—Elizabeth Able . . . . . .Greenwood
*Solicitor*—David M. Stumbo (2017) . . . . . .Greenwood
*Public Defender*—Janna A. Nelson . . . . . .Greenwood

**GRIFFITH, Eugene C.** (2009–18), Judge of the Eighth Circuit, Seat 2, 1226 College St., Newberry 29108, Tel. (803) 321-1430, Fax (803) 276-3281; *b.* Dec. 12, 1964; *s.* the late Eugene C. and Anne Bruner Griffith; *g.* Univ. of S.C., B.S., Bus. Admin., 1987, J.D., 1990; Aug. 17, 1991 *m.* Elizabeth Rushing, 3 children, Cannon, Geena, and Patrick; Griffith Law Firm, 1992–97; Rushing and Griffith, P.C., 1997–09; Special Prosecutor for the Eighth Judicial Circuit, 2005–09; Newberry City Atty., 1994–09; mem.: S.C. Assn. for Justice & Amer. Assn. for Justice; ABA, S.C. Bar, Newberry Co. Bar; Newberry Co. Public Defender Corp. Bd., 1994–04; Newberry Country Club Bd. of Dirs., 2000–02; Dixie Youth Baseball, Coach, 2000–11; Newberry Co. Chamber of Commerce, 1998–09; Piedmont Citizens Com. on Judicial Qualifications, 2004–06; Newberry Co. Tax Adv. Com., 2006–09; Central United Methodist Church: Youth Group Coordinator, former Admin. Bd. Chair, Treas., and Fin. Com. mem.; elected Judge of the Eighth Circuit, Seat 2, Feb. 11, 2009 to fulfill the unexpired term of J. W. Johnson, deceased; qualified Feb. 27, 2009, serving continuously since.
*Admin. Asst.*—Jackie Lawrence . . . . . .Newberry
*Law Clerk*—Zachary E. Fry . . . . . .Greer
*Court Reporter*—Joy Holston . . . . . .Newberry
*Solicitor*—David M. Stumbo (2017) . . . . . .Greenwood
*Public Defender*—Janna A. Nelson . . . . . .Greenwood

## Ninth Circuit

***Counties*—Charleston, Berkeley**

**JEFFERSON, Deadra L.** (2001–19), Judge of the Ninth Circuit, Seat 1, 100 Broad St., Suite 336, Charleston 29401-2283, Tel. (843) 958-5147, Fax (843) 958-5148; *b.* Charleston; *g.* Converse Coll., B.A.; Univ. of S.C., J.D.; law clerk to the Hon. Richard E. Fields; *Who's Who Among Amer. Coll. and Univ. Students*; Junior League of Charleston, 1993–03; Delta Sigma Theta Sor., Inc.; mem., Life Center of Charleston, Bd. of Trustees, 2000–; Bd. of Trustees, Converse Coll., 2002–; Bd. of Advisors, Charleston School of Law, 2003–; Charleston Chap. of Links, Inc.; Liberty Fellowship; Judge of the Family Court, Ninth Judicial Circuit, Seat 5, 1996–01; elected Judge of the Ninth Circuit, Seat 1, May 30, 2001 to succeed Daniel E. Martin, retired; qualified July 2, 2001, serving continuously since.
*Admin. Asst.*—Chanda Sheppard . . . . . .Charleston
*Court Reporter*—vacant
*Solicitor*—Scarlett Wilson (2017) . . . . . .Charleston
*Public Defender*—D. Ashley Pennington . . . . . .Charleston

**HARRINGTON, Kristi Lea** (2008–18), Judge of the Ninth Circuit, Seat 2, 300B California Ave., Moncks Corner 29461, Tel. (843) 719-4480, Fax (843) 719-4724; *g.* Francis Marion Univ., B.A., 1991; Univ. of Tulsa Coll. of Law, J.D., 1996; elected Judge of the Ninth Circuit, Seat 2, Feb. 6, 2008 to fulfill the unexpired term of Daniel F. Pieper, elected to Court of Appeals; qualified Feb. 6, 2008, serving continuously since.
*Admin. Asst.*—Vivian Sox . . . . . .Moncks Corner
*Law Clerk*—Ramsey Easley . . . . . .Moncks Corner
*Court Reporter*—Mia Perron . . . . . .Charleston
*Solicitor*—Scarlett Wilson (2017) . . . . . .Charleston
*Public Defender*—D. Ashley Pennington . . . . . .Charleston

**YOUNG, Roger M.** (2003–15), Judge of the Ninth Circuit, Seat 3, 100 Broad St., Charleston 29401, Tel. (843) 958-2015, Fax (843) 740-5108; *g.* Charleston Southern Univ., B.S., 1980; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1983; Univ. of Nevada-Reno, M.J.S., 2000; N. Charleston Municipal Court Judge, 1988–90; S.C. House of Reps., 1990–94; Charleston Co. Master-in-Equity, 1996–03; elected Judge of the Ninth Circuit, Seat 3, May 29, 2002 to succeed A. Victor Rawl, retired; qualified July 11, 2003, serving continuously since.

*Admin. Asst.*—Robyn Hills . . . . . .Mt. Pleasant
*Law Clerk*—Stefan Feidler . . . . . .Charleston
*Court Reporter*—Amanda Haffenden . . . . . .Summerville
*Solicitor*—Scarlett Wilson (2017) . . . . . .Charleston
*Public Defender*—D. Ashley Pennington . . . . . .Charleston

## Tenth Circuit

***Counties*—Anderson, Oconee**

**MCINTOSH, Rivers Lawton** (2009–19), Judge of the Tenth Circuit, Seat 1, P.O. Box 8002, Anderson 29622, Tel. (864) 260-4059; *b.* Apr. 10, 1960 in Anderson; *s.* Jack F. and Frances Varn McIntosh; *g.* Wofford, 1982; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1986; *m.* Jessie Ruth Wilson, M.D., 1 daughter, Katie; private practice, 1987–09; mem.: St. John's Methodist Church; elected Judge of the Tenth Circuit, Seat 1, May 13, 2009 to succeed J. C. Nicholson, retired; qualified July 21, 2009, serving continuously since.

*Admin. Asst.*—Susan Stanfield . . . . . .Anderson
*Law Clerk*—Callie Price . . . . . .Anderson
*Court Reporter*—Jo Rice . . . . . .Abbeville
*Solicitor*—Christina T. Adams (2017) . . . . . .Anderson
*Public Defender*—Hervery B.O. Young . . . . . .Greenville

**SPROUSE, R. Scott** (2015–18), Judge of the Tenth Circuit, Seat 2, P.O. Box 1277, Walhalla 29691, Tel. (864) 638-4266; residing in Walhalla; *b.* July 5, 1964 in Scottsboro, Ala.; *s.* Bobby J. Sprouse and Dorothy Bridges Sprouse; *g.* Clemson Univ., B.A., 1985; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1989; *m.* Mary Stoudemire Sprouse, 2 children,

Robert Ward and John Pegram; City Atty., City of Westminster, 1992–14; Hearing Off., ABC Comm., 1993–94; Municipal Judge, City of Walhalla, 1996–14; Municipal Judge, Town of Salem, 2011–14; mem.: S.C. Bar Assn.; Oconee Co. Bar Assn.; S.C. Assn. for Justice (f/k/a SCTLA); Amer. Assn. for Justice (f/k/a ATLA); Seneca Sertoma Club, 1991–09; mem., St. John's Lutheran Church in Walhalla; elected Judge of the Tenth Circuit, Seat 2, May 28, 2014 to succeed The Hon. Alexander S. Macaulay, retired.

*Admin. Asst.*—Renee Hattenstein . . . . . .Westminster
*Law Clerk*—R. Boatner "Bo" Boldman . . . . . .Seneca
*Court Reporter*—Diane Thommes . . . . . .Walhalla
*Solicitor*—Christina T. Adams (2017) . . . . . .Anderson

## Eleventh Circuit

***Counties*—Lexington, Saluda, Edgefield, McCormick**

**KEESLEY, William Paul** (1991–18), Judge of the Eleventh Circuit, Seat 1, P.O. Box 10, Edgefield 29824, Tel. (803) 637-4095; residing in Edgefield; *b.* 1953 in Augusta, Ga.; *s.* the late Archie E. and Lois Keesley; *g.* Wofford Coll., B.A., Govt., 1975; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1978; *m.* Linda F. Black, 1 child, Kylie; Phi Beta Kappa, 1975; past Pres., Edgefield Co. Bar Assn.; former Tri-County Public Defender; former Asst. Solicitor, 11th Circuit; mem., House of Reps., 1989–91; elected Judge of the Eleventh Circuit, Seat 1, May 8, 1991 to fulfill the unexpired term of Hubert E. Long, retired; qualified Aug. 13, 1991, serving continuously since.

*Admin. Asst.*—Nancy C. Turner . . . . . .Johnston
*Court Reporter*—Stacy Sheppard . . . . . .Lexington
*Solicitor*—Donald V. Myers (2017) . . . . . .Lexington
*Public Defender*—Robert M. Madsen . . . . . .Lexington

**MCMAHON, Royce Knox** (2006–18), Judge of the Eleventh Circuit, Seat 2, 205 East Main St., Lexington 29072, Tel. (803) 785-8239; residing in Lexington; *b.* in Columbia; *s.* Royce E. McMahon and Lena E. Knox; *g.* Univ. of S.C., B.A., 1975, J.D., 1978; 3 children; Columbia Police Off., 1970–74; Lexington Co. Sheriff's Dept., Dep. Sheriff, Detective Capt., Legal Adv., 1977–83; Dep. Solicitor, Eleventh Circuit Solicitor's Off.,

1984–94; Senior Prosecutor, Fifth Circuit Solicitor's Off., 1995–03; Whetstone, Myers, Perkins & Young, P.A., 2004–06; Ernest F. Hollings Award for Excellence in State Prosecutions, 1999; mil. serv.: USAR, SFC E-7; elected Judge of the Eleventh Circuit, Seat 2, Feb. 15, 2006 to fulfill the unexpired term of Marc H. Westbrook, deceased; qualified Mar. 21, 2006, serving continuously since.
*Admin. Asst.*—vacant
*Law Clerk*—Rogers E. Harrell III . . . . . .Columbia
*Court Reporter*—Brenda J. Sigwald . . . . . .Jackson
*Solicitor*—Donald V. Myers (2017) . . . . . .Lexington
*Public Defender*—Robert M. Madsen . . . . . .Lexington

## Twelfth Circuit

***Counties*—Florence, Marion**

**NETTLES, Michael Gary** (2005–18), Judge of the Twelfth Circuit, Seat 1, Florence City-County Complex, MSC-XX, 180 N. Irby St., Florence 29501, Tel. (843) 292-7433, Fax (843) 292-7436, email: mnettlessc@sccourts.org; residing at 311 Lancelot Way, Lake City; *b.* Mar. 9, 1959 in Lake City; *s.* E. LeRoy Nettles, Sr. and the late Beverly Herlong Nettles; *g.* The Carolina Academy, 1977; Wofford Coll., B.A., *cum laude*, 1981; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1984; May 17, 1986 *m.* the late Donna Jean Hicks, 3 children, Megan Herlong, Lauren Elizabeth, and Jason Michael; mem., Lake City First Baptist Church; Pres., Lake City Rotary, 1989; elected Judge of the Twelfth Circuit, Seat 1, Feb. 2, 2005 to fulfill the unexpired term of B. Hicks Harwell, Jr., retired; qualified Feb. 22, 2005, serving continuously since.
*Admin. Asst.*—Charlene Bryant . . . . . .Florence
*Law Clerk*—M. O'Bryan Martin . . . . . .Florence
*Solicitor*—Edgar L. Clements III (2015) . . . . . .Florence
*Public Defender*—Scott P. Floyd . . . . . .Florence

## Thirteenth Circuit

***Counties*—Greenville, Pickens**

**WELMAKER, G. Edward** (2004–16), Judge of the Thirteenth Circuit, Seat 1, P.O. Box 832, Pickens 29671, Tel. (864) 898-5790; *b.* in Greenville; *s.* the late John Gordon Welmaker and Martha Virginia Welmaker; *g.* Univ. of S.C., B.A., 1968, J.D., 1970; 1968 *m.* Barbara Edmonds, 2 children; private practice, 1974–04; admitted to practice in all Courts of S.C., Western Fed. Dist. Court of La., U.S. Court of Mil. Appeals, the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals, and the U.S. Supreme Court; past atty. for Pickens Co. and City of Easley; mem., Rock Springs Baptist Church; mil. serv.: USAF (JAG), 1970–74; USAF Reserves, 1974–96; elected Judge of the Thirteenth Circuit, Seat 1, Feb. 4, 2004 to fulfill the unexpired term of Henry F. Floyd, retired; qualified Mar. 1, 2004, serving continuously since.

*Admin. Asst.*—Gale Farrier . . . . . .Easley
*Solicitor*—W. Walter Wilkins III (2015) . . . . . .Greenville
*Public Defender*—John I. Mauldin . . . . . .Greenville

**VERDIN, Letitia H.** (2011–18), Judge of the Thirteenth Circuit, Seat 2, 305 E. North St., Suite 318, Greenville 29601, Tel. (864) 467-8448; *b.* June 27, 1970; *d.* Harry R. and Angela Blackston Hamilton; *g.* Furman Univ., B.S., 1992; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1997; Aug. 16, 1997 *m.* Charles S. Verdin IV, 2 children; Family Court Judge, Thirteenth Circuit, Seat 3, 2008–11; elected Judge of the Thirteenth Circuit, Seat 2, Feb. 2, 2011 to fulfill the unexpired term of John C. Few, elected to Court of Appeals; qualified Feb. 2, 2011, serving continuously since.

*Admin. Asst.*—Angela Hyder . . . . . .Greenville
*Law Clerk*—Virginia Rogers . . . . . .Greenville
*Solicitor*—W. Walter Wilkins III (2015) . . . . . .Greenville
*Public Defender*—John I. Mauldin . . . . . .Greenville

**STILWELL, Robin B.** (2009–15), Judge of the Thirteenth Circuit, Seat 3, Co. Courthouse, 305 E. North St., Suite 315, Greenville 29601, Tel. (864) 467-8406, Fax (864) 235-3625; *b.* Dec. 20, 1966; *s.* H. Samuel and Robin Scarborough Stilwell; *g.* The Citadel, Class of 1989; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1993; *m.* Charlotte Whelan, 3 children, Charlotte Elizabeth "Eli", Dorothy Scarborough "Dee", and Joseph Whelan; elected Judge of the Thirteenth Circuit, Seat 3, May 13, 2009, serving continuously since.

*Admin. Asst.*—Carole Ring . . . . . .Greenville
*Law Clerk*—Mark A. Bible, Jr. . . . . .Greenville
*Court Reporter*—April Herron . . . . . .Greenville
*Solicitor*—W. Walter Wilkins III (2015) . . . . . .Greenville
*Public Defender*—John I. Mauldin . . . . . .Greenville

**HILL, D. Garrison "Gary"** (2004–16), Judge of the Thirteenth Circuit, Seat 4, 305 E. North St., Suite 213, Greenville 29601, Tel. (864) 467-8484, Fax (864) 467-8595; *s.* the late Leo and Grace L. Hill; *g.* Wofford Coll., 1986, B.A.; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1989; 3 children; former Pres., Govt. Law Section of S.C. Bar; past mem., S.C. Bar House of Delegates; past Chm., City of Greenville Bd. of Zoning Appeals; private practice, 1990–04; elected Judge of the Thirteenth Circuit, Seat 4, Feb. 4, 2004 to fulfill the unexpired term of John W. Kittredge, elected to Court of Appeals; qualified Apr. 15, 2004, serving continuously since.

*Admin. Asst.*—vacant
*Court Reporter*—Hollie M. Jenkins . . . . . .Greenville
*Solicitor*—W. Walter Wilkins III (2015) . . . . . .Greenville
*Public Defender*—John I. Mauldin . . . . . .Greenville

## Fourteenth Circuit

***Counties*—Allendale, Hampton, Colleton, Jasper, Beaufort**

**BUCKNER, Perry M.** (2000–18), Judge of the Fourteenth Circuit, Seat 1, 101 Hampton St., Walterboro 29488, Tel. (843) 549-7878; *b.* May 9, 1949 in Walterboro; *s.* Perry M., Jr. and Dorothy Graham Buckner; *g.* Wofford Coll., B.A., 1971; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1975; Jan. 2, 1982 *m.* Janet Hobbs, 2 children, Daniel Graham

and Perry M. IV; Hon. Graduate, Wofford Coll.; distinguished mil. graduate, Wofford Coll.; Hon. Graduate, Univ. of S.C. School of Law; Asst. S.C. Atty. Gen., 1975–79; private practice, 1979–00; S.C. Bar House of Dels., 1993–95; S.C. Bar Judicial Qualifications Com., 1995–96; S.C. Bar Nominating Com., 1996–98; mem.: Wig and Robe; Amer. Bar Assn.; MUSC Children's Hosp. Bd., 1994–98; MUSC Bd. of Visitors, 1999–00; Bethel United Methodist Church; elected Judge of the Fourteenth Circuit, Seat 1, Feb. 9, 2000 to succeed Gerald C. Smoak, retired; serving continuously since.

*Admin. Asst.*—Cindy Nettles . . . . . .Walterboro
*Law Clerk*—Thomas Crouch . . . . . .Walterboro
*Court Reporter*—Becky Hill . . . . . .Walterboro
*Solicitor*—Isaac M. Stone III (2017) . . . . . .Hilton Head
*Public Defender*—Gene G. Hood . . . . . .Beaufort

**MULLEN, Carmen T.** (2006–19), Judge of the Fourteenth Circuit, Seat 2, 100 Ribaut Rd., Beaufort 29901; residing at Hilton Head Island; *b.* Apr. 18, 1968 in California; *d.* David Russell Tevis III and Julie Anne Tevis; *g.* Indiana Univ., B.A., 1990; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1994; Clemson Univ., M.A., 1998; July 26, 2004 *m.* George E. Mullen, 4 children, Lauren Alexandra, George "Chip", Jr., Toria Tigue, and Tevis Marie; law clerk to Hon. L. Casey Manning; Charleston Co. Asst. Public Defender; Staff Atty., House of Reps. Labor, Commerce and Industry Com.; private practice, 1998–06; elected Judge of the Fourteenth Circuit, Seat 2, Feb. 15, 2006 to fulfill the unexpired term of Jackson V. Gregory, retired; qualified July 17, 2006, serving continuously since.

*Admin. Asst.*—Jamie Thompson . . . . . .Beaufort
*Law Clerk*—Megan White . . . . . .Beaufort
*Court Reporter*—Wanda Rowe . . . . . .Beaufort
*Solicitor*—Isaac M. Stone III (2017) . . . . . .Hilton Head
*Public Defender*—Gene G. Hood . . . . . .Beaufort

## Fifteenth Circuit

***Counties*—Georgetown, Horry**

**JOHN, Steven H.** (2001–16), Judge of the Fifteenth Circuit, Seat 1, 1301 Second Ave., Suite 3A30, Conway 29526, Tel. (843) 915-6696, Fax (843) 915-5859; *b.* in N. Augusta; *s.* the late Joseph A. and the late Stephanie A. John; *g.* The Citadel, B.A., 1975; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1978; Sept. 1, 1990 *m.* Susan L. Watts, 1 child, Nicholas Blake; admitted to practice: S.C., 1978, U.S. Dist. Court and Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals, 1979; U.S. Supreme Court, 1987; law clerk to the Hon. Sidney T. Floyd, 1978–80; certified arbitrator and mediator, private law practice, 1981–01; Court Apptd. Special Referee and Guardian *ad Litem* in Horry and Georgetown Cos.; City of N. Myrtle Beach Bd. of Zoning Appeals, 1993–01; elected Judge of the Fifteenth Circuit, Seat 1, May 30, 2001 to fulfill the unexpired term of Sidney T. Floyd, retired; sworn in June 29, 2001, serving continuously since.

*Admin. Asst.*—Marie P. Campagna . . . . . .Longs
*Law Clerk*—John Paul Simkovich . . . . . .Conway
*Solicitor*—Jimmy A. Richardson (2015) . . . . . .Conway
*Public Defender*—Orrie E. West . . . . . .Conway

**CULBERTSON, Benjamin H.** (2007–15), Judge of the Fifteenth Circuit, Seat 2, P.O. Box 479, Georgetown 29442, Tel. (843) 545-3030, Fax (843) 545-3282; *b.* Feb. 24, 1959 in Laurens; *s.* Laura H. Culbertson and the late Harley C. Culbertson; *g.* The Citadel, B.A., 1981; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1984; Sept. 14, 1985 *m.* Renee Kinsey, 3 children, Jay, Max, and Maggie; firm of Schneider and O'Donnell, P.A., 1985–90; private practice, Law Office of Benjamin H. Culbertson, P.A., 1991–07; Asst. Municipal Court Judge, City of Georgetown, 1985–96; Georgetown Co. Master-In-Equity, 1996–07; mem.: S.C. Bar Assn.; Citadel Alumni Assn.; Brigadier Club; Georgetown Cotillion Club; Winyah Indigo Soc.; mem., Duncan Memorial United Methodist Church; elected Judge of the Fifteenth Circuit, Seat 2, May 23, 2007 to fulfill the unexpired term of Paula Thomas, elected to Court of Appeals; qualified July 5, 2007, serving continuously since.

*Admin. Asst.*—Ramona Moree . . . . . .Andrews
*Law Clerk*—Susan Burroughs . . . . . .Georgetown
*Court Reporter*—Grace L. Hurley . . . . . .Myrtle Beach
*Solicitor*—Jimmy A. Richardson (2015) . . . . . .Conway
*Public Defender*—Orrie E. West . . . . . .Conway

## Sixteenth Circuit

***Counties*—Union, York**

**HAYES, John Calvin III** (1991–16), Judge of the Sixteenth Circuit, Seat 1, Moss Justice Center, 1675-1H York Hwy., York 29745, Tel. (803) 628-3047; residing at 836 Myrtle Dr., Rock Hill 29730; *b.* Oct. 18, 1945; *s.* the late John Calvin, Jr. and the late Frances (Rippelmeyer) Hayes; *g.* Winthrop Training School, 1963; Univ. of S.C., A.B., 1967, J.D., 1971; attended Univ. of the South, 1963–64; Sept. 28, 1991 *m.* Sarah Lynn Dorsey, 3 children, John Calvin IV, Mary Scott McLaurin, and Frances Parker; 3 stepchildren, Matthew Bowen, Jessica Rushing, and Albert Tyler; law clerk to Chief Justice Joseph R. Moss, 1971–72; mem.: Phi Delta Phi; S.C. Law Review, 1970–71; Children's Attention Home Bd., 1975–78, Chm., 1978; Judicial Council of S.C., 1978–80; Supreme Court Bd. of Comrs. on Grievances & Discipline, 1978–80; Co. & Amer. Bar Assns.; S.C. Bar Exec. Committeeman; Young Lawyers, Secy., 1975–77; Law School Bd., 1975–78; Co. Young Lawyers Club, VP, 1975, Pres., 1976; S.C. Coastal Council, 1980, 1983–91, Chm., 1987–91; Exec. Com., S.C. Defense Attys. Assn., 1980–83; Elks Club; Bd. of Dirs., Rotary Club; Solicitor, City of Rock Hill, 1979; S.C. Chap. of the Leukemia Soc. Bd. of Trustees; Bd. of Dirs., S.C. Humanities Council, 1988–91; Bd. of Dirs., Rock Hill YMCA, 1986–89; Church of Our Savior, Vestry, 1972–75, 1977–80; mil. serv.: Co. D 391st Combat Engineers Bn., USAR, 1968–74; mem., House of Reps., 1981–84; Sen., 1985–91; Pres., Circuit Court Judges Assn., 2004–06; elected Judge of the Sixteenth Circuit, Seat 1, May 29, 1991 to fulfill the unexpired term of Robert L. McFadden, retired; qualified Sept. 3, 1991, serving continuously since.
*Admin. Asst.*—Frances J. Kirkman . . . . . .Rock Hill
*Law Clerk*—John Alfieris . . . . . .Rock Hill
*Court Reporter*—Wanda Nelson . . . . . .Rock Hill

*Solicitor*—Kevin S. Brackett (2017) . . . . . .York
*Public Defender*—Harry A. Dest . . . . . .York

**HALL, Daniel D.** (2015–16), Judge of the Sixteenth Circuit, Seat 2, Moss Justice Center, 1675-1J York Hwy., York 29745, Tel. (803) 628-3048; residing at 1711 Filbert Hwy., York; *b.* Oct. 2, 1954 in York; *s.* John Q. and Jean Quinn Hall; *g.* Clemson Univ., B.S., 1976; Campbell Univ. School of Law, J.D., 1988; Feb. 26, 1977 *m.* Cathleen (Cathy) McCreight, 4 children, Charlie, Daniel, Jeannie, and Margare; former Cattle Mgr., Sampson Co. N.C.; licensed to practice law in N.C. and S.C.; Asst. Solicitor, Sixteenth Judicial Circuit; Asst. Public Defender, Sixteenth Circuit; Municipal Judge for city of York; gen. practice of law from 1991–98; mem., Elder & Sunday School teacher, Filbert Presbyterian Church; elected Judge of the Sixteenth Circuit, Seat 2, May 28, 2014 to fulfill the unexpired term of Lee S. Alford, retired.

*Admin. Asst.*—Renée Barker . . . . . .York
*Law Clerk*—James David Duncan . . . . . .York
*Court Reporter*—Michael Watts . . . . . .York
*Solicitor*—Kevin S. Brackett (2017) . . . . . .York
*Public Defender*—Harry A. Dest . . . . . .York

**At-Large Seat 1**

**YOUNG, W. Jeffrey** (2009–15), Judge at-large, Seat 1, 141 North Main St., Sumter 29150, Tel. (803) 436-2151; residing at 988 Heather Lane, Sumter; *b.* Aug. 2, 1955 in Sumter; *s.* Marion K. and the late Kenneth R. Young; *g.* The Citadel, B.S., 1977; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1984; Natl. Judicial Coll., 2005; Dec. 5, 1992 *m.* Sharon Steele, 4 children, Betsy, Will, Robert, and Greyson; Adjunct Professor, Univ. of S.C., Sumter, 1988–96; Hon. mem.: Sumter Sunrise Rotary Club; Sumter Area Citadel Club, past Pres.; Air Force Assn.; Camellia Ball Dance Club, past Pres.; Sumter Co. Bar Assn.; mil. serv.: USAF Active and Reserve, 1977–07, Lt. Col. (Ret.); four missions to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom; S.C. House of Reps., 1994–98, 2000–02; Order of the Palmetto recipient, 1998; NRA Defender of Freedom Award, 1996; S.C. Victim's Assistance Network Legislator of the Year, 1998; admitted to practice in

all S.C. Courts, U.S. Dist. Courts of S.C., and the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals; Family Court Judge, Third Circuit, Seat 2, 2004–09; elected Judge at-large, Seat 1, Feb. 11, 2009; serving continuously since.

*Admin. Asst.*—Tina M. Christmas . . . . . .Sumter
*Law Clerk*—David D. Durant . . . . . .Sumter
*Solicitor*—Ernest A. Finney III (2015) . . . . . .Sumter
*Public Defender*—Jack D. Howle, Jr. . . . . .Sumter

**At-Large Seat 2**

**DENNIS, Rupert Markley, Jr.** (1994–15), Judge at-large, Seat 2, Berkeley Co. Courthouse, 300-B California Ave., P.O. Box 1800, Moncks Corner 29461, Tel. (843) 719-4435; residing in Pinopolis; *b.* Dec. 2, 1947 in Charleston; *s.* the late Rupert Markley, Sr. and the late Grace (Smith) Dennis; *g.* Univ. of S.C., B.S., 1970, J.D., 1973; married; mem.: Kappa Alpha Order; Trinity Episcopal Church, Pinopolis; Berkeley High School Mock Trial Team Coach, 1982–; private practice, 1973–94; Natl. Judicial Coll., Univ. of Nev. at Reno, 1994; elected Judge at-large, Seat 2, Feb. 2, 1994; qualified Mar. 31, 1994, serving continuously since.

*Admin. Asst.*—Linda Droze . . . . . .Moncks Corner
*Law Clerk*—Lindsey M. Coffey . . . . . .Pinopolis
*Solicitor*—Scarlett Wilson (2017) . . . . . .Charleston
*Public Defender*—D. Ashley Pennington . . . . . .Charleston

**At-Large Seat 3**

**NEWMAN, Clifton** (2000–15), Judge at-large, Seat 3, Courthouse, 125 W. Main St., Kingstree 29956, Tel. (843) 355-9321, ext. 137, Fax (843) 355-9301; *b.* in Kingstree; *s.* the late Dr. Marion Louis Newman, Sr. and Alice Newman; *g.* Cleveland State Univ., B.A.; Cleveland-Marshall Coll. of Law, J.D.; married with 4 children; Partner, Belcher & Newman, Cleveland, Ohio, 1976–81; private law practice, Kingstree and Columbia, 1982–94; Asst. Solicitor, Williamsburg Co., 1983–00; Managing Partner, Newman and Sabb, P.A., 1994–00; mem.: S.C. Bar Assn.; Williamsburg Co. Bar Assn.; Circuit Court Adv. Com.; Chief Justice Comm. on Professionalism; Comm. on Judicial Conduct; presiding Judge Multi-week Trial Docket, 2009;

Criminal Rules Task Force; Rules Adv. Comm.; Amer. Coll. of Bus. Court Judges; Kappa Alpha Psi Frat.; Williamsburg Co. Historical Preservation Award; Trustee and Pres., United Methodist Men, I. DeQuincey Newman United Methodist Church; elected Judge at-large, Seat 3, May 24, 2000; re-elected Apr. 9, 2003 and Feb. 11, 2009, serving continuously since.

*Admin. Asst.*—Katherine W. Sabb-Graham . . . . . .Kingstree
*Solicitor*—Ernest A. Finney III (2015) . . . . . .Sumter
*Public Defender*—Jack D. Howle, Jr. . . . . .Sumter

**At-Large Seat 4**

**MILLER, Edward W.** (2002–15), Judge at-large, Seat 4, 305 E. North St., Greenville 29601, Tel. (864) 467-8560; residing at 44 W. Avondale Dr., Greenville 29609; *b.* Sept. 24, 1952 in Chicago, Ill.; *s.* Robert A. and Mary Price Miller; *g.* Johns Hopkins Univ., B.A., 1974; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1978; Dec. 30, 1978 *m.* Martha Walker Albrecht, 2 children, Elizabeth and Walter; elected Judge at-large, Seat 4, May 29, 2002 to succeed Joseph J. Watson, retired; sworn in Aug. 29, 2002, serving continuously since.

*Admin. Asst.*—Karen Pitts . . . . . .Greenville
*Law Clerk*—Carter Massingill . . . . . .Greenville
*Solicitor*—W. Walter Wilkins III (2015) . . . . . .Greenville
*Public Defender*—John I. Mauldin . . . . . .Greenville

**At-Large Seat 5**

**HAYES, J. Mark II** (2003–15), Judge at-large, Seat 5, 180 Magnolia St., Spartanburg 29306, Tel. (864) 562-4144, Fax (864) 562-4142; *b.* Aug. 6, 1958; *s.* J. M. and Edith Roland Hayes; *g.* Wofford Coll., B.A., 1980; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1984; Intern, U.S. Senator Strom Thurmond, 1977; Blue Key, Order of the Barristers, Moot Court Bd.; listed in *Who's Who Among Students in Amer. Colls. & Univs.* and *Who's Who Among Amer. Law Students*; clerk for the Honorable E. C. Burnett III, 1984; private practice, Burts, Turner, Hammett, Harrison & Rhodes, 1985; Harrison & Hayes Law Firm, 1991; Harrison, White, Smith, Hayes & Coggins, P.C., 2000; former Chm., Spartanburg Memorial Auditorium Comm., 2001; former mem., S.C.

Comm. on Lawyer Conduct; mem.: Amer. Bar Assn.; S.C. Trial Lawyers Assn.; S.C. School Bd. Lawyer's Assn.; graduate of the Natl. Judicial Coll. Gen. Jurisdiction, 2004; Del., ABA Natl. Conf. of State Trial Judges, 2005–07; 2006 Natl. VC STJD Com. on Judicial Independence; 2007 Host/Presenter "The Constitution: The Third Branch of Govt., An Insider's View," Wofford Coll.; Spartanburg Co. Bar Assn. CLE, Genetic Privacy and the Fourth Amendment: Unregulated Surreptitious DNA Harvesting, Panelist, Wofford Coll., Spartanburg, S.C., Feb. 2014; S.C. Magistrates Annual Training presenter, "DUI in S.C. Legal Update: Video Recording Challenges and Expert Witnesses," West Cola., S.C., Nov. 2013; 2008–10 Natl. Chm. STJD/ABA Com. Fair and Impartial Courts; 2009 Spartanburg Bar Assn. Law Day Speaker; admitted to practice in all S.C. State Courts, U.S. Dist. Courts of S.C., Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals, and the U.S. Supreme Court; former mem., Supreme Court Comm. on Continuing Legal Educ. and Specialization; mem., St. Christopher's Episcopal Church; former Bd. mem., 721 Ministries; 2009 Chm., Piedmont Area Boy Scouts; 2010 SCAJ's Auto Tort Speaker, "Ethics—A Thin Thread to Runnymede" and published by the Amer. Bd. of Trial Advocates, Spring 2011, *Voir Dire*; featured in the Spring 2014 (cover) issue of *The Justice Bulletin*, a publication of the S.C. Assn. of Justice; JOL Serv.: *Highway to Justice*, from the ABA and the Natl. Hwy. Traffic Safety Admin., Fall 2013; "A Quick View of S.C. DUI Videotaping Statute: The Mandates and Interpretations You Need to Know to Represent Your DUI Client" as published in the May 2014 edition of *The S.C. Lawyers*; 2011 Spartanburg Co. Bar Assn. Justice Claude A. Taylor Distinguished Serv. Award; 2012 presenter to S.C. Defense Trial Attys. Assn. Summer Meeting; Charlotte School of Law, Leader in the Law speaker, Nov., 2012; Amer. Bar Assn. Judicial Outreach Liaison Region 4, 2013; elected Judge at-large, Seat 5, on Apr. 9, 2003 to fulfill the unexpired term and subsequent full term of Gary E. Clary, retired; qualified May 22, 2003, serving continuously since.

*Admin. Asst.*—Sharyn M. Walker . . . . . .Spartanburg
*Law Clerk*—Monier Abusaft . . . . . .Spartanburg
*Solicitor*—Barry J. Barnette (2017) . . . . . .Spartanburg
*Public Defender*—Clay T. Allen . . . . . .Spartanburg

### At-Large Seat 6

**SEALS, William Henry, Jr.** (2009–15), Judge at-large, Seat 6, 103 N. Main St., Marion 29571, Tel. (843) 423-0446, Fax (843) 423-0535; *b.* Aug. 19, 1961 in Marion; *s.* William H. Seals (atty. & USMC) and Melba Seals; *g.* Charleston Southern Univ., B.S., 1982; Cumberland School of Law, J.D., 1990; *m.* Phoebe Anderson Richardson, 1 child, William Henry III; Cumberland Trial Advocacy team; Seals and Brogdon; Seals Law Firm; mem.: Marion Co. Bar Assn.; Marion Rotary Club; S.C. Bar House of Dels.; Toastmaster Intl.; Marion Memorial Hosp. Ethics Comm.; Bd. of Dirs., Marion Chamber of Commerce; Marion Arts Council; Bd. of Dirs., Pee Dee Academy; inclusion S.C. Counsel of Mediation and ADR Roster of Civil Mediators; 1996–09, Marion Municipal Court Judge; Junior Warden, Episcopal Church; mem., Episcopal Church; elected Judge at-large, Seat 6, Feb. 11, 2009 to fulfill the unexpired and subsequent term of James E. Lockemy elected to Court of Appeals; qualified Apr. 21, 2009, serving continuously since.

*Admin. Asst.*—Anna B. Meetze . . . . . .Marion
*Solicitor*—Edgar Clements III (2015) . . . . . .Florence
*Public Defender*—Scott Floyd . . . . . .Florence

### At-Large Seat 7

**MADDOX, J. Cordell** (2002–15), Judge at-large, Seat 7, 100 S. Main St., P.O. Box 8002, Anderson 29622, Tel. (864) 260-4636, Fax (864) 260-6348; *b.* June 14, 1958 in Richland County; *s.* J. Cordell Maddox, Sr. and Brona Faye Morefield Maddox; *g.* Furman Univ., B.S., 1980; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1983; *m.* Donna Schwartz Maddox, 4 children, Jess, Brett, Hunter, and Steven; Pres., Anderson Heart Assn., 1993; Secy., YMCA Bd. of Dirs., 1995–96; Hospice Bd., 1996; ASTAR Science & Tech. Fellow; mem.: First Baptist Church, Anderson, former VC, Deacon Bd. and Trustee; S.C. House of Reps., 1996–00; elected Judge at-large, Seat 7, Feb. 8, 2002 to fulfill the unexpired term of J. C. Nicholson, Jr., elected to Tenth Circuit; qualified Mar. 5, 2002, serving continuously since.

*Admin. Asst.*—Cindy Hicks . . . . . .Anderson
*Law Clerk*—Jescelyn Tillman . . . . . .Anderson

*Solicitor*—Christina T. Adams (2017) . . . . . .Anderson
*Public Defender*—Hervery B.O. Young . . . . . .Anderson

**At-Large Seat 8**

**BROWN, David C.** (2010–15), Judge at-large, Seat 8, 180 N. Irby St., MSC-CC, Florence 29501, Tel. (843) 679-7156, Fax (843) 679-7157; *b.* Feb. 28, 1969 in Sumter; *s.* David H. and Mary M. Brown; *g.* The Citadel, B.S., 1992; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1997; *m.* Kay Hunt, 3 children; law clerk, Judge M. Duane Shuler, 1997; admitted to practice law in S.C. State Courts, Fed. Dist. Court for S.C., and Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals; law firm of Bridges, Orr, Derrick & Ervin, 1998–01; private practice, 2001–10; past adjunct professor, Florence-Darlington Tech. Coll. & Francis Marion Univ.; Comr., Florence Co. Voter Registration & Elections; mem., Cornerstone Baptist Church; elected Judge at-large, Seat 8, Feb. 3, 2010 to fill seat of Kenneth Goode, term expired; qualified Mar. 26, 2010, serving continuously since.
*Admin. Asst.*—Stacey Minton . . . . . .Florence
*Law Clerk*—Truc Tran . . . . . .Florence

**At-Large Seat 9**

**GEE, Tanya A.** (2015–21), Judge at-large, Seat 9, P.O. Box 192, 1701 Main St., Columbia 29202, Tel. (803) 576-1601, Fax (803) 256-2651; *b.* 1977 in Grand Rapids, Mich.; *d.* Donald and Angelika Gee; *g.* Winthrop Univ., B.A., 1999, *magna cum laude*; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 2002, *cum laude*; 2002 *m.* Chris Koon, 2 children, William and Sabin; former Chief Staff Atty. & Clerk of Court, S.C. Court of Appeals; Atty., Nexsen Pruet; mem., Liberty Fellowship Class of 2012; received Bronze & Silver Compleat Lawyer Awards from the Univ. of S.C. Law School Alumni Assn.; Leadership in the Law Award from S.C. Lawyers Weekly; elected Judge at-large, Seat 9, Feb. 4, 2015 to fill seat of Stephanie McDonald, elected to Court of Appeals.
*Admin. Asst.*—Ella C. Calvert . . . . . .Columbia
*Law Clerk*—Emily Burgis . . . . . .Columbia

**At-Large Seat 10**

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**BARBER, James Rezner III** (1997–15), Judge at-large, Seat 10, P.O. Box 192, Columbia 29202, Tel. (803) 576-1779, Fax (803) 576-1782; *s.* James R. and Barbara D. Barber; *g.* Univ. of S.C., B.A., 1966, J.D., 1969; Mar. 9, 1973 *m.* Susan P. Foster, 3 children, Caroline (deceased), Anna, and Rezner; Central Midlands Planning Bd., 1977–83; Richland Co. Council, 1977–86, Chm., 1978; S.C. Assn. of Cos., Bd. of Dirs., 1978–86, VP, 1982–86, Hon. Pres., 1986; Historical Cola. Foundation Bd.; Richland Co. Cancer Soc. Bd.; Richland Memorial Hosp. Bd. of Trustees, 1990–94; Richland Memorial Hosp. Foundation, 1991–94; elected Judge at-large, Seat 10, Apr. 9, 1997; qualified July 1, 1997, serving continuously since.

*Law Clerk*—Robert Osborne . . . . . .Columbia

**At-Large Seat 11**

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**LEE, Alison Renee** (1999–20), Judge at-large, Seat 11, 1701 Main St., Suite 324, Columbia 29202, Tel. (803) 576-1765, Fax (803) 576-1768; *b.* in Washington, D.C.; *d.* the late James Joseph and Juanita Bacote Lee; *g.* Vassar Coll., B.A., 1979; Tulane Univ., J.D., 1982; *m.* May 3, 1986, 2 children; State Bar of Texas, 1982; Louisiana State Bar, 1983; S.C. Bar, 1984; law clerk to the Hon. Israel M. Augustine, Jr.; Louisiana Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals, 1982–83; law clerk to the Hon. C. Tolbert Goolsby, Jr.; S.C. Court of Appeals, 1983–84; private practice, McNair Law Firm, 1984–89; Staff Counsel, S.C. Legis. Council, 1989–94; Assoc. Comm., Bd. of Comrs. on Grievances and Discipline, 1987–89; S.C. Women Lawyers Assn.; Richland Co. DSS Bd., 1985–88; Planning Comm., United Way of the Midlands, 1986–90; Alpha Kappa Alpha Sor., Inc.; Cola. Chap. Links, Inc.; elected Admin. Law Judge, Seat 3, Feb. 1994; qualified Mar. 1, 1994; elected Judge at-large, Seat 11, Feb. 10, 1999; qualified Mar. 5, 1999, serving continuously since.

*Admin. Asst.*—Betty Smith-Myers . . . . . .Columbia

### At-Large Seat 12

**RUSSO, Thomas A.** (2008–20), Judge at-large, Seat 12, 180 N. Irby St.-MSC-O, Florence 29501, Tel. (843) 668-3020, Fax (843) 665-3078; *b.* Chicago, Ill.; *s.* the late Vincent C. Russo, Sr. and Rosa Lee Russo; *g.* Univ. of S.C., B.S., 1977, J.D., 1986; Oct. 14, 2000 *m.* Cheryl Matthews, 3 children; educator, Florence and Edgefield Co. schools; teacher/coach, W. Florence High School and Strom Thurmond High School; law clerk for Hon. Joseph F. Anderson, Jr.; private practice, Willoughby Law Firm; Knox & Zacks; Offices of Ronald A. Maxwell and Law Offices of Thomas A. Russo; Dep. Solicitor, Second Judicial Circuit; Public Defender for Edgefield, McCormick, and Saluda Cos.; Dep. Solicitor for the Twelfth Judicial Circuit; mem., Lamb's Chapel Christian Center; elected Judge at-large, Seat 12, May 25, 2005 to fulfill the unexpired term of James E. Brogdon, Jr., resigned; qualified June 1, 2005, serving continuously since.

*Admin. Asst.*—Jeanette Welch . . . . . .Florence
*Law Clerk*—Lauren Hummel . . . . . .Florence
*Solicitor*—Edgar L. Clements III (2015) . . . . . .Florence
*Public Defender*—Scott P. Floyd . . . . . .Florence

### At-Large Seat 13

**HYMAN, Larry B., Jr.** (2008–20), Judge at-large, Seat 13, Horry Co. Govt. & Justice Center, 1301 Second Ave., Conway 29526, Tel. (843) 915-6711; *b.* Apr. 17, 1949; *s.* L. B. Hyman, Sr. and the late Earline J. Hyman; *g.* Univ. of S.C., B.A., 1972, J.D., 1976; May 26, 1973 *m.* Meredith Valois, 2 sons, B. Alex and Jordan; City of Conway Municipal Judge, 1983–87; Chm., Horry Co. Public Defender Corp., 1995–08; Dist. Rep., Horry Co. Parks and Open Space Bd., 2005–08; Founder, S.C. Assn. of Criminal Defense Lawyers; elected Judge at-large, Seat 13, Feb. 6, 2008 to succeed John L. Breeden, retired; qualified Mar. 4, 2008, serving continuously since.

*Admin. Asst.*—Allison Pogue . . . . . .Conway
*Law Clerk*—Drew Postal . . . . . .Conway
*Solicitor*—Jimmy A. Richardson (2015) . . . . . .Conway
*Public Defender*—Orrie E. West . . . . . .Conway

### At-Large Seat 14

**KELLY, R. Keith** (July 1, 2013–19), Judge at-large, Seat 14, 125 E. Floyd Baker Blvd., Gaffney 29340, Tel. (864) 487-2581, Fax (864) 487-2772; residing in Spartanburg Co.; *s.* Ralph D., Jr., and Louise C. Kelly; *g.* Univ. of S.C.-Spartanburg, B.A., 1981; Walter F. George School of Law, Mercer Univ., J.D., 1987; Dec. 28, 1985 *m.* Cindy Jackson Kelly, 3 adult children; Woodruff Rotary Club, past Pres., 1990–91, 2011–12 & 2012–13; Paul Harris Fellow; Spartanburg Pilots Assn.; former mem.: S.C. House of Reps. and S.C. House Jud. Com., 2007–10; Criminal Laws Subcom., Chm., 2009–10; Spartanburg Co. Delegation; past VC Delegation; former mem., Sentencing Reform Oversight Com.; admitted to practice in all S.C. State Courts, U.S. Dist. Court, and the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals; S.C. Bar Assn.; Spartanburg Co. Bar Assn.; former mem., S.C. Assn. Criminal Defense Lawyers; former partner, Lister, Flynn & Kelly, P.A.; USA, 1981–84; USAR, Capt.; elected Judge at-large, Seat 14, Jan. 30, 2013 to fill seat created by Act 241, 2012.

*Admin. Asst.*—Christine Thomas . . . . . .Spartanburg
*Law Clerk*—Adrienne Barry . . . . . .Spartanburg

### At-Large Seat 15

**MURPHY, Maite** (July 1, 2013–19), Judge at-large, Seat 15, P.O. Box 802, 5200 E. Jim Bilton Blvd., St. George 29477, Tel. (843) 832-0391, Fax (843) 832-0392; residing in N. Charleston; *b.* Apr. 19 in Denver, Colo.; *d.* Ronald Charles and Mary Christine (Frederickson) Lessuck; *g.* Texas State Univ., B.A., 1991; Miss. Coll., J.D., 1995; Aug. 6, 1994 *m.* Christopher J. Murphy, 2 children, Christopher Austin and Jackson Frederick; former partner, Holler, Dennis, Corbett & Garner, 1995; former partner, Quattlebaum and Murphy, L.L.P.; Murphy Law Firm, L.L.C.; former Chief Dep. Solicitor, First Circuit Solicitors Off.; former Pres., VP, and Treas., Dorchester Co. Bar Assn.; mem., S.C. Women's Bar Assn.; Magistrate Court Judge, Dorchester Co. Master-In-Equity; former mem., YMCA Bd. of Dirs.; Summerville Rotary Club; Summerville Meals on Wheels Bd. of Dirs.; elected Judge at-large, Seat 15, Jan. 30, 2013 to fill seat created by Act 241, 2012.

*Admin. Asst.*—Gail Evans . . . . . .St. George
*Law Clerk*—William Crantford . . . . . .St. George

**At-Large Seat 16**

**HOCKER, Donald B.** (July 1, 2013–19), Judge at-large, Seat 16, P.O. Box 972, Laurens 29360, Tel. (864) 984-2076, Fax (864) 984-2333; residing in Laurens; *b.* Nov. 21, 1952 in Waltham, Mass.; *s.* Donald B. (Jack) and Allene C. Hocker; *g.* Clemson Univ., B.A., 1975; M.Ed., 1976; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1980; July 17, 1976 *m.* Gayle Lindler Hocker, 2 adult children; admitted to the S.C. Bar, 1981; mem.: Wig and Robe; Moot Court Bd.; admitted to the S.C. Fed. Dist. Court and U.S. Supreme Court; private practice in Laurens, 1981–2013; Assoc. Probate Judge for Laurens Co., 1984–2013; mem., First United Methodist Church of Laurens, past Chm. of Church Council and Sunday School; elected Judge at-large, Seat 16, Jan. 30, 2013 to fill seat created by Act 241, 2012.
*Admin. Asst.*—Regan A. Snow . . . . . .Clinton
*Law Clerk*—Davis Jenkins . . . . . .Laurens
*Solicitor*—David Stumbo . . . . . .Greenwood
*Public Defender*—Janna Nelson . . . . . .Greenwood