# Court of Appeals, S.C.

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Initially created by Act 164, 1979 and made permanent and included in the Constitution of this State as of July 1, 1985 by Act 9, 1985. Act 145, 1995 added three new seats to the Court of Appeals. The Court has nine judges, may sit in panels of three, and its appellate jurisdiction includes questions of law and equity arising from the circuit and family courts except for appeals: (1) involving the sentence of death; (2) from the circuit court setting public utility rates; (3) involving principally the constitutionality of state laws or local ordinances; (4) involving state or local bonds or other indebtedness; (5) pertaining to elections; (6) concerning the limiting of grand jury investigations; (7) involving a family court order relating to abortion by a minor. These seven classes of cases are reviewed by the Supreme Court. The Court of Appeals has been empowered by the General Assembly to receive appeals directly from the Administrative Law Court and the Workers' Compensation Commission.

**JAMES EDWARD LOCKEMY, Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals, Seat 5. Term expires June 30, 2021. P.O. Box 750, Dillon 29536, Tel. (843) 774-4166**

**LOCKEMY, James Edward**—(Dillon Co.) *b.* Sept. 23, 1949; *s.* James Edmund and Nettie (Turbeville) Lockemy; *g.* Pembroke State Univ., B.A., 1971; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1974; Georgetown Univ., Masters Prog., 1979; attended The Citadel, 1967–68; Masters Degree Candidate, Univ. of Nevada, Reno (Judicial Studies); 2 children, James Michael and William Travis; Pres., Dillon Kiwanis Club, 1982–83; Bd. of Visitors, Med. Univ. of S.C., 1986; Dist. Chm., Boy Scouts of America, 1980–81; selected one of the Outstanding Young Men of America, 1980; House of Reps., 1983–89; Dillon Co. Citizen of the Year, 1987;

Pres., Dillon Co. Theatre, 1995–96; Dillon Co. Veteran of the Year, 1999; Bd. of Visitors, Coker Coll., 2001–02; mil. serv.: USA, Judge Advocate's Gen.'s Corp, Ft. Bragg, N.C., 1974–77; Comd. Judge Advocate 28th Infantry Div., Task Force Falcon, Kosovo, 2003–04; COL (Ret.) USA and SCARNG; Brigadier Gen., S.C. Mil. Dept., 2005–; Dep. Comdr., Jt. Servs. Detachment; Pres., Natl. Guard Assn. of S.C., 2005–06; recipient, Order of the Palmetto, 2005; Exec. Com., Natl. Conf. of State Trial Judges, Judicial Div., Amer. Bar. Assn., 2006–08; mem.: Editorial Bd., The Judges Journal; Standing Com. on Judicial Independence, 2010–13; Pres., S.C. Circuit Judges Assn., 2006–; inducted into The S.C. Dixie Youth Baseball Honor Roll, 2007; Circuit Judge at-large, Seat 6, 1989–08; Judge of the S.C. Court of Appeals, Seat 9, May 21, 2008–16; elected Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals, June 8, 2016 to fulfill the unexpired term of John Cannon Few, elected to the Supreme Court.

*Admin. Asst.* . . . . . .Patricia Bohachic
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**THOMAS E. HUFF, Judge of the Court of Appeals, Seat 8. Term expires June 30, 2024. P.O. Box 11629, Columbia 29211, Tel. (803) 734-1541**

**HUFF, Thomas Ellis**—(Aiken Co.) residing in N. Augusta 29841; *b.* June 5, 1949 in Augusta, Ga.; *s.* Ernest R., Sr. and Trilby C. Huff; *g.* Univ. of S.C.-Aiken, 1969; Augusta Coll., B.B.A., 1971; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1975; May 5, 1974 *m.* Patricia Dale Tucker, 1 child, Tiffany; past Chm., United Way for Belvedere Comm.; VP, Augusta Coll. Jaycees; mem.: Bd. of Amer. Cancer Soc. for N. Augusta; Personalities of the South, 1978–79; Young Men of America, 1980–81; Curtis Baptist Church; House of Reps., 1979–96; elected Judge of the Court of Appeals Feb. 14, 1996 to fulfill Act 145, 1995; qualified Mar. 29, 1996, serving continuously since.

*Admin. Asst.* . . . . . .Melrose Ott
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**PAUL EDGAR SHORT, JR., Judge of the Court of Appeals, Seat 1. Term expires June 30, 2023. P.O. Box 11629, Columbia 29211, Tel. (803) 734-1563**

**SHORT, Paul Edgar, Jr.**—(Chester Co.) residing in Chester; *b.* Jan. 13, 1947 in Gastonia, N.C.; *s.* Paul E., Sr. and Betty (Pearson) Short; *g.* The Citadel, B.A., 1968; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1971; June 14, 1968 *m.* Linda Ruth Huffstetler, 2 children, Lindy Lee and Melanie Lynne; Chester Co. Atty., 1980–82; Chm., Co. Airport Comm., 1981–82; past Pres., Chester Sertoma Club; mem.: Amer. Legion; Chester Shrine Club; Masonic Lodge; former Elder, Purity Presbyterian Church; mil. serv.: USAR, 1st Lt.; SCNG, 1st Lt., 1972–73; mem., House of Reps., 1983–91; elected Judge at-large, Seat 8, Feb. 6, 1991; qualified July 11, 1991; elected Judge of the Sixth Circuit Feb. 10, 1999 to fill the vacancy created by Don S. Rushing, retired; elected Judge of the Court of Appeals, Seat 1, May 25, 2004 to fill the vacancy created by Carol Connor, deceased; qualified June 3, 2004, serving continuously since.

*Admin. Asst.* . . . . . .Hethie Burgess
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**H. BRUCE WILLIAMS, Judge of the Court of Appeals, Seat 2. Term expires June 30, 2023. P.O. Box 11629, Columbia 29211, Tel. (803) 734-2139**

**WILLIAMS, H. Bruce**—(Richland Co.) residing at 418 Shandon St., Columbia 29205; *b.* Mar. 13, 1956 in Columbia; *s.* H. Lanier Williams and Edna Harris; *g.* Wofford Coll., B.A., 1978; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1982; Nov. 17, 1984 *m.* Sharon C. Williams, 2 children, Elizabeth Margaret and Anne Carlisle; private practice, 1982–95; Assoc. Irmo Town Judge, 1992–95; former Bd. mem., S.C. Trial Lawyers Assn., Family Law Section; past Pres., Cola. Kiwanis Club; Advisor, Cola. High School Key Club, 1983–95; 5th Judicial Circuit Family Court Judge, 1995–04; S.C. Conf. of Family Court Judges, Secy.-Treas., 1998–99, VP, 1999–00, Pres., 2000–01; Richland Co. Juvenile Drug Court Judge, 1997–; mem., S.C. Bar; admitted

to practice in all S.C. Courts & U.S. Dist. Court for S.C.; elected May 25, 2004 to fulfill the unexpired term of William L. Howard, retired; qualified June 3, 2004, serving continuously since.

*Admin. Asst. & Law Clerk* . . . . . .Abigail A. Carson
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**PAULA H. THOMAS, Judge of the Court of Appeals, Seat 4. Term expires June 30, 2019. P.O. Box 479, Georgetown 29442, Tel. (843) 545-3551**

**THOMAS, Paula H.**—(Georgetown Co.) residing on Pawleys Island; *b.* Oct. 20, 1957 in Sumter; *d.* James L. and Betty G. Hinson; *g.* Univ. of S.C., BIS, 1979, M.Ed., 1981, J.D., 1986; May 25, 1985 *m.* Don Stanley Thomas, 3 children, Austin, Kristen, and Kelly; Bd. mem., Georgetown Co. Humane Soc., 1987; Chm., Walk-America, Georgetown Co., 1988; Treas., Georgetown Co. Bar, 1991; Admin. Bd. Chm., St. Paul's Waccamaw, UMC, 1992; House of Reps., 1993–96; 2nd VC, House Jud. Com.; Chm., House Gen. Laws Subcom; elected Judge at-large, Seat 1, May 22, 1996 to fulfill the unexpired term of Ralph King Anderson, Jr., elected to Court of Appeals; qualified July 26, 1996; Judge of the Fifteenth Circuit May 23, 1998–07; elected to Court of Appeals Feb. 7, 2007 to succeed C. Tolbert Goolsby, retired; qualified June 18, 2007, serving continuously since.

*Admin. Asst.* . . . . . .Elaine P. Langston
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**APHRODITE K. KONDUROS, Judge of the Court of Appeals, Seat 6. Term expires June 30, 2021. 1220 Senate St., Columbia 29201, Tel. (803) 734-2494, Fax (803) 734-0422**

**KONDUROS, Aphrodite K.**—(Greenville Co.) *g.* Univ. of S.C., B.A., 1981, J.D., 1984; 1994 *m.* Sam Konduros; Canterbury Scholar Award; Univ. of S.C. School of Law Student Bar Pres.; admitted to practice 1985; law clerk to Hon. David F. McInnis; Dep. Gen. Counsel for S.C. Dept. of Disabilities and Special Needs; Asst. Gen. Counsel, S.C. Dept. of Social Servs.; Co. Dir., Greenville Dept. of Social Servs.; mem.: S.C. Bar; Greenville Bar; VP, Cola. Young Lawyers; Bd. mem.: Safe Harbor Shelter; Prevent Child Abuse Carolina; First Steps; Greenville Ballet; mem., St. George Greek Orthodox Church; Family Court Judge, 2002–08; elected Judge of the Court of Appeals Feb. 6, 2008 to fulfill the unexpired term of Donald W. Beatty, elected to Supreme Court; qualified Feb. 21, 2008, serving continuously since.

*Admin. Asst./Law Clerk* . . . . . .Tyler S. McDonald
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**JOHN D. GEATHERS, Judge of the Court of Appeals, Seat 3. Term expires June 30, 2019. P.O. Box 11629, Columbia 29211, Tel. (803) 734-2429**

**GEATHERS, John D.**—(Richland Co.) residing in Blythewood; *b.* 1961 in Georgetown; *s.* John H. and Gardenia Geathers; *g.* Univ. of S.C., B.A., 1983, J.D., 1986; *m.* Doris Williams, 2 children; admitted to S.C. Bar, 1986 and N.C. State Bar, 1992; Senior Staff Counsel, Office of Sen. Research, 1987–95; Judge, S.C. Admin. Law Court, 1994–08; elected to S.C. Court of Appeals, Seat 3, May 21, 2008, to fulfill the unexpired term of John W. Kittredge, who was elected to the S.C. Supreme Court; qualified Aug. 7, 2008, serving continuously since.

*Law Clerks* . . . . . .Mary Elam,
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**STEPHANIE PENDARVIS MCDONALD, Judge of the Court of Appeals, Seat 7. Term expires June 30, 2020. 100 Broad St., Suite 427, Charleston 29401, Tel. (843) 958-5102, Fax (843) 958-5107**

**MCDONALD, Stephanie Pendarvis**—(Charleston Co.) *b.* Jan. 14, 1969 in Columbia; *g.* Univ. of S.C., B.A., 1991, J.D., 1994; 1 child, Sara Susanne; law clerk, S.C. Sen. Jud. Com., 1992–94; Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award; Phi Beta Kappa; former Pres., BE Chap. of Alpha Delta Pi Sor.; former Pres., Carolina Cares; Amer. Jurisprudence Awards for Evidence and Moot Court; mem., Order of the Barristers; Capt., Craven Moot Court Team; VP, Law School Pro Bono Bd.; Stuckey and Senn Law Firm, 1994–97; Senn, McDonald & Leinbach, LLC, 1998–11; Special Prosecutor, Office of the S.C. Atty. Gen., 2009–11; past Pres., Junior League of Charleston; former mem., S.C. Comm. on Judicial Conduct; past Pres., St. Philip's Church Episcopal Church Women; past Pres., Charleston Lawyers Club; Circuit Judge at-large, Seat 9, Feb. 2, 2011–14; elected Judge of the Court of Appeals, Seat 7, May 28, 2014 to fulfill the unexpired term of Daniel F. Pieper, retired.

*Admin. Asst.* . . . . . .Elyse Clark
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**D. GARRISON "GARY" HILL, Judge of the Court of Appeals, Seat 9. Term expires June 30, 2022. 305 E. North St., Suite 213, Greenville 29601, Tel. (864) 467-8484**

**HILL, D. Garrison "Gary"**—(Greenville Co.) *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, 2004–17; elected to Court of Appeals, Seat 9 to fulfill unexpired term of James E. Lockemy, elected Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals, Seat 5.

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