

JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION

➤ **Complaints against Judges**

- Complaint Instructions

How does one file a complaint against a judge or judicial candidate?

The answer to this question depends on where the judge or the candidate is in the election process. Is the judge currently being screened or in the middle of his or her judicial term?

Judge or judicial candidate currently being screened:

If the Judicial Merit Selection Commission (JMSC) is currently screening the candidate, then the JMSC is the correct place to file an **affidavit**. Link on the affidavit form and return the notarized affidavit by the deadline.

LAST DAY to file a complaint:

When is the **LAST DATE** to file a complaint against a judge or judicial candidate currently undergoing the screening process before JMSC? **Affidavits must be received no later than:**

The date posted in the published schedule

Judge or judicial candidate NOT currently being screened:

If the complaint is against a sitting judge not currently being screened, then the complaint should be filed with the Commission on Judicial Conduct. Unless a judge runs for another judgeship, the JMSC would screen a judge at the end of his or her judicial term at the time the judge runs for re-election.

Commission on Judicial Conduct

1015 Sumter Street, Suite 305
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Complaints against other elected officials:

Complaints against other officials appointed or elected by the General Assembly should be filed with the State Ethics Commission.

State Ethics Commission

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