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**M E D I A R E L E A S E**

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 The Judicial Merit Selection Commission is currently accepting applications for the judicial offices listed below. In order to receive application materials, a prospective candidate must notify the Commission in writing of his or her intent to apply. Correspondence and questions may be directed to the Judicial Merit Selection Commission as follows:

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 **The Commission will not accept applications after Noon on Thursday, August 11, 2011.**

 The term of office currently held by the Honorable Kaye G. Hearn, Justice of the Supreme Court, Seat 4, will expire July 31, 2012.

 The term of office currently held by the Honorable Thomas E. Huff, Judge of the Court of Appeals, Seat 8, will expire June 30, 2012.

 The term of office currently held by the Honorable George C. “Buck” James, Jr., Judge of the Circuit Court for the Third Judicial Circuit, Seat 2, will expire June 30, 2012.

 The term of office currently held by the Honorable J. Michael Baxley, Judge of the Circuit Court for the Fourth Judicial Circuit, Seat 2, will expire June 30, 2012.

 The term of office currently held by the Honorable L. Casey Manning, Judge of the Circuit Court for the Fifth Judicial Circuit, Seat 2, will expire June 30, 2012.

 A vacancy will exist in the office currently held by the Honorable G. Thomas Cooper, Judge of the Circuit Court for the Fifth Judicial Circuit, Seat 3, upon Judge Cooper’s retirement on or before December 31, 2012. The successor will fill the unexpired term of that office which will expire June 30, 2015.

 The term of office currently held by the Honorable Roger L. Couch, Judge of the Circuit Court for the Seventh Judicial Circuit, Seat 2, will expire June 30, 2012.

 The term of office currently held by the Honorable Eugene C. Griffith, Jr., Judge of the Circuit Court for the Eighth Judicial Circuit, Seat 2, will expire June 30, 2012.

 The term of office currently held by the Honorable Kristi Lea Harrington, Judge of the Circuit Court for the Ninth Judicial Circuit, Seat 2, will expire June 30, 2012.

 The term of office currently held by the Honorable Alexander S. Macaulay, Judge of the Circuit Court for the Tenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 2, will expire June 30, 2012.

 The term of office currently held by the Honorable William Paul Keesley, Judge of the Circuit Court for the Eleventh Judicial Circuit, Seat 1, will expire June 30, 2012.

 The term of office currently held by the Honorable R. Knox McMahon, Judge of the Circuit Court for the Eleventh Judicial Circuit, Seat 2, will expire June 30, 2012.

 The term of office currently held by the Honorable Michael G. Nettles, Judge of the Circuit Court for the Twelfth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1, will expire June 30, 2012.

 The term of office currently held by the Honorable Perry M. Buckner, III, Judge of Circuit Court for the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1, will expire June 30, 2012.

 The term of office currently held by the Honorable John D. McLeod, Judge of the Administrative Law Court, Seat 2, will expire June 30, 2012.

 For further information about the Judicial Merit Selection Commission and the judicial screening process, you may access the website at <http://www.scstatehouse.gov/html-pages/judmerit.html>. If you wish to pick up an application package, first please contact Senate Judiciary Administrative Assistant, Laurie Traywick at (803) 212-6623.