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MEDIA RELEASE

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The Judicial Merit Selection Commission is announcing that there is no longer a vacancy in the office currently held by the Honorable Joseph M. Strickland, Master-in-Equity, Richland County, based upon the attached Order issued by the South Carolina Supreme Court on August 19, 2015. Accordingly, the Commission is not accepting applications for this seat.

The Commission previously announced the vacancy for this seat on August 18, 2015, based upon the Supreme Court's prior Order (No. 2015-08-13-01), which has been rescinded by the August 19, 2015 Order (No. 2015-08-19-01).

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2015-08-19-01

The Supreme Court of South Carolina

Re: Richland County Interim
Master-in-Equity Appointment
Rescinded

ORDER

Pursuant to the provisions of S. C. CONST. Art. V, § 4

The Honorable Joseph M. Strickland was appointed to fulfill the duties of the Richland County Master-in-Equity as interim Master-in-Equity, to so serve until another duly appointed Master-in-Equity assumes the duties of that office, or until further Order of this Court, whichever shall first occur. This interim appointment was due to the purported resignation from Richland County of the Honorable Joseph M. Strickland on August 11, 2015. Upon further review, Judge Strickland's resignation to Richland County was ineffective and there is no vacancy in the Richland County Master-in-Equity office. Therefore, my order of August 12, 2015 is hereby rescinded.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

s/Jean H. Toal
Jean H. Toal
Chief Justice of South Carolina

Columbia, South Carolina
August 19, 2015