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The Judicial Merit Selection Commission found the following judicial candidates qualified and nominated at the public hearings held November 14–16, 2016:

Supreme Court

Seat 5

The Honorable Ralph King (Tripp) Anderson III, Columbia, SC
The Honorable Diane Schafer Goodstein, Summerville, SC
The Honorable George C. James Jr., Sumter, SC

Court of Appeals

Seat 1

The Honorable Paul Edgar Short Jr., Chester, SC

Seat 2

The Honorable Harris Bruce Williams, Columbia, SC

Seat 9

Blake Alexander Hewitt, Conway, SC
The Honorable David Garrison (Gary) Hill, Greenville, SC
The Honorable Alison Renee Lee, Columbia, SC

Circuit Court

7th Judicial Circuit, Seat 2

Grace Gilchrist Knie, Campobello, SC
The Honorable James Donald Willingham II, Moore, SC

**Public hearings for the remaining judicial positions will resume on
Tuesday, November 29, 2016.**

**According to the current schedule, judicial candidates are not free to seek or accept
commitments until Noon on Tuesday, January 17, 2017.**

The Election is currently scheduled for Noon on Wednesday, February 1, 2017.

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