

# Judicial Merit Selection Commission

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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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The Public Hearings for the Judicial Merit Selection Commission have been scheduled to begin Tuesday, November 13, 2018, with the hearings commencing at 9 a.m. regarding the qualifications of the following candidates for judicial positions:

### **Court of Appeals**

#### **Seat 1**

**Blake A. Hewitt**, Conway, SC  
**The Honorable Michael S. Holt**, Hartsville, SC  
**The Honorable Alison Renee Lee**, Columbia, SC  
**The Honorable Jerry Deese Vinson Jr.**, Florence, SC

#### **Seat 3**

**The Honorable John D. Geathers**, Ridgeway, SC

#### **Seat 4**

**The Honorable Paula H. Thomas**, Pawleys Island, SC

### **Circuit Court**

#### **5<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 1**

**The Honorable DeAndrea Gist Benjamin**, Columbia, SC

#### **7<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 1**

**The Honorable Joseph Derham Cole**, Spartanburg, SC

#### **9<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 1**

**The Honorable Deadra L. Jefferson**, Charleston, SC

#### **9<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 2**

**Elizabeth F. Bailey**, Charleston, SC  
**Meredith L. Coker**, Charleston, SC  
**The Honorable Michèle Patrão Forsythe**, Charleston, SC  
**The Honorable W. Stephen Harris Jr.**, Johns Island, SC  
**The Honorable Ittriss J. Jenkins**, Charleston, SC  
**The Honorable Bentley Douglas Price**, Charleston, SC  
**The Honorable Dale E. Van Slambrook**, Goose Creek, SC  
**Laura Campbell Waring**, Charleston, SC  
**John O. Williams II**, Moncks Corner, SC

**10<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 1     The Honorable Rivers Lawton McIntosh, Williamston, SC**

**At-Large, Seat 2                     Ryan Kirk Griffin, Sumter, SC  
Jenny A. Horne, Summerville, SC  
Kyliene L. Keesley, West Columbia, SC  
Jason Scott Luck, Charleston, SC  
John Patrick (Jack) Riordan, Greenville, SC  
Gregory Kenneth Voigt, Summerville, SC**

**At-Large, Seat 14                     The Honorable R. Keith Kelly, Spartanburg, SC**

**At-Large, Seat 15                     The Honorable Maite Murphy, North Charleston, SC**

**At-Large, Seat 16                     The Honorable Donald Bruce Hocker, Laurens, SC**

**Family Court**

**1<sup>st</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 1             The Honorable Anne Guè Jones, Orangeburg, SC**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 2             The Honorable Angela W. Abstance, Barnwell, SC**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 2             The Honorable Angela R. Taylor, Sumter, SC**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 3             The Honorable Gordon B. Jenkinson, Kingstree, SC**

**4<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 2             The Honorable Salley Huggins McIntyre, Dillon, SC**

**5<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 2             The Honorable Michelle M. Hurley, Columbia, SC**

**5<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 3             The Honorable Michael Scott Rankin, Camden, SC  
Carrie Hall Tanner, Elgin, SC**

**6<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 1             The Honorable Coreen B. Khoury, Lancaster, SC**

**7<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 1             The Honorable Phillip K. Sinclair, Spartanburg, SC**

**7<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 2             Jonathan William Lounsberry, Spartanburg, SC  
William Hardwick Rhodes, Spartanburg, SC  
Michael Todd Thigpen, Roebuck, SC**

**8<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 1             The Honorable Matthew Price Turner, Laurens, SC**

**8<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 3             The Honorable Joseph C. Smithdeal, Greenwood, SC**

<b>9<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 2</b>	<b>The Honorable Alice Anne Richter</b> , Mount Pleasant, SC
<b>9<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 4</b>	<b>The Honorable Wayne M. Creech</b> , Pinopolis, SC
<b>10<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 1</b>	<b>The Honorable Edgar Henderson Long Jr.</b> , Anderson, SC
<b>10<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 3</b>	<b>David J. Brousseau</b> , Anderson, SC <b>Rame L. Campbell</b> , Anderson, SC <b>Floy C. Kenyon</b> , Anderson, SC
<b>11<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 2</b>	<b>The Honorable Huntley S. Crouch</b> , Lexington, SC
<b>11<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 3</b>	<b>The Honorable Robert E. Newton</b> , Lexington, SC
<b>12<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 1</b>	<b>The Honorable Timothy H. Pogue</b> , Marion, SC
<b>12<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 2</b>	<b>The Honorable FitzLee Howard McEachin</b> , Florence, SC
<b>13<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 1</b>	<b>The Honorable Rochelle Y. Conits</b> , Greer, SC
<b>13<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 2</b>	<b>The Honorable W. Marsh Robertson</b> , Greenville, SC
<b>13<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 6</b>	<b>Allison Peters Dunham</b> , Taylors, SC <b>Rosemerry Felder-Commander</b> , Pelzer, SC <b>Kimaka (Kim) Nichols-Graham</b> , Greenville, SC <b>The Honorable Jessica Ann Salvini</b> , Greenville, SC
<b>14<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 1</b>	<b>The Honorable Gerald C. Smoak Jr.</b> , Walterboro, SC
<b>14<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 2</b>	<b>The Honorable Douglas L. Novak</b> , Bluffton, SC <b>John Samuel Verner Scoville</b> , Beaufort, SC
<b>14<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 3</b>	<b>The Honorable Deborah Ann Malphrus</b> , Ridgeland, SC
<b>15<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 1</b>	<b>The Honorable Jan B. Bromell Holmes</b> , Georgetown, SC
<b>16<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 2</b>	<b>The Honorable David G. Guyton</b> , Rock Hill, SC
<b>At-Large, Seat 1</b>	<b>David Michael Collins Jr.</b> , Landrum, SC <b>The Honorable Kelly Pope-Black</b> , Campobello, SC
<b>At-Large, Seat 2</b>	<b>The Honorable Tony M. Jones</b> , Rock Hill, SC
<b>At-Large, Seat 3</b>	<b>The Honorable James G. McGee III</b> , Florence, SC

<b>At-Large, Seat 4</b>	<b>The Honorable Monet S. Pincus, Columbia, SC</b>
<b>At-Large, Seat 5</b>	<b>The Honorable Randall E. McGee, St. Matthews, SC</b>
<b>At-Large, Seat 6</b>	<b>The Honorable David Earl Phillips, Easley, SC</b>
<b><u>Administrative Law Court</u></b>	
<b>Seat 1</b>	<b>The Honorable Ralph King (Tripp) Anderson III, Columbia, SC</b> <b>Thomas Rosamond Smith, Columbia, SC</b>
<b><u>Master-in-Equity</u></b>	
<b>Abbeville County</b>	<b>Roy R. Hemphill, Greenwood, SC</b>
<b>Aiken County</b>	<b>The Honorable Maurice Anderson Griffith, Aiken, SC</b>
<b>Georgetown County</b>	<b>The Honorable Joe M. Crosby, Pawleys Island, SC</b>
<b>Kershaw County</b>	<b>The Honorable Jeffrey M. Tzerman, Lugoff, SC</b>
<b>Lee County</b>	<b>The Honorable Stephen Bryan Doby, Bishopville, SC</b>
<b>Lexington County</b>	<b>The Honorable James Otto Spence, Lexington, SC</b>
<b>Sumter County</b>	<b>Michael McKinney Jordan, Sumter, SC</b> <b>A. Paul Weissenstein Jr., Sumter, SC</b>
<b><u>Retired Judges</u></b>	
<b>Circuit Court</b>	<b>The Honorable G. Thomas Cooper Jr., Camden, SC</b>
<b>Family Court</b>	<b>The Honorable Agnes Dale Moore Gable, Barnwell, SC</b>
<b>Family Court</b>	<b>The Honorable James F. Fraley Jr., Enoree, SC</b>
<b>Family Court</b>	<b>The Honorable Arthur Eugene (Gene) Morehead III, Florence, SC</b>
<b>Family Court</b>	<b>The Honorable Dana A. Morris, Camden, SC</b>

Persons desiring to testify at public hearings shall furnish written notarized statements of proposed testimony, in accordance with the Procedural Rules of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission.

These statements must be received by **Noon, Monday, October 29, 2018**. The Commission has witness affidavit forms that may be used for proposed testimony. While this form is not mandatory, it will be supplied on request. Statements should be mailed or delivered to the Judicial Merit Selection Commission as follows:

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All testimony, including documents furnished to the Commission, must be submitted under oath. Persons knowingly giving false information, either orally or in writing, shall be subject to penalty.

For further information about the Judicial Merit Selection Commission and the judicial screening process, you may access the website at [www.scstatehouse.gov/html-pages/judmerit.html](http://www.scstatehouse.gov/html-pages/judmerit.html).

Questions concerning the hearing and procedures should be directed to the Commission at (803) 212-6623.