

# 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 Monday, November 15, 2021, with the hearings commencing at 9:00 a.m. regarding the qualifications of the following candidates for judicial positions:

### Supreme Court

Seat 4

**The Honorable Kaye G. Hearn**, Conway, SC

### Court of Appeals

Seat 5, Chief Judge

**The Honorable H. Bruce Williams**, Columbia, SC

Seat 9

**The Honorable David Garrison "Gary" Hill**, Greenville, SC

### Circuit Court

1<sup>st</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 1

**Charles J. McCutchen**, Orangeburg, SC  
**Heath Preston Taylor**, Gaston, SC

1<sup>st</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 2

**The Honorable Diane Schafer Goodstein**, Summerville, SC

2<sup>nd</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 1

**The Honorable Courtney Pope**, Aiken, SC

3<sup>rd</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 1

**The Honorable Ralph Ferrell Cothran Jr.**, Manning, SC

4<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 1

**The Honorable Paul M. Burch**, Pageland, SC

5<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 2

**The Honorable Daniel McLeod Coble**, Columbia, SC  
**Kevin A. Hall**, Columbia, SC  
**Theresa N. Johns**, Columbia, SC

**Regina Hollins Lewis**, Columbia, SC  
**The Honorable Amy McCulloch**, Columbia, SC  
**Kate Whetstone Usry**, Columbia, SC  
**S. Boyd Young**, Columbia, SC

**6<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 1**

**The Honorable Brian M. Gibbons**, Chester, SC

**8<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 1**

**The Honorable Frank Robert Addy Jr.**, Greenwood, SC

**13<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 1**

**The Honorable Perry H. Gravely**, Pickens, SC

**13<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 4**

**The Honorable Alex Kinlaw Jr.**, Greenville, SC

**15<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 1**

**The Honorable Steven H. John**, Little River, SC

**16<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 1**

**The Honorable William A. McKinnon**, Rock Hill, SC

**16<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 2**

**The Honorable Daniel Hall**, York, SC  
**The Honorable Teasa Kay Weaver**, York, SC

**Family Court**

**1<sup>st</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 2**

**The Honorable Myesha Latrice Brown**, Ladson, SC  
**The Honorable Michael H. Murphy, III**, Summerville, SC

**1<sup>st</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 3**

**Deanne M. Gray**, Summerville, SC  
**Jenny A. Horne**, Summerville, SC  
**Margie A. Pizarro**, Summerville, SC

**2<sup>nd</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 1**

**The Honorable Vicki J. Snelgrove**, Aiken, SC

**3<sup>rd</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 1**

**The Honorable Thomas M. Bultman**, Sumter, SC

**4<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 1**

**The Honorable Cely Anne Brigman**, Darlington, SC

**4<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 3**

**Eugene P. Warr Jr.**, Lamar, SC

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

**The Honorable C. Vance Stricklin Jr.**, Columbia, SC

**5<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 4**

**The Honorable Gwendlyne Young Jones**, Irmo, SC

**7<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 3**

**The Honorable Usha J. Bridges**, Gaffney, SC

**8<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 2**

**The Honorable Mindy W. Zimmerman**, Newberry, SC

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

**The Honorable Daniel E. Martin Jr.**, Charleston, SC

<b>9<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 3</b>	<b>The Honorable Michèle Patrão Forsythe</b> , Charleston, SC
<b>9<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 6</b>	<b>Elisabeth Hoover</b> , Ridgeville, SC
<b>10<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 1</b>	<b>Floy C. Kenyon</b> , Anderson, SC
<b>10<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 2</b>	<b>The Honorable Karen F. Ballenger</b> , Seneca, SC
<b>11<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 1</b>	<b>The Honorable William Gregory Seigler</b> , McCormick, SC
<b>12<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 3</b>	<b>William Vickery Meetze</b> , Marion, SC <b>The Honorable Holly Huggins Wall</b> , Johnsonville, SC <b>The Honorable Elizabeth Biggerstaff York</b> , Florence, SC
<b>13<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 3</b>	<b>The Honorable Katherine Hall Tiffany</b> , Taylors, SC
<b>13<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 4</b>	<b>The Honorable Karen Sanchez Roper</b> , Sunset, SC
<b>13<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 6</b>	<b>The Honorable Jessica Ann Salvini</b> , Greenville, SC
<b>14<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 2</b>	<b>The Honorable Douglas L. Novak</b> , Bluffton, SC
<b>15<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 2</b>	<b>The Honorable Melissa J. Buckhannon</b> , Myrtle Beach, SC
<b>15<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 3</b>	<b>Melissa M. Frazier</b> , Little River, SC <b>Heather S. von Herrmann</b> , North Myrtle Beach, SC
<b>16<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 1</b>	<b>The Honorable Thomas H. White IV</b> , Union, SC
<b><u>Administrative Law Court</u> Seat 2</b>	<b>The Honorable Milton G. Kimpson</b> , Columbia, SC
<b><u>Master-in-Equity</u> Allendale County</b>	<b>The Honorable Walter H. Sanders Jr.</b> , Barnwell, SC
<b>Anderson and Oconee Counties</b>	<b>The Honorable Steven Coleman Kirven</b> , Anderson, SC
<b>Charleston County</b>	<b>The Honorable Mikell R. Scarborough</b> , Charleston, SC
<b>Clarendon County</b>	<b>The Honorable Joseph K. Coffey</b> , Manning, SC
<b>Dorchester County</b>	<b>The Honorable James E. Chellis</b> , Summerville, SC
<b>Horry County</b>	<b>Alan Clemmons</b> , Myrtle Beach, SC <b>Charles B. Jordan Jr.</b> , Myrtle Beach, SC <b>Douglas M. Zayicek</b> , Conway, SC

**Sumter County**

**The Honorable Michael M. Jordan, Sumter, SC**

**Retired**

**Family Court**

**The Honorable Jack Alan Landis, Charleston, SC**

**The Honorable William J. Wylie Jr., Summerville, SC**

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, November 1, 2021**. 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:

<https://www.scstatehouse.gov/JudicialMeritPage/JMSCMainPage.php>.

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