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Sen. Malloy appointed to Judicial Merit Selection Commission

Columbia, SC – August 20, 2013– SC Senate Judiciary Chairman Larry Martin has appointed Senator Gerald Malloy to the Judicial Merit Selection Commission. "Senator Malloy, who represents Chesterfield, Darlington, Lee and Marlboro Counties, brings a wealth of legal and legislative experience to the judicial selection process," Sen. Martin said.

Created in 1997, the Commission screens nominees for state judgeships, determines their qualifications, and recommends candidates to the General Assembly for a vote.

"I look forward to actively contributing to the Commission and I am honored that Senate Judiciary Chairman Larry Martin has entrusted me with this responsibility, " Malloy stated. "The selection of judges is a key function the legislature performs, because jurists decisions impact the lives of our state's citizens and our citizens need to be confident that those judges are ethically and intellectually qualified to serve in that important position. Because if South Carolinians lose faith in those we elect to judge then they lose faith in our judicial system." Malloy said.

Malloy succeeds Sen. Floyd Nicholson, who was appointed to the Commission in 2009 and recently resigned from the Commission.