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MEDIA RELEASE

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The Judicial Merit Selection Commission is accepting applications for the judicial offices listed below:

A vacancy will exist in the office held by the Honorable Costa M. Pleicones, Justice of the Supreme Court, Seat 2, upon his swearing in as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. The successor will fill the unexpired term of that office, which will expire July 31, 2016.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable James E. Lockemy, Judge of the Court of Appeals, Seat 9, will expire June 30, 2016.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable Edgar Warren Dickson, Judge of the Circuit Court, First Judicial Circuit, Seat 1, will expire June 30, 2016.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable Diane Schafer Goodstein, Judge of the Circuit Court, First Judicial Circuit, Seat 2, will expire June 30, 2016.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable Doyet A. "Jack" Early, III, Judge of the Circuit Court, Second Judicial Circuit, Seat 1, will expire June 30, 2016.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable Ralph Ferrell Cothran, Jr., Judge of the Circuit Court, Third Judicial Circuit, Seat 1, will expire June 30, 2016.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable Paul M. Burch, Judge of the Circuit Court, Fourth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1, will expire June 30, 2016.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable Brian M. Gibbons, Judge of the Circuit Court, Sixth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1, will expire June 30, 2016.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable Frank R. Addy, Jr. Judge of the Circuit Court, Eighth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1, will expire June 30, 2016.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable D. Garrison “Gary” Hill, Judge of the Circuit Court, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 4, will expire June 30, 2016.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable Steven H. John, Judge of the Circuit Court, Fifteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1, will expire June 30, 2016.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable John C. Hayes, III, Judge of the Circuit Court, Sixteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1, will expire June 30, 2016.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable Daniel Dewitt Hall, Judge of the Circuit Court, Sixteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 2, will expire June 30, 2016.

A vacancy will exist in the office held by the Honorable James R. Barber, III, Judge of the Circuit Court, At-Large, Seat 10, upon his retirement on or before December 31, 2015. The successor will fill the unexpired term which will expire June 30, 2021.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable William J. Wylie, Jr. Judge of the Family Court, First Judicial Circuit, Seat 2, will expire June 30, 2016.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable Nancy Chapman McLin, Judge of the Family Court, First Judicial Circuit, Seat 3, will expire June 30, 2016.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable Vicki Johnson Snelgrove, Judge of the Family Court, Second Judicial Circuit, Seat 1, will expire June 30, 2016.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable George M. McFaddin, Jr., Judge of the Family Court, Third Judicial Circuit, Seat 1, will expire June 30, 2016.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable Cely Anne Brigman, Judge of the Family Court, Fourth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1, will expire June 30, 2016.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable Dorothy Mobley Jones, Judge of the Family Court, Fifth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1, will expire June 30, 2016.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable Gwendlyne Young Jones, Judge of the Family Court, Fifth Judicial Circuit, Seat 4, will expire June 30, 2016.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable Usha J. Bridges, Judge of the Family Court, Seventh Judicial Circuit, Seat 3, will expire June 30, 2016.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable John M. Rucker, Judge of the Family Court, Eighth Judicial Circuit, Seat 2, will expire June 30, 2016.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable Daniel E. Martin, Jr., Judge of the Family Court, Ninth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1, will expire June 30, 2016.

A vacancy will exist in the office currently held by the Honorable Judy Cone McMahon, Judge of the Family Court, Ninth Judicial Circuit, Seat 3, upon Judge McMahon's retirement on or before June 30, 2016. The successor will serve a new term of that office, which expires June 30, 2022.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable Jack A. Landis, Judge of the Family Court, Ninth Judicial Circuit, Seat 6, will expire June 30, 2016.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable Karen F. Ballenger, Judge of the Family Court, Tenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 2, will expire June 30, 2016.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable William Gregory Seigler, Judge of the Family Court, Eleventh Judicial Circuit, Seat 1, will expire June 30, 2016.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable Jerry D. Vinson, Jr., Judge of the Family Court, Twelfth Judicial Circuit, Seat 3, will expire June 30, 2016.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable Harry L. "Don" Phillips, Judge of the Family Court, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 3, will expire June 30, 2016.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable Alvin D. Johnson, Judge of the Family Court, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 4, will expire June 30, 2016.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable Alex Kinlaw, Jr., Judge of the Family Court, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 6, will expire June 30, 2016.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable Peter L. Fuge, Judge of the Family Court, Fourteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 2, will expire June 30, 2016.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable Melissa Johnson Emery, Judge of the Family Court, Fifteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 2, will expire June 30, 2016.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable Thomas H. White, Judge of the Family Court, Sixteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1, will expire June 30, 2016.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable Sebastian Phillip Lenski, Judge of the Administrative Law Court, Seat 6, will expire June 30, 2016.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable Walter H. Sanders, Jr., Master-in-Equity, Allendale County, Fourteenth Circuit, will expire December 31, 2016.

A vacancy will exist in the office currently held by the Honorable Ellis B. Drew, Jr., Master-in-Equity, Anderson County and Oconee County, Tenth Circuit, upon Judge Drew's

retirement on or before June 30, 2016. The successor will serve a new term of that office, which expires June 30, 2022.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable Mikell R. Scarborough, Master-in-Equity, Charleston County, Ninth Circuit, will expire December 24, 2016.

A vacancy will exist in the office currently held by the Honorable William C. Coffey, Jr., Master-in-Equity, Clarendon County, Third Circuit, upon Judge Coffey's retirement on or before June 30, 2016. The successor will serve a new term of that office, which expires June 30, 2022.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable James E. Chellis, Master-in-Equity, Dorchester County, First Circuit, will expire June 30, 2016.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable Richard L. Booth, Master-in-Equity, Sumter County, Third Circuit, will expire December 31, 2016.

In order to receive application materials, a prospective candidate must notify the Commission in writing of his or her intent to apply. Correspondence and questions may be directed to the Judicial Merit Selection Commission as follows:

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The Commission will not accept applications after 12:00 noon on Monday, August 10, 2015.

For further information about the Judicial Merit Selection Commission and the judicial screening process, you may access the website at <http://www.scstatehouse.gov/JudicialMeritPage/JMSCMainPage.php>