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**M E D I A R E L E A S E**

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

 A vacancy exists in the judicial office formerly held by the Honorable Timothy M. Cain, judge of the Family Court, Tenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 2, upon his resignation effective on September 26, 2011, in order to serve as a Judge for the United States District Court, District of South Carolina. The successor will fill the unexpired term of that office, which will expire June 30, 2016.

 A vacancy will exist in the office currently held by the Honorable Richard W. Chewning, III, judge of the Family Court for the Eleventh Judicial Circuit, Seat 3, upon Judge Chewning’s retirement on or before June 30, 2012. The successor will fill the unexpired term of that office which will expire June 30, 2013, and the subsequent full term which will expire June 30, 2019.

 The term of office held by the Honorable Joe M. Crosby, Master-in-Equity of Georgetown County, will expire January 1, 2013.

 The term of office held by the Honorable James O. Spence, Master-in-Equity of Lexington County, will expire January 1, 2013.

 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 Tuesday, March 6, 2012.**

 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>