

JMSC
2018 Screening
Qualified and Nominated Candidates
(as of 1/30/2019)

The Judicial Merit Selection Commission found the following judicial candidates qualified and nominated, and qualified, at the public hearings held November 12–15, 2018, November 19, 2018; November 26–29, 2018, and December 13, 2018:

Court of Appeals

Seat 1

Blake A. Hewitt, Conway, SC
The Honorable Alison Renee Lee, Columbia, SC
~~**The Honorable Jerry Deese Vinson Jr.**, Florence, SC withdrew
1/30/19~~

Seat 3

The Honorable John D. Geathers, Ridgeway, SC

Seat 4

The Honorable Paula H. Thomas, Pawleys Island, SC

Circuit Court

5th Judicial Circuit, Seat 1

The Honorable DeAndrea Gist Benjamin, Columbia, SC

7th Judicial Circuit, Seat 1

The Honorable Joseph Derham Cole, Spartanburg, SC

9th Judicial Circuit, Seat 1

The Honorable Deadra L. Jefferson, Charleston, SC

9th Judicial Circuit, Seat 2

~~**Meredith L. Coker**, Charleston, SC– withdrew 1/25/19~~
The Honorable Bentley Douglas Price, Charleston, SC
The Honorable Dale E. Van Slambrook, Goose Creek, SC

10th Judicial Circuit, Seat 1

The Honorable Rivers Lawton McIntosh, Williamston, SC

At-Large, Seat 2

Ryan Kirk Griffin, Sumter, SC
~~**John Patrick (Jack) Riordan**, Greenville, SC withdrew 1/22/19~~

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

1st Judicial Circuit, Seat 1

The Honorable Anne Guè Jones, Orangeburg, SC

2nd Judicial Circuit, Seat 2

The Honorable Angela W. Abstance, Barnwell, SC

3rd Judicial Circuit, Seat 2

The Honorable Angela R. Taylor, Sumter, SC

3rd Judicial Circuit, Seat 3

The Honorable Gordon B. Jenkinson, Kingstree, SC

4th Judicial Circuit, Seat 2

The Honorable Salley Huggins McIntyre, Dillon, SC

5th Judicial Circuit, Seat 2	The Honorable Michelle M. Hurley , Columbia, SC
5th Judicial Circuit, Seat 3	The Honorable Michael Scott Rankin , Camden, SC Carrie Hall Tanner, Elgin, SC withdrew 1/15/19
6th Judicial Circuit, Seat 1	The Honorable Coreen B. Khoury , Lancaster, SC
7th Judicial Circuit, Seat 1	The Honorable Phillip K. Sinclair , Spartanburg, SC
7th Judicial Circuit, Seat 2	Michael Todd Thigpen , Roebuck, SC
8th Judicial Circuit, Seat 1	The Honorable Matthew Price Turner , Laurens, SC
8th Judicial Circuit, Seat 3	The Honorable Joseph C. Smithdeal , Greenwood, SC
9th Judicial Circuit, Seat 2	The Honorable Alice Anne Richter , Mount Pleasant, SC
9th Judicial Circuit, Seat 4	The Honorable Wayne M. Creech , Pinopolis, SC
10th Judicial Circuit, Seat 1	The Honorable Edgar Henderson Long Jr. , Anderson, SC
11th Judicial Circuit, Seat 2	The Honorable Huntley S. Crouch , Lexington, SC
11th Judicial Circuit, Seat 3	The Honorable Robert E. Newton , Lexington, SC
12th Judicial Circuit, Seat 1	The Honorable Timothy H. Pogue , Marion, SC
12th Judicial Circuit, Seat 2	The Honorable FitzLee Howard McEachin , Florence, SC
13th Judicial Circuit, Seat 1	The Honorable Rochelle Y. Conits , Greer, SC
13th Judicial Circuit, Seat 2	The Honorable W. Marsh Robertson , Greenville, SC
13th Judicial Circuit, Seat 6	Kimaka (Kim) Nichols-Graham , Greenville, SC The Honorable Jessica Ann Salvini , Greenville, SC
14th Judicial Circuit, Seat 1	The Honorable Gerald C. Smoak Jr. , Walterboro, SC
14th Judicial Circuit, Seat 3	The Honorable Deborah Ann Malphrus , Ridgeland, SC
15th Judicial Circuit, Seat 1	The Honorable Jan B. Bromell Holmes , Georgetown, SC
16th Judicial Circuit, Seat 2	The Honorable David G. Guyton , Rock Hill, SC
At-Large, Seat 2	The Honorable Tony M. Jones , Rock Hill, SC

At-Large, Seat 3

The Honorable James G. McGee III, Florence, SC

At-Large, Seat 4

The Honorable Monet S. Pincus, Columbia, SC

At-Large, Seat 5

The Honorable Randall E. McGee, St. Matthews, SC

At-Large, Seat 6

The Honorable David Earl Phillips, Easley, SC

Administrative Law Court

Seat 1

The Honorable Ralph King (Tripp) Anderson III, Columbia,
SC

Thomas Rosamond Smith, Columbia, SC

As a reminder, the record remains open until the final report is issued at 12:00 Noon, Tuesday, January 15, 2019. Accordingly, judicial candidates are not free to seek or accept commitments until that time.

The election is currently scheduled for Noon on Wednesday, February 6, 2019.

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