

**Pee Dee Citizens Committee Report  
Supreme Court, Seat 4  
Candidate's Name: Honorable Kaye G. Hearn  
September 10, 2021**

	Unqualified	Qualified	Well-Qualified
<b>1. Constitutional Qualifications:</b> A candidate must meet the constitutional or statutory requirements of citizenship, residence, age, and professional experience.		X	
<b>2. Ethical Fitness:</b> A candidate must have the ability to perform adjudicative duties impartially and to deal with litigants, lawyers, witnesses, and other courtroom participants objectively and without bias. A candidate should have a sense of humor and must exhibit trustworthiness, moral vigor, and strength of character. A candidate's past action and deeds should demonstrate consistent adherence to high ethical principles and his or her reputation should be above reproach. A candidate must also follow campaigning and pledging laws. At a minimum, a sitting judge will be expected to have complied with the Code of Judicial Conduct's requirements to avoid impropriety, the appearance of impropriety, and partiality.			X
<b>3. Professional and Academic Ability:</b> A candidate is expected to be well-versed in fundamental legal principles and in procedural and evidentiary rules. A candidate must have the ability to communicate in a style that is both lucid and persuasive and must have the intellectual capacity to interpret established legal principles, apply them to specific factual situations, and clearly and logically communicate the reasoning leading up to his or her conclusion. A candidate's academic record, participation in continuing legal education or other seminars, legal writing, and reputation among professional colleagues to evaluate legal knowledge and ability will be reviewed. On the appellate court level, consideration will be given to a candidate's ability to work well with others and to build or reach a consensus when appropriate.			X
<b>4. Character:</b> The character of a candidate regarding his or her ethical standards, work habits, and financial responsibility, will be reviewed, as well as a thorough investigation of any complaints, grievances, or criminal allegations made against a candidate.			X
<b>5. Reputation:</b> Consideration of a candidate's background will include the following: 1) the non-legal experience; 2) the candidate's involvement in community affairs, public office, or pro bono work; or 3) the candidate's views on social issues and his or her desire to affect public policy. A review will be undertaken to ensure a candidate has followed the Code of Judicial Conduct's prohibition against certain extra-judicial activities and rules governing the use of judicial office.			X
<b>6. Physical Health:</b> The demands of the judicial office require a high level of performance, and a candidate must be both mentally and physically capable of performing the duties of the office sought with or without reasonable accommodation for any mental or physical impairment that substantially limits a major life activity.		X	
<b>7. Mental Stability:</b> The demands of the judicial office require a high level of performance, and a candidate must be both mentally and physically capable of performing the duties of the office sought with or without reasonable accommodation for any mental or physical impairment that substantially limits a major life activity.		X	
<b>8. Experience:</b> The extent and variety of a candidate's experience as an attorney or as a judge or both should be considered in light of the nature of the judicial vacancy to be filled.			X
<b>9. Judicial Temperament:</b> A candidate's ability to consistently exhibit exemplary judicial temperament will be reviewed. Among the qualities that comprise such a temperament are patience, open-mindedness, courtesy, tact, firmness, understanding, compassion, and humility. Factors that indicate a lack of judicial temperament include arrogance, impatience, pomposity, arbitrariness, and tyranny.			X

**Related Comments:**

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

Diane R. Baggett  
Committee Chair

09/10/2021  
Date

Honorable Kaye G. Hearn  
Candidate

**Midlands Citizens Committee Report**  
*Ct. of APPEALS* Court, \_\_\_\_\_ Circuit, Seat \_\_\_\_\_  
 Candidate's Name: H. Bruce Williams  
 2021

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**Related Comments:**

*EXCELLENT APPELLATE JUSTICE -*

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:** *WELL QUALIFIED*

H.M. Tetterton  
 Committee Chair's Name

9-8-2021  
 Date

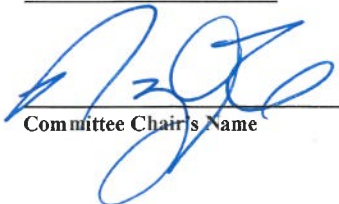
H. Bruce Williams  
 Candidate's Name

**Upstate Citizens Committee Report**  
**Court of Appeals Seat 9**  
**Candidate's Name: The Honorable David Garrison "Gary" Hill**  
**2021**

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**Related Comments:**

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

  
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 Committee Chair's Name

9-7-21  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date

**The Honorable David Garrison "Gary" Hill**  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Candidate's Name

**Lowcountry Citizens Committee Report**  
**Circuit Court, First Circuit, Seat 1**  
**Candidate's Name: Charles J. McCutchen**  
**2021**

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**Related Comments:** Although Mr. McCutchen has less criminal experience than civil, he has a good place to make up for his inexperience in this area.

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

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 Committee Chair's Name

9/9/21  
 Date

Charles J. McCutchen  
 Candidate's Name

**Lowcountry Citizens Committee Report**  
**Circuit Court, First Circuit, Seat 1**  
**Candidate's Name: Heath Preston Taylor**  
**2021**

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Related Comments: Mr. Taylor is a well-rounded candidate with a unique perspective on criminal reform.

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Committee Chair's Name

9/9/21  
Date

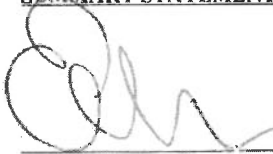
Heath Preston Taylor  
Candidate's Name

**Lowcountry Citizens Committee Report**  
**Circuit Court, First Circuit, Seat 2**  
**Candidate's Name: Diane Goodstein**  
**2021**

	Unqualified	Qualified	Well-Qualified
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**Related Comments:** Judge Goodstein continues to be a positive force on the bench and is willing to serve as a mentor to others within the judiciary and in the community at large.

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 Committee Chair's Name

9/9/21  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date

The Honorable Diane Shafer Goodstein  
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 Candidate's Name

Midlands Citizens Committee Report

Circuit Court, 2<sup>nd</sup> Circuit, Seat 1  
 Candidate's Name: COURTNEY POPE  
 2021

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Related Comments:

EXCELLENT QUALIFICATIONS

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

WELL QUALIFIED

Wm Tetterton  
 Committee Chair's Name

9-8-2021  
 Date

Courtney Pope  
 Candidate's Name

**Pee Dee Citizens Committee Report**  
**Circuit Court, Third Judicial Circuit, Seat 1**  
**Candidate's Name: Honorable Ralph Ferrell Cothran, Jr.**  
**September 10, 2021**

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**SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

  
 Committee Chair

09/10/2021  
 Date

Honorable Ralph Ferrell Cothran, Jr.  
 Candidate's Name



**Pee Dee Citizens Committee Report  
Circuit Court, Fourth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1  
Candidate's Name: Honorable Paul M. Burch  
September 10, 2021**

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<b>8. Experience:</b> The extent and variety of a candidate's experience as an attorney or as a judge or both should be considered in light of the nature of the judicial vacancy to be filled.			X
<b>9. Judicial Temperament:</b> A candidate's ability to consistently exhibit exemplary judicial temperament will be reviewed. Among the qualities that comprise such a temperament are patience, open-mindedness, courtesy, tact, firmness, understanding, compassion, and humility. Factors that indicate a lack of judicial temperament include arrogance, impatience, pomposity, arbitrariness, and tyranny.			X

**Related Comments:**

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

  
Diane R. Baughman  
Committee Chair

09/10/2021  
Date

Honorable Paul M. Burch  
Candidate's Name

Midlands Citizens Committee Report

Circuit Court, 5<sup>th</sup> Circuit, Seat 2  
 Candidate's Name: Hon DANIEL COBLE  
 2021

	Unqualified	Qualified	Well-Qualified
1. <b>Constitutional Qualifications:</b> A candidate must meet the constitutional or statutory requirements of citizenship, residence, age, and professional experience.		✓	
2. <b>Ethical Fitness:</b> A candidate must have the ability to perform adjudicative duties impartially and to deal with litigants, lawyers, witnesses, and other courtroom participants objectively and without bias. A candidate should have a sense of humor and must exhibit trustworthiness, moral vigor, and strength of character. A candidate's past action and deeds should demonstrate consistent adherence to high ethical principles and his or her reputation should be above reproach. A candidate must also follow campaigning and pledging laws. At a minimum, a sitting judge will be expected to have complied with the Code of Judicial Conduct's requirements to avoid impropriety, the appearance of impropriety, and partiality.			✓
3. <b>Professional and Academic Ability:</b> A candidate is expected to be well-versed in fundamental legal principles and in procedural and evidentiary rules. A candidate must have the ability to communicate in a style that is both lucid and persuasive and must have the intellectual capacity to interpret established legal principles, apply them to specific factual situations, and clearly and logically communicate the reasoning leading up to his or her conclusion. A candidate's academic record, participation in continuing legal education or other seminars, legal writing, and reputation among professional colleagues to evaluate legal knowledge and ability will be reviewed. On the appellate court level, consideration will be given to a candidate's ability to work well with others and to build or reach a consensus when appropriate.			✓
4. <b>Character:</b> The character of a candidate regarding his or her ethical standards, work habits, and financial responsibility, will be reviewed, as well as a thorough investigation of any complaints, grievances, or criminal allegations made against a candidate.			✓
5. <b>Reputation:</b> Consideration of a candidate's background will include the following: 1) the non-legal experience; 2) the candidate's involvement in community affairs, public office, or pro bono work; or 3) the candidate's views on social issues and his or her desire to affect public policy. A review will be undertaken to ensure a candidate has followed the Code of Judicial Conduct's prohibition against certain extra-judicial activities and rules governing the use of judicial office.			✓
6. <b>Physical Health:</b> The demands of the judicial office require a high level of performance, and a candidate must be both mentally and physically capable of performing the duties of the office sought with or without reasonable accommodation for any mental or physical impairment that substantially limits a major life activity.		✓	
7. <b>Mental Stability:</b> The demands of the judicial office require a high level of performance, and a candidate must be both mentally and physically capable of performing the duties of the office sought with or without reasonable accommodation for any mental or physical impairment that substantially limits a major life activity.		✓	
8. <b>Experience:</b> The extent and variety of a candidate's experience as an attorney or as a judge or both should be considered in light of the nature of the judicial vacancy to be filled.			✓
9. <b>Judicial Temperament:</b> A candidate's ability to consistently exhibit exemplary judicial temperament will be reviewed. Among the qualities that comprise such a temperament are patience, open-mindedness, courtesy, tact, firmness, understanding, compassion, and humility. Factors that indicate a lack of judicial temperament include arrogance, impatience, pomposity, arbitrariness, and tyranny.			✓

Related Comments:

With his experience & devotion to the judicial system he will be a definite asset to the bench

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

Wm Stegert  
 Committee Chair's Name

9-8-2021  
 Date

Hon DANIEL COBLE  
 Candidate's Name

Midlands Citizens Committee Report  
 Court, 5<sup>th</sup> Circuit, Seat 2  
 Candidate's Name: Hon Amy McCulloch  
 2021

	Unqualified	Qualified	Well-Qualified
<b>1. Constitutional Qualifications:</b> A candidate must meet the constitutional or statutory requirements of citizenship, residence, age, and professional experience.		✓	
<b>2. Ethical Fitness:</b> A candidate must have the ability to perform adjudicative duties impartially and to deal with litigants, lawyers, witnesses, and other courtroom participants objectively and without bias. A candidate should have a sense of humor and must exhibit trustworthiness, moral vigor, and strength of character. A candidate's past action and deeds should demonstrate consistent adherence to high ethical principles and his or her reputation should be above reproach. A candidate must also follow campaigning and pledging laws. At a minimum, a sitting judge will be expected to have complied with the Code of Judicial Conduct's requirements to avoid impropriety, the appearance of impropriety, and partiality.			✓
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<b>6. Physical Health:</b> The demands of the judicial office require a high level of performance, and a candidate must be both mentally and physically capable of performing the duties of the office sought with or without reasonable accommodation for any mental or physical impairment that substantially limits a major life activity.		✓	
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<b>8. Experience:</b> The extent and variety of a candidate's experience as an attorney or as a judge or both should be considered in light of the nature of the judicial vacancy to be filled.		✓	
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Related Comments:

*NEEDS MORE EXPERIENCE OUTSIDE PROBATE CASES BUT HAS A GOOD UNDERSTANDING OF THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM AND*

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

*WILL MAKE AN EXCELLENT JUDGE*  
**QUALIFIED**

WMS TETTERTON  
 Committee Chair's Name

9-8-2021  
 Date

HON Amy McCulloch  
 Candidate's Name

**Midlands Citizens Committee Report**  
**Circuit Court, 5<sup>th</sup> Circuit, Seat 2**  
 Candidate's Name: KATE WHETSTONE LISA  
 2021

	Unqualified	Qualified	Well-Qualified
<b>1. Constitutional Qualifications:</b> A candidate must meet the constitutional or statutory requirements of citizenship, residence, age, and professional experience.		✓	
<b>2. Ethical Fitness:</b> A candidate must have the ability to perform adjudicative duties impartially and to deal with litigants, lawyers, witnesses, and other courtroom participants objectively and without bias. A candidate should have a sense of humor and must exhibit trustworthiness, moral vigor, and strength of character. A candidate's past action and deeds should demonstrate consistent adherence to high ethical principles and his or her reputation should be above reproach. A candidate must also follow campaigning and pledging laws. At a minimum, a sitting judge will be expected to have complied with the Code of Judicial Conduct's requirements to avoid impropriety, the appearance of impropriety, and partiality.			✓
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**Related Comments:** GREAT CRIMINAL EXPERIENCE - LIMITED CIVIL - Good TEMPERAMENT AND REPUTATION

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:** QUALIFIED

WMS  
Committee Chair's Name

9-8-2021  
Date

KATE WHETSTONE LISA  
Candidate's Name

Midlands Citizens Committee Report

Circuit Court, 5 Circuit, Seat 2  
 Candidate's Name: BOYD YOUNG  
 2021

	Unqualified	Qualified	Well-Qualified
1. <b>Constitutional Qualifications:</b> A candidate must meet the constitutional or statutory requirements of citizenship, residence, age, and professional experience.		✓	
2. <b>Ethical Fitness:</b> A candidate must have the ability to perform adjudicative duties impartially and to deal with litigants, lawyers, witnesses, and other courtroom participants objectively and without bias. A candidate should have a sense of humor and must exhibit trustworthiness, moral vigor, and strength of character. A candidate's past action and deeds should demonstrate consistent adherence to high ethical principles and his or her reputation should be above reproach. A candidate must also follow campaigning and pledging laws. At a minimum, a sitting judge will be expected to have complied with the Code of Judicial Conduct's requirements to avoid impropriety, the appearance of impropriety, and partiality.			✓
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Related Comments:

EXCELLEN CRIMINAL EXPERIENCE!  
 VERY LITTLE CIVIL EXPERIENCE -  
 IS WILLING TO COME UP TO SPEED  
 ON CIVIL -

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

QUALIFIED

WIM STETTINON  
 Committee Chair's Name

9-8-2021  
 Date

BOYD YOUNG  
 Candidate's Name

**Piedmont Citizens Committee Report**

Circuit \_\_\_\_\_ Court, 6th \_\_\_\_\_ Circuit, Seat 1

Candidate's Name: Brian M. Gibbons

2021

	Unqualified	Qualified	Well-Qualified
<b>1. Constitutional Qualifications:</b> A candidate must meet the constitutional or statutory requirements of citizenship, residence, age, and professional experience.		X	
<b>2. Ethical Fitness:</b> A candidate must have the ability to perform adjudicative duties impartially and to deal with litigants, lawyers, witnesses, and other courtroom participants objectively and without bias. A candidate should have a sense of humor and must exhibit trustworthiness, moral vigor, and strength of character. A candidate's past action and deeds should demonstrate consistent adherence to high ethical principles and his or her reputation should be above reproach. A candidate must also follow campaigning and pledging laws. At a minimum, a sitting judge will be expected to have complied with the Code of Judicial Conduct's requirements to avoid impropriety, the appearance of impropriety, and partiality.			X
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<b>4. Character:</b> The character of a candidate regarding his or her ethical standards, work habits, and financial responsibility, will be reviewed, as well as a thorough investigation of any complaints, grievances, or criminal allegations made against a candidate.			X
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<b>7. Mental Stability:</b> The demands of the judicial office require a high level of performance, and a candidate must be both mentally and physically capable of performing the duties of the office sought with or without reasonable accommodation for any mental or physical impairment that substantially limits a major life activity.		X	
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**Related Comments:**

Judge Gibbons brings to the bench a degree of wisdom, thoughtfulness, and common sense that reflects his significant experience as both a Family Court Judge and Circuit Court Judge. His substantial involvement in his community and his long tenure as a jurist are compelling evidence of his deep commitment to public service. He is an excellent Circuit Court Judge.

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

Stephen M. Cox  
Committee Chair's Name

10/08/21  
Date

Brian M. Gibbons  
Candidate's Name

**Piedmont Citizens Committee Report**

Circuit \_\_\_\_\_ Court, 8th \_\_\_\_\_ Circuit, Seat 1

Candidate's Name: Frank R. Addy, Jr.  
2021

	Unqualified	Qualified	Well-Qualified
<b>1. Constitutional Qualifications:</b> A candidate must meet the constitutional or statutory requirements of citizenship, residence, age, and professional experience.		X	
<b>2. Ethical Fitness:</b> A candidate must have the ability to perform adjudicative duties impartially and to deal with litigants, lawyers, witnesses, and other courtroom participants objectively and without bias. A candidate should have a sense of humor and must exhibit trustworthiness, moral vigor, and strength of character. A candidate's past action and deeds should demonstrate consistent adherence to high ethical principles and his or her reputation should be above reproach. A candidate must also follow campaigning and pledging laws. At a minimum, a sitting judge will be expected to have complied with the Code of Judicial Conduct's requirements to avoid impropriety, the appearance of impropriety, and partiality.			X
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**Related Comments:**

Judge Addy has a long judicial record as a Probate Judge and Circuit Court Judge, and he continues to approach his professional challenges with the same level of energy and involvement that characterize his wide range of service to his local community. The Committee found noteworthy his humility, his energetic commitment to resolving legal disputes with compassion and thoughtfulness, and his deep respect for the judicial profession. The State is fortunate to have a person of Judge Addy's experience and talent as a Circuit Court Judge.

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

Stephen M. Cox  
Committee Chair's Name

10/08/21  
Date

Frank R. Addy, Jr.  
Candidate's Name

**Upstate Citizens Committee Report**  
**13<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Circuit Court, Seat 1**  
**Candidate's Name: The Honorable Perry H. Gravelly**  
**2021**

	Unqualified	Qualified	Well-Qualified
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**Related Comments:**

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Committee Chair's Name

9-7-21  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date

**The Honorable Perry H. Gravelly**  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Candidate's Name



**Upstate Citizens Committee Report**  
**13<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Circuit Court, Seat 4**  
**Candidate's Name: The Honorable Alex Kinlaw, Jr.**  
**2021**

	Unqualified	Qualified	Well-Qualified
<b>1. Constitutional Qualifications:</b> A candidate must meet the constitutional or statutory requirements of citizenship, residence, age, and professional experience.		XX	
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**Related Comments:**

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

  
 Committee Chair's Name

9-7-21  
 Date

**The Honorable Alex Kinlaw, Jr.**  
 Candidate's Name

**Piedmont Citizens Committee Report**

Circuit \_\_\_\_\_ Court, 16th \_\_\_\_\_ Circuit, Seat 1 \_\_\_\_\_

Candidate's Name: William A. McKinnon

2021

	Unqualified	Qualified	Well-Qualified
<b>1. Constitutional Qualifications:</b> A candidate must meet the constitutional or statutory requirements of citizenship, residence, age, and professional experience.		X	
<b>2. Ethical Fitness:</b> A candidate must have the ability to perform adjudicative duties impartially and to deal with litigants, lawyers, witnesses, and other courtroom participants objectively and without bias. A candidate should have a sense of humor and must exhibit trustworthiness, moral vigor, and strength of character. A candidate's past action and deeds should demonstrate consistent adherence to high ethical principles and his or her reputation should be above reproach. A candidate must also follow campaigning and pledging laws. At a minimum, a sitting judge will be expected to have complied with the Code of Judicial Conduct's requirements to avoid impropriety, the appearance of impropriety, and partiality.			X
<b>3. Professional and Academic Ability:</b> A candidate is expected to be well-versed in fundamental legal principles and in procedural and evidentiary rules. A candidate must have the ability to communicate in a style that is both lucid and persuasive and must have the intellectual capacity to interpret established legal principles, apply them to specific factual situations, and clearly and logically communicate the reasoning leading up to his or her conclusion. A candidate's academic record, participation in continuing legal education or other seminars, legal writing, and reputation among professional colleagues to evaluate legal knowledge and ability will be reviewed. On the appellate court level, consideration will be given to a candidate's ability to work well with others and to build or reach a consensus when appropriate.			X
<b>4. Character:</b> The character of a candidate regarding his or her ethical standards, work habits, and financial responsibility, will be reviewed, as well as a thorough investigation of any complaints, grievances, or criminal allegations made against a candidate.			X
<b>5. Reputation:</b> Consideration of a candidate's background will include the following: 1) the non-legal experience; 2) the candidate's involvement in community affairs, public office, or pro bono work; or 3) the candidate's views on social issues and his or her desire to affect public policy. A review will be undertaken to ensure a candidate has followed the Code of Judicial Conduct's prohibition against certain extra-judicial activities and rules governing the use of judicial office.			X
<b>6. Physical Health:</b> The demands of the judicial office require a high level of performance, and a candidate must be both mentally and physically capable of performing the duties of the office sought with or without reasonable accommodation for any mental or physical impairment that substantially limits a major life activity.		X	
<b>7. Mental Stability:</b> The demands of the judicial office require a high level of performance, and a candidate must be both mentally and physically capable of performing the duties of the office sought with or without reasonable accommodation for any mental or physical impairment that substantially limits a major life activity.		X	
<b>8. Experience:</b> The extent and variety of a candidate's experience as an attorney or as a judge or both should be considered in light of the nature of the judicial vacancy to be filled.			X
<b>9. Judicial Temperament:</b> A candidate's ability to consistently exhibit exemplary judicial temperament will be reviewed. Among the qualities that comprise such a temperament are patience, open-mindedness, courtesy, tact, firmness, understanding, compassion, and humility. Factors that indicate a lack of judicial temperament include arrogance, impatience, pomposity, arbitrariness, and tyranny.			X

**Related Comments:**

Though his record of scholarship is formidable, one could not tell it from Judge McKinnon's humble and conscientious approach to his work as a judge. He is clearly a man who is always eager to learn more, yet he tempers his intellect with wisdom and common sense. His industriousness and avowed love for his job bring credit not only to his own work, but the judicial profession generally.

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

Stephen M. Cox  
Committee Chair's Name

10/08/21  
Date

William A. McKinnon  
Candidate's Name

**Piedmont Citizens Committee Report**

Circuit \_\_\_\_\_ Court, 16th \_\_\_\_\_ Circuit, Seat 2

Candidate's Name: Daniel Hall

2021

	Unqualified	Qualified	Well-Qualified
<b>1. Constitutional Qualifications:</b> A candidate must meet the constitutional or statutory requirements of citizenship, residence, age, and professional experience.		X	
<b>2. Ethical Fitness:</b> A candidate must have the ability to perform adjudicative duties impartially and to deal with litigants, lawyers, witnesses, and other courtroom participants objectively and without bias. A candidate should have a sense of humor and must exhibit trustworthiness, moral vigor, and strength of character. A candidate's past action and deeds should demonstrate consistent adherence to high ethical principles and his or her reputation should be above reproach. A candidate must also follow campaigning and pledging laws. At a minimum, a sitting judge will be expected to have complied with the Code of Judicial Conduct's requirements to avoid impropriety, the appearance of impropriety, and partiality.			X
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<b>4. Character:</b> The character of a candidate regarding his or her ethical standards, work habits, and financial responsibility, will be reviewed, as well as a thorough investigation of any complaints, grievances, or criminal allegations made against a candidate.			X
<b>5. Reputation:</b> Consideration of a candidate's background will include the following: 1) the non-legal experience; 2) the candidate's involvement in community affairs, public office, or pro bono work; or 3) the candidate's views on social issues and his or her desire to affect public policy. A review will be undertaken to ensure a candidate has followed the Code of Judicial Conduct's prohibition against certain extra-judicial activities and rules governing the use of judicial office.			X
<b>6. Physical Health:</b> The demands of the judicial office require a high level of performance, and a candidate must be both mentally and physically capable of performing the duties of the office sought with or without reasonable accommodation for any mental or physical impairment that substantially limits a major life activity.		X	
<b>7. Mental Stability:</b> The demands of the judicial office require a high level of performance, and a candidate must be both mentally and physically capable of performing the duties of the office sought with or without reasonable accommodation for any mental or physical impairment that substantially limits a major life activity.		X	
<b>8. Experience:</b> The extent and variety of a candidate's experience as an attorney or as a judge or both should be considered in light of the nature of the judicial vacancy to be filled.			X
<b>9. Judicial Temperament:</b> A candidate's ability to consistently exhibit exemplary judicial temperament will be reviewed. Among the qualities that comprise such a temperament are patience, open-mindedness, courtesy, tact, firmness, understanding, compassion, and humility. Factors that indicate a lack of judicial temperament include arrogance, impatience, pomposity, arbitrariness, and tyranny.			X

**Related Comments:**

Judge Hall brings to the bench a wide range of professional experience, both legal and non-legal. This experience is reflected in his admirable work ethic, his dogged independence, and his determination to treat all who come before him fairly and without preference. The Committee believes that Judge Hall is well-qualified to serve as a Circuit Judge.

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

Stephen M. Cox  
Committee Chair's Name

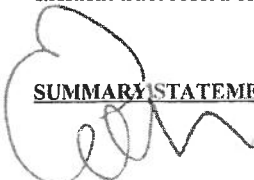
10/08/21  
Date

Daniel Hall  
Candidate's Name

**Lowcountry Citizens Committee Report**  
**Family Court, First Circuit, Seat 2**  
**Candidate's Name: The Honorable Michael H. Murphy, III**  
**2021**

	Unqualified	Qualified	Well-Qualified
<b>1. Constitutional Qualifications:</b> A candidate must meet the constitutional or statutory requirements of citizenship, residence, age, and professional experience.		X	
<b>2. Ethical Fitness:</b> A candidate must have the ability to perform adjudicative duties impartially and to deal with litigants, lawyers, witnesses, and other courtroom participants objectively and without bias. A candidate should have a sense of humor and must exhibit trustworthiness, moral vigor, and strength of character. A candidate's past action and deeds should demonstrate consistent adherence to high ethical principles and his or her reputation should be above reproach. A candidate must also follow campaigning and pledging laws. At a minimum, a sitting judge will be expected to have complied with the Code of Judicial Conduct's requirements to avoid impropriety, the appearance of impropriety, and partiality.			X
<b>3. Professional and Academic Ability:</b> A candidate is expected to be well-versed in fundamental legal principles and in procedural and evidentiary rules. A candidate must have the ability to communicate in a style that is both lucid and persuasive and must have the intellectual capacity to interpret established legal principles, apply them to specific factual situations, and clearly and logically communicate the reasoning leading up to his or her conclusion. A candidate's academic record, participation in continuing legal education or other seminars, legal writing, and reputation among professional colleagues to evaluate legal knowledge and ability will be reviewed. On the appellate court level, consideration will be given to a candidate's ability to work well with others and to build or reach a consensus when appropriate.			X
<b>4. Character:</b> The character of a candidate regarding his or her ethical standards, work habits, and financial responsibility, will be reviewed, as well as a thorough investigation of any complaints, grievances, or criminal allegations made against a candidate.			X
<b>5. Reputation:</b> Consideration of a candidate's background will include the following: 1) the non-legal experience; 2) the candidate's involvement in community affairs, public office, or pro bono work; or 3) the candidate's views on social issues and his or her desire to affect public policy. A review will be undertaken to ensure a candidate has followed the Code of Judicial Conduct's prohibition against certain extra-judicial activities and rules governing the use of judicial office.			X
<b>6. Physical Health:</b> The demands of the judicial office require a high level of performance, and a candidate must be both mentally and physically capable of performing the duties of the office sought with or without reasonable accommodation for any mental or physical impairment that substantially limits a major life activity.		X	
<b>7. Mental Stability:</b> The demands of the judicial office require a high level of performance, and a candidate must be both mentally and physically capable of performing the duties of the office sought with or without reasonable accommodation for any mental or physical impairment that substantially limits a major life activity.		X	
<b>8. Experience:</b> The extent and variety of a candidate's experience as an attorney or as a judge or both should be considered in light of the nature of the judicial vacancy to be filled.			X
<b>9. Judicial Temperament:</b> A candidate's ability to consistently exhibit exemplary judicial temperament will be reviewed. Among the qualities that comprise such a temperament are patience, open-mindedness, courtesy, tact, firmness, understanding, compassion, and humility. Factors that indicate a lack of judicial temperament include arrogance, impatience, pomposity, arbitrariness, and tyranny.			X

**Related Comments:** Judge Murphy is a well-rounded candidate with strong juvenile practices. He is an excellent problem solver and an excellent tract record of performing under high pressure situations.

SUMMARY STATEMENT:  


\_\_\_\_\_  
 Committee Chair's Name

9/9/21  
 Date

The Honorable Michael H. Murphy, III  
 Candidate's Name

Midlands Citizens Committee Report

Family Court, 2<sup>ND</sup> Circuit, Seat 1  
 Candidate's Name: VICKI SNELL-ROSE  
 2021

	Unqualified	Qualified	Well-Qualified
1. <b>Constitutional Qualifications:</b> A candidate must meet the constitutional or statutory requirements of citizenship, residence, age, and professional experience.		✓	
2. <b>Ethical Fitness:</b> A candidate must have the ability to perform adjudicative duties impartially and to deal with litigants, lawyers, witnesses, and other courtroom participants objectively and without bias. A candidate should have a sense of humor and must exhibit trustworthiness, moral vigor, and strength of character. A candidate's past action and deeds should demonstrate consistent adherence to high ethical principles and his or her reputation should be above reproach. A candidate must also follow campaigning and pledging laws. At a minimum, a sitting judge will be expected to have complied with the Code of Judicial Conduct's requirements to avoid impropriety, the appearance of impropriety, and partiality.			✓
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6. <b>Physical Health:</b> The demands of the judicial office require a high level of performance, and a candidate must be both mentally and physically capable of performing the duties of the office sought with or without reasonable accommodation for any mental or physical impairment that substantially limits a major life activity.		✓	
7. <b>Mental Stability:</b> The demands of the judicial office require a high level of performance, and a candidate must be both mentally and physically capable of performing the duties of the office sought with or without reasonable accommodation for any mental or physical impairment that substantially limits a major life activity.		✓	
8. <b>Experience:</b> The extent and variety of a candidate's experience as an attorney or as a judge or both should be considered in light of the nature of the judicial vacancy to be filled.			✓
9. <b>Judicial Temperament:</b> A candidate's ability to consistently exhibit exemplary judicial temperament will be reviewed. Among the qualities that comprise such a temperament are patience, open-mindedness, courtesy, tact, firmness, understanding, compassion, and humility. Factors that indicate a lack of judicial temperament include arrogance, impatience, pomposity, arbitrariness, and tyranny.			✓

Related Comments:

EXCELLENT QUALIFICATIONS  
 AND TEMPERAMENT

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

WELL QUALIFIED

WIM TETTERION  
 Committee Chair's Name

9-8-2021  
 Date

VICKI SNELL-ROSE  
 Candidate's Name

**Pee Dee Citizens Committee Report**  
**Family Court, Third Circuit, Seat 1**  
**Candidate's Name: Honorable Thomas M. Bultman**  
**September 10, 2021**

	Unqualified	Qualified	Well-Qualified
<b>1. Constitutional Qualifications:</b> A candidate must meet the constitutional or statutory requirements of citizenship, residence, age, and professional experience.		X	
<b>2. Ethical Fitness:</b> A candidate must have the ability to perform adjudicative duties impartially and to deal with litigants, lawyers, witnesses, and other courtroom participants objectively and without bias. A candidate should have a sense of humor and must exhibit trustworthiness, moral vigor, and strength of character. A candidate's past action and deeds should demonstrate consistent adherence to high ethical principles and his or her reputation should be above reproach. A candidate must also follow campaigning and pledging laws. At a minimum, a sitting judge will be expected to have complied with the Code of Judicial Conduct's requirements to avoid impropriety, the appearance of impropriety, and partiality.			X
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<b>4. Character:</b> The character of a candidate regarding his or her ethical standards, work habits, and financial responsibility, will be reviewed, as well as a thorough investigation of any complaints, grievances, or criminal allegations made against a candidate.			X
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<b>7. Mental Stability:</b> The demands of the judicial office require a high level of performance, and a candidate must be both mentally and physically capable of performing the duties of the office sought with or without reasonable accommodation for any mental or physical impairment that substantially limits a major life activity.		X	
<b>8. Experience:</b> The extent and variety of a candidate's experience as an attorney or as a judge or both should be considered in light of the nature of the judicial vacancy to be filled.			X
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**Related Comments:**

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

  
 Committee Chair

**09/10/2021**  
 Date

**Honorable Thomas M. Bultman**  
 Candidate's Name

**Pee Dee Citizens Committee Report**  
**Family Court, Fourth Circuit, Seat 1**  
**Candidate's Name: Honorable Cely Anne Brigman**  
**September 10, 2021**

	Unqualified	Qualified	Well-Qualified
<b>1. Constitutional Qualifications:</b> A candidate must meet the constitutional or statutory requirements of citizenship, residence, age, and professional experience.		X	
<b>2. Ethical Fitness:</b> A candidate must have the ability to perform adjudicative duties impartially and to deal with litigants, lawyers, witnesses, and other courtroom participants objectively and without bias. A candidate should have a sense of humor and must exhibit trustworthiness, moral vigor, and strength of character. A candidate's past action and deeds should demonstrate consistent adherence to high ethical principles and his or her reputation should be above reproach. A candidate must also follow campaigning and pledging laws. At a minimum, a sitting judge will be expected to have complied with the Code of Judicial Conduct's requirements to avoid impropriety, the appearance of impropriety, and partiality.			X
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<b>6. Physical Health:</b> The demands of the judicial office require a high level of performance, and a candidate must be both mentally and physically capable of performing the duties of the office sought with or without reasonable accommodation for any mental or physical impairment that substantially limits a major life activity.		X	
<b>7. Mental Stability:</b> The demands of the judicial office require a high level of performance, and a candidate must be both mentally and physically capable of performing the duties of the office sought with or without reasonable accommodation for any mental or physical impairment that substantially limits a major life activity.		X	
<b>8. Experience:</b> The extent and variety of a candidate's experience as an attorney or as a judge or both should be considered in light of the nature of the judicial vacancy to be filled.			X
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**Related Comments:**

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

  
 Committee Chair

09/10/2021  
 Date

Honorable Cely Anne Brigman  
 Candidate's Name

**Pee Dee Citizens Committee Report**  
**Family Court, Fourth Judicial Circuit, Seat 3**  
**Candidate's Name: Eugene P. Warr, Jr.**  
**2021**

	Unqualified	Qualified	Well-Qualified
<b>1. Constitutional Qualifications:</b> A candidate must meet the constitutional or statutory requirements of citizenship, residence, age, and professional experience.		X	
<b>2. Ethical Fitness:</b> A candidate must have the ability to perform adjudicative duties impartially and to deal with litigants, lawyers, witnesses, and other courtroom participants objectively and without bias. A candidate should have a sense of humor and must exhibit trustworthiness, moral vigor, and strength of character. A candidate's past action and deeds should demonstrate consistent adherence to high ethical principles and his or her reputation should be above reproach. A candidate must also follow campaigning and pledging laws. At a minimum, a sitting judge will be expected to have complied with the Code of Judicial Conduct's requirements to avoid impropriety, the appearance of impropriety, and partiality.			X
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<b>4. Character:</b> The character of a candidate regarding his or her ethical standards, work habits, and financial responsibility, will be reviewed, as well as a thorough investigation of any complaints, grievances, or criminal allegations made against a candidate.			X
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<b>6. Physical Health:</b> The demands of the judicial office require a high level of performance, and a candidate must be both mentally and physically capable of performing the duties of the office sought with or without reasonable accommodation for any mental or physical impairment that substantially limits a major life activity.		X	
<b>7. Mental Stability:</b> The demands of the judicial office require a high level of performance, and a candidate must be both mentally and physically capable of performing the duties of the office sought with or without reasonable accommodation for any mental or physical impairment that substantially limits a major life activity.		X	
<b>8. Experience:</b> The extent and variety of a candidate's experience as an attorney or as a judge or both should be considered in light of the nature of the judicial vacancy to be filled.			X
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**Related Comments:**

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

  
 Committee Chair

09/10/2021  
 Date

Eugene P. Warr, Jr.  
 Candidate's Name



**Midlands Citizens Committee Report**  
**Family Court, 5<sup>th</sup> Circuit, Seat 1**  
 Candidate's Name: Charles Vance Strickland  
 2021

	Unqualified	Qualified	Well-Qualified
<b>1. Constitutional Qualifications:</b> A candidate must meet the constitutional or statutory requirements of citizenship, residence, age, and professional experience.		✓	
<b>2. Ethical Fitness:</b> A candidate must have the ability to perform adjudicative duties impartially and to deal with litigants, lawyers, witnesses, and other courtroom participants objectively and without bias. A candidate should have a sense of humor and must exhibit trustworthiness, moral vigor, and strength of character. A candidate's past action and deeds should demonstrate consistent adherence to high ethical principles and his or her reputation should be above reproach. A candidate must also follow campaigning and pledging laws. At a minimum, a sitting judge will be expected to have complied with the Code of Judicial Conduct's requirements to avoid impropriety, the appearance of impropriety, and partiality.			✓
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<b>7. Mental Stability:</b> The demands of the judicial office require a high level of performance, and a candidate must be both mentally and physically capable of performing the duties of the office sought with or without reasonable accommodation for any mental or physical impairment that substantially limits a major life activity.		✓	
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**Related Comments:**

*WELL RESPECTED WITH EXCELLENT QUALIFICATIONS -*

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

*WELL QUALIFIED*

WIM TETTERTON  
Committee Chair's Name

9-8-2021  
Date

CHARLES VANCE STRICKLAND  
Candidate's Name

**Midlands Citizens Committee Report**  
**FAMILY Court, Circuit, Seat 4**  
 Candidate's Name: GWENDLYNE JONES  
 2021

	Unqualified	Qualified	Well-Qualified
<b>1. Constitutional Qualifications:</b> A candidate must meet the constitutional or statutory requirements of citizenship, residence, age, and professional experience.		✓	
<b>2. Ethical Fitness:</b> A candidate must have the ability to perform adjudicative duties impartially and to deal with litigants, lawyers, witnesses, and other courtroom participants objectively and without bias. A candidate should have a sense of humor and must exhibit trustworthiness, moral vigor, and strength of character. A candidate's past action and deeds should demonstrate consistent adherence to high ethical principles and his or her reputation should be above reproach. A candidate must also follow campaigning and pledging laws. At a minimum, a sitting judge will be expected to have complied with the Code of Judicial Conduct's requirements to avoid impropriety, the appearance of impropriety, and partiality.			✓
<b>3. Professional and Academic Ability:</b> A candidate is expected to be well-versed in fundamental legal principles and in procedural and evidentiary rules. A candidate must have the ability to communicate in a style that is both lucid and persuasive and must have the intellectual capacity to interpret established legal principles, apply them to specific factual situations, and clearly and logically communicate the reasoning leading up to his or her conclusion. A candidate's academic record, participation in continuing legal education or other seminars, legal writing, and reputation among professional colleagues to evaluate legal knowledge and ability will be reviewed. On the appellate court level, consideration will be given to a candidate's ability to work well with others and to build or reach a consensus when appropriate.			✓
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<b>6. Physical Health:</b> The demands of the judicial office require a high level of performance, and a candidate must be both mentally and physically capable of performing the duties of the office sought with or without reasonable accommodation for any mental or physical impairment that substantially limits a major life activity.		✓	
<b>7. Mental Stability:</b> The demands of the judicial office require a high level of performance, and a candidate must be both mentally and physically capable of performing the duties of the office sought with or without reasonable accommodation for any mental or physical impairment that substantially limits a major life activity.		✓	
<b>8. Experience:</b> The extent and variety of a candidate's experience as an attorney or as a judge or both should be considered in light of the nature of the judicial vacancy to be filled.			✓
<b>9. Judicial Temperament:</b> A candidate's ability to consistently exhibit exemplary judicial temperament will be reviewed. Among the qualities that comprise such a temperament are patience, open-mindedness, courtesy, tact, firmness, understanding, compassion, and humility. Factors that indicate a lack of judicial temperament include arrogance, impatience, pomposity, arbitrariness, and tyranny.			✓

**Related Comments:**

*EXCELLENT QUALIFICATION, WELL RESPECTED AND COMPASSIONATE -*

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

*WELL QUALIFIED*

WMS TETTERTON  
 Committee Chair's Name

9-8-2021  
 Date

GWENDLYNE JONES  
 Candidate's Name

**Upstate Citizens Committee Report**  
**7th Judicial Circuit, Family Court, Seat 3**  
**Candidate's Name: The Honorable Usha J. Bridges**  
**2021**

	Unqualified	Qualified	Well-Qualified
<b>1. Constitutional Qualifications:</b> A candidate must meet the constitutional or statutory requirements of citizenship, residence, age, and professional experience.		XX	
<b>2. Ethical Fitness:</b> A candidate must have the ability to perform adjudicative duties impartially and to deal with litigants, lawyers, witnesses, and other courtroom participants objectively and without bias. A candidate should have a sense of humor and must exhibit trustworthiness, moral vigor, and strength of character. A candidate's past action and deeds should demonstrate consistent adherence to high ethical principles and his or her reputation should be above reproach. A candidate must also follow campaigning and pledging laws. At a minimum, a sitting judge will be expected to have complied with the Code of Judicial Conduct's requirements to avoid impropriety, the appearance of impropriety, and partiality.			XX
<b>3. Professional and Academic Ability:</b> A candidate is expected to be well-versed in fundamental legal principles and in procedural and evidentiary rules. A candidate must have the ability to communicate in a style that is both lucid and persuasive and must have the intellectual capacity to interpret established legal principles, apply them to specific factual situations, and clearly and logically communicate the reasoning leading up to his or her conclusion. A candidate's academic record, participation in continuing legal education or other seminars, legal writing, and reputation among professional colleagues to evaluate legal knowledge and ability will be reviewed. On the appellate court level, consideration will be given to a candidate's ability to work well with others and to build or reach a consensus when appropriate.			XX
<b>4. Character:</b> The character of a candidate regarding his or her ethical standards, work habits, and financial responsibility, will be reviewed, as well as a thorough investigation of any complaints, grievances, or criminal allegations made against a candidate.			XX
<b>5. Reputation:</b> Consideration of a candidate's background will include the following: 1) the non-legal experience; 2) the candidate's involvement in community affairs, public office, or pro bono work; or 3) the candidate's views on social issues and his or her desire to affect public policy. A review will be undertaken to ensure a candidate has followed the Code of Judicial Conduct's prohibition against certain extra-judicial activities and rules governing the use of judicial office.			XX
<b>6. Physical Health:</b> The demands of the judicial office require a high level of performance, and a candidate must be both mentally and physically capable of performing the duties of the office sought with or without reasonable accommodation for any mental or physical impairment that substantially limits a major life activity.		XX	
<b>7. Mental Stability:</b> The demands of the judicial office require a high level of performance, and a candidate must be both mentally and physically capable of performing the duties of the office sought with or without reasonable accommodation for any mental or physical impairment that substantially limits a major life activity.		XX	
<b>8. Experience:</b> The extent and variety of a candidate's experience as an attorney or as a judge or both should be considered in light of the nature of the judicial vacancy to be filled.			XX
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**Related Comments:**

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Committee Chair's Name

9-7-21  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date

**The Honorable Usha J. Bridges**  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Candidate's Name

**Piedmont Citizens Committee Report**

Circuit \_\_\_\_\_ Court, 8th \_\_\_\_\_ Circuit, Seat 2

Candidate's Name: Mindy W. Zimmerman

2021

	Unqualified	Qualified	Well-Qualified
<b>1. Constitutional Qualifications:</b> A candidate must meet the constitutional or statutory requirements of citizenship, residence, age, and professional experience.		X	
<b>2. Ethical Fitness:</b> A candidate must have the ability to perform adjudicative duties impartially and to deal with litigants, lawyers, witnesses, and other courtroom participants objectively and without bias. A candidate should have a sense of humor and must exhibit trustworthiness, moral vigor, and strength of character. A candidate's past action and deeds should demonstrate consistent adherence to high ethical principles and his or her reputation should be above reproach. A candidate must also follow campaigning and pledging laws. At a minimum, a sitting judge will be expected to have complied with the Code of Judicial Conduct's requirements to avoid impropriety, the appearance of impropriety, and partiality.			X
<b>3. Professional and Academic Ability:</b> A candidate is expected to be well-versed in fundamental legal principles and in procedural and evidentiary rules. A candidate must have the ability to communicate in a style that is both lucid and persuasive and must have the intellectual capacity to interpret established legal principles, apply them to specific factual situations, and clearly and logically communicate the reasoning leading up to his or her conclusion. A candidate's academic record, participation in continuing legal education or other seminars, legal writing, and reputation among professional colleagues to evaluate legal knowledge and ability will be reviewed. On the appellate court level, consideration will be given to a candidate's ability to work well with others and to build or reach a consensus when appropriate.			X
<b>4. Character:</b> The character of a candidate regarding his or her ethical standards, work habits, and financial responsibility, will be reviewed, as well as a thorough investigation of any complaints, grievances, or criminal allegations made against a candidate.			X
<b>5. Reputation:</b> Consideration of a candidate's background will include the following: 1) the non-legal experience; 2) the candidate's involvement in community affairs, public office, or pro bono work; or 3) the candidate's views on social issues and his or her desire to affect public policy. A review will be undertaken to ensure a candidate has followed the Code of Judicial Conduct's prohibition against certain extra-judicial activities and rules governing the use of judicial office.			X
<b>6. Physical Health:</b> The demands of the judicial office require a high level of performance, and a candidate must be both mentally and physically capable of performing the duties of the office sought with or without reasonable accommodation for any mental or physical impairment that substantially limits a major life activity.		X	
<b>7. Mental Stability:</b> The demands of the judicial office require a high level of performance, and a candidate must be both mentally and physically capable of performing the duties of the office sought with or without reasonable accommodation for any mental or physical impairment that substantially limits a major life activity.		X	
<b>8. Experience:</b> The extent and variety of a candidate's experience as an attorney or as a judge or both should be considered in light of the nature of the judicial vacancy to be filled.			X
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**Related Comments:**

Judge Zimmerman's boundless energy and enthusiasm for her work as a Family Court Judge was striking to the Committee. She has accepted and excelled at wide range of professional and community engagements while a Family Court Judge—all of which reflect an inexhaustible work ethic and a commitment to excellence. The Committee believes that Judge Zimmerman is an outstanding Family Court Judge.

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

Stephen M. Cox  
Committee Chair's Name

10/08/21  
Date

Mindy W. Zimmerman  
Candidate's Name

**Lowcountry Citizens Committee Report**  
**Family Court, Ninth Circuit, Seat 1**  
**Candidate's Name: The Honorable Daniel E. Martin, Jr.**  
**2021**

	Unqualified	Qualified	Well-Qualified
<b>1. Constitutional Qualifications:</b> A candidate must meet the constitutional or statutory requirements of citizenship, residence, age, and professional experience.		X	
<b>2. Ethical Fitness:</b> A candidate must have the ability to perform adjudicative duties impartially and to deal with litigants, lawyers, witnesses, and other courtroom participants objectively and without bias. A candidate should have a sense of humor and must exhibit trustworthiness, moral vigor, and strength of character. A candidate's past action and deeds should demonstrate consistent adherence to high ethical principles and his or her reputation should be above reproach. A candidate must also follow campaigning and pledging laws. At a minimum, a sitting judge will be expected to have complied with the Code of Judicial Conduct's requirements to avoid impropriety, the appearance of impropriety, and partiality.			X
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<b>8. Experience:</b> The extent and variety of a candidate's experience as an attorney or as a judge or both should be considered in light of the nature of the judicial vacancy to be filled.			X
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**Related Comments:** Judge Martin is leading the charge in keeping Family Court moving forward during COVID and has developed some innovative methods for efficiencies in his dockets.

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

  
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 Committee Chair's Name

9/9/21  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date

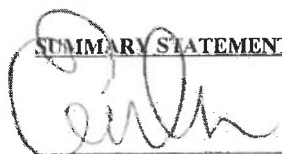
The Honorable Daniel E. Martin, Jr.  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Candidate's Name

**Lowcountry Citizens Committee Report**  
**Family Court, Ninth Circuit, Seat 3**  
**Candidate's Name: The Honorable Michele Patrão Forsythe**  
**2021**

	Unqualified	Qualified	Well-Qualified
<b>1. Constitutional Qualifications:</b> A candidate must meet the constitutional or statutory requirements of citizenship, residence, age, and professional experience.		X	
<b>2. Ethical Fitness:</b> A candidate must have the ability to perform adjudicative duties impartially and to deal with litigants, lawyers, witnesses, and other courtroom participants objectively and without bias. A candidate should have a sense of humor and must exhibit trustworthiness, moral vigor, and strength of character. A candidate's past action and deeds should demonstrate consistent adherence to high ethical principles and his or her reputation should be above reproach. A candidate must also follow campaigning and pledging laws. At a minimum, a sitting judge will be expected to have complied with the Code of Judicial Conduct's requirements to avoid impropriety, the appearance of impropriety, and partiality.			X
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**Related Comments:** Judge Forsythe has been instrumental in holding virtual Family Court hearings and trials. She has also sought the input of the attorneys who practice law before her to keep Family Court running smoothly.

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:**



\_\_\_\_\_  
Committee Chair's Name

9/9/21  
Date

The Honorable Michele Patrão Forsythe  
Candidate's Name

**Upstate Citizens Committee Report**  
**10th Judicial Circuit, Family Court, Seat 2**  
**Candidate's Name: The Honorable Karen F. Ballenger**  
**2021**

	Unqualified	Qualified	Well-Qualified
<b>1. Constitutional Qualifications:</b> A candidate must meet the constitutional or statutory requirements of citizenship, residence, age, and professional experience.		XX	
<b>2. Ethical Fitness:</b> A candidate must have the ability to perform adjudicative duties impartially and to deal with litigants, lawyers, witnesses, and other courtroom participants objectively and without bias. A candidate should have a sense of humor and must exhibit trustworthiness, moral vigor, and strength of character. A candidate's past action and deeds should demonstrate consistent adherence to high ethical principles and his or her reputation should be above reproach. A candidate must also follow campaigning and pledging laws. At a minimum, a sitting judge will be expected to have complied with the Code of Judicial Conduct's requirements to avoid impropriety, the appearance of impropriety, and partiality.			XX
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**Related Comments:**

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

  
 Committee Chair's Name

9-7-21  
 Date

**The Honorable Karen F. Ballenger**  
 Candidate's Name

**Midlands Citizens Committee Report**  
Fam. L. Court, Circuit, Seat  
 Candidate's Name: Wm D. Seigler  
 2021

	Unqualified	Qualified	Well-Qualified
1. <b>Constitutional Qualifications:</b> A candidate must meet the constitutional or statutory requirements of citizenship, residence, age, and professional experience.		✓	
2. <b>Ethical Fitness:</b> A candidate must have the ability to perform adjudicative duties impartially and to deal with litigants, lawyers, witnesses, and other courtroom participants objectively and without bias. A candidate should have a sense of humor and must exhibit trustworthiness, moral vigor, and strength of character. A candidate's past action and deeds should demonstrate consistent adherence to high ethical principles and his or her reputation should be above reproach. A candidate must also follow campaigning and pledging laws. At a minimum, a sitting judge will be expected to have complied with the Code of Judicial Conduct's requirements to avoid impropriety, the appearance of impropriety, and partiality.			✓
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7. <b>Mental Stability:</b> The demands of the judicial office require a high level of performance, and a candidate must be both mentally and physically capable of performing the duties of the office sought with or without reasonable accommodation for any mental or physical impairment that substantially limits a major life activity.		✓	
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**Related Comments:**

*A VETERAN Judge w/ good temperament and experience.*

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

*Well qualified*

Wm Tettenow  
Committee Chair's Name

9-8-2021  
Date

Wm D. Seigler  
Candidate's Name



**Pee Dee Citizens Committee Report**  
**Family Court, Twelfth Judicial Circuit, Seat 3**  
**Candidate's Name: Holly Huggins Wall**  
**September 20, 2021**

	Unqualified	Qualified	Well-Qualified
<b>1. Constitutional Qualifications:</b> A candidate must meet the constitutional or statutory requirements of citizenship, residence, age, and professional experience.		X	
<b>2. Ethical Fitness:</b> A candidate must have the ability to perform adjudicative duties impartially and to deal with litigants, lawyers, witnesses, and other courtroom participants objectively and without bias. A candidate should have a sense of humor and must exhibit trustworthiness, moral vigor, and strength of character. A candidate's past action and deeds should demonstrate consistent adherence to high ethical principles and his or her reputation should be above reproach. A candidate must also follow campaigning and pledging laws. At a minimum, a sitting judge will be expected to have complied with the Code of Judicial Conduct's requirements to avoid impropriety, the appearance of impropriety, and partiality.			X
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<b>7. Mental Stability:</b> The demands of the judicial office require a high level of performance, and a candidate must be both mentally and physically capable of performing the duties of the office sought with or without reasonable accommodation for any mental or physical impairment that substantially limits a major life activity.		X	
<b>8. Experience:</b> The extent and variety of a candidate's experience as an attorney or as a judge or both should be considered in light of the nature of the judicial vacancy to be filled.			X
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**Related Comments:**

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

  
 Committee Chair

09/10/2021  
 Date

Holly Huggins Wall  
 Candidate's Name

**Pee Dee Citizens Committee Report**  
**Family Court, Twelfth Judicial Circuit, Seat 3**  
**Candidate's Name: Honorable Elizabeth Biggerstaff York**  
**September 10, 2021**

	Unqualified	Qualified	Well-Qualified
<b>1. Constitutional Qualifications:</b> A candidate must meet the constitutional or statutory requirements of citizenship, residence, age, and professional experience.		X	
<b>2. Ethical Fitness:</b> A candidate must have the ability to perform adjudicative duties impartially and to deal with litigants, lawyers, witnesses, and other courtroom participants objectively and without bias. A candidate should have a sense of humor and must exhibit trustworthiness, moral vigor, and strength of character. A candidate's past action and deeds should demonstrate consistent adherence to high ethical principles and his or her reputation should be above reproach. A candidate must also follow campaigning and pledging laws. At a minimum, a sitting judge will be expected to have complied with the Code of Judicial Conduct's requirements to avoid impropriety, the appearance of impropriety, and partiality.			X
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**Related Comments:**

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

  
 Committee Chair

09/10/2021  
 Date

Honorable Elizabeth Biggerstaff York  
 Candidate's Name

**Upstate Citizens Committee Report**  
**13th Judicial Circuit, Family Court, Seat 3**  
**Candidate's Name: The Honorable Katherine Hall Tiffany**  
**2021**

	Unqualified	Qualified	Well-Qualified
<b>1. Constitutional Qualifications:</b> A candidate must meet the constitutional or statutory requirements of citizenship, residence, age, and professional experience.		XX	
<b>2. Ethical Fitness:</b> A candidate must have the ability to perform adjudicative duties impartially and to deal with litigants, lawyers, witnesses, and other courtroom participants objectively and without bias. A candidate should have a sense of humor and must exhibit trustworthiness, moral vigor, and strength of character. A candidate's past action and deeds should demonstrate consistent adherence to high ethical principles and his or her reputation should be above reproach. A candidate must also follow campaigning and pledging laws. At a minimum, a sitting judge will be expected to have complied with the Code of Judicial Conduct's requirements to avoid impropriety, the appearance of impropriety, and partiality.			XX
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**SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

  
 Committee Chair's Name

9-7-21  
 Date

**The Honorable Katherine Hall Tiffany**  
 Candidate's Name

**Upstate Citizens Committee Report**  
**13th Judicial Circuit, Family Court, Seat 4**  
**Candidate's Name: The Honorable Karen Sanchez Roper**  
**2021**

	Unqualified	Qualified	Well-Qualified
<b>1. Constitutional Qualifications:</b> A candidate must meet the constitutional or statutory requirements of citizenship, residence, age, and professional experience.		XX	
<b>2. Ethical Fitness:</b> A candidate must have the ability to perform adjudicative duties impartially and to deal with litigants, lawyers, witnesses, and other courtroom participants objectively and without bias. A candidate should have a sense of humor and must exhibit trustworthiness, moral vigor, and strength of character. A candidate's past action and deeds should demonstrate consistent adherence to high ethical principles and his or her reputation should be above reproach. A candidate must also follow campaigning and pledging laws. At a minimum, a sitting judge will be expected to have complied with the Code of Judicial Conduct's requirements to avoid impropriety, the appearance of impropriety, and partiality.			XX
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9-7-21  
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**The Honorable Karen Sanchez Roper**  
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 Candidate's Name

**Upstate Citizens Committee Report**  
**13th Judicial Circuit, Family Court, Seat 6**  
**Candidate's Name: The Honorable Jessica Ann Salvini**  
**2021**

	Unqualified	Qualified	Well-Qualified
<b>1. Constitutional Qualifications:</b> A candidate must meet the constitutional or statutory requirements of citizenship, residence, age, and professional experience.		XX	
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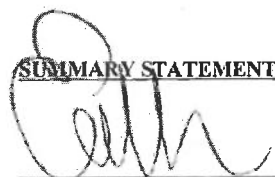
**The Honorable Jessica Ann Salvini**  
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 Candidate's Name

**Lowcountry Citizens Committee Report**  
**Family Court, Fourteenth Circuit, Seat 2**  
**Candidate's Name: The Honorable Douglas L. Novak**  
**2021**

	Unqualified	Qualified	Well-Qualified
<b>1. Constitutional Qualifications:</b> A candidate must meet the constitutional or statutory requirements of citizenship, residence, age, and professional experience.		X	
<b>2. Ethical Fitness:</b> A candidate must have the ability to perform adjudicative duties impartially and to deal with litigants, lawyers, witnesses, and other courtroom participants objectively and without bias. A candidate should have a sense of humor and must exhibit trustworthiness, moral vigor, and strength of character. A candidate's past action and deeds should demonstrate consistent adherence to high ethical principles and his or her reputation should be above reproach. A candidate must also follow campaigning and pledging laws. At a minimum, a sitting judge will be expected to have complied with the Code of Judicial Conduct's requirements to avoid impropriety, the appearance of impropriety, and partiality.			X
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**Related Comments:** Judge Novak has really embraced Family Court since his election into the bench and has a very good handle on its importance within the community.

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:**



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 Committee Chair's Name

9/9/21  
 Date

The Honorable Douglas L. Novak  
 Candidate's Name

**Pee Dee Citizens Committee Report**  
**Family Court, Fifteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 2**  
**Candidate's Name: Honorable Melissa J. Buckhannon**  
**September 10, 2021**

	Unqualified	Qualified	Well-Qualified
<b>1. Constitutional Qualifications:</b> A candidate must meet the constitutional or statutory requirements of citizenship, residence, age, and professional experience.		X	
<b>2. Ethical Fitness:</b> A candidate must have the ability to perform adjudicative duties impartially and to deal with litigants, lawyers, witnesses, and other courtroom participants objectively and without bias. A candidate should have a sense of humor and must exhibit trustworthiness, moral vigor, and strength of character. A candidate's past action and deeds should demonstrate consistent adherence to high ethical principles and his or her reputation should be above reproach. A candidate must also follow campaigning and pledging laws. At a minimum, a sitting judge will be expected to have complied with the Code of Judicial Conduct's requirements to avoid impropriety, the appearance of impropriety, and partiality.			X
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**Related Comments:**

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

  
 Committee Chair

09/10/2021  
 Date

Honorable Melissa J. Buckhannon  
 Candidate's Name

**Pee Dee Citizens Committee Report**  
**Family Court, Fifteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 3**  
**Candidate's Name: Melissa M. Frazier**  
**September 10, 2021**

	Unqualified	Qualified	Well-Qualified
<b>1. Constitutional Qualifications:</b> A candidate must meet the constitutional or statutory requirements of citizenship, residence, age, and professional experience.		X	
<b>2. Ethical Fitness:</b> A candidate must have the ability to perform adjudicative duties impartially and to deal with litigants, lawyers, witnesses, and other courtroom participants objectively and without bias. A candidate should have a sense of humor and must exhibit trustworthiness, moral vigor, and strength of character. A candidate's past action and deeds should demonstrate consistent adherence to high ethical principles and his or her reputation should be above reproach. A candidate must also follow campaigning and pledging laws. At a minimum, a sitting judge will be expected to have complied with the Code of Judicial Conduct's requirements to avoid impropriety, the appearance of impropriety, and partiality.			X
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**Related Comments:**

The committee is aware of and is concerned about the civility of the race for this particular seat. This candidate has strong supporters and detractors, as does her opponent. While there is a definite divide regarding the candidate's personalities there appears to be an overall agreement that both candidates are qualified for the position.

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

  
 Committee Chair

09/10/2021  
 Date

Melissa M. Frazier  
 Candidate's Name



**Piedmont Citizens Committee Report**

Circuit \_\_\_\_\_ Court, 16th \_\_\_\_\_ Circuit, Seat 1

Candidate's Name: Thomas H. White, IV

2021

	Unqualified	Qualified	Well-Qualified
<b>1. Constitutional Qualifications:</b> A candidate must meet the constitutional or statutory requirements of citizenship, residence, age, and professional experience.		X	
<b>2. Ethical Fitness:</b> A candidate must have the ability to perform adjudicative duties impartially and to deal with litigants, lawyers, witnesses, and other courtroom participants objectively and without bias. A candidate should have a sense of humor and must exhibit trustworthiness, moral vigor, and strength of character. A candidate's past action and deeds should demonstrate consistent adherence to high ethical principles and his or her reputation should be above reproach. A candidate must also follow campaigning and pledging laws. At a minimum, a sitting judge will be expected to have complied with the Code of Judicial Conduct's requirements to avoid impropriety, the appearance of impropriety and partiality.			X
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Related Comments:

Judge White's confidence, compassion and common sense reflect the depth and range of his experience as a practicing lawyer before he became a Family Court Judge. Deeply involved in his community, Judge White's enthusiasm for his work demonstrates his substantial commitment to public service. He brings a wealth of knowledge and skill to the bench that are a credit to the Sixteenth Circuit and the State of South Carolina.

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

Stephen M. Cox  
Committee Chair's Name

10/11/21  
Date

Thomas H. White, IV  
Candidate's Name

**Midlands Citizens Committee Report**  
ADAM LAW Court, \_\_\_\_\_ Circuit, Seat \_\_\_\_\_  
 Candidate's Name: Hon. Milton Kimpton  
 2021

	Unqualified	Qualified	Well-Qualified
<b>1. Constitutional Qualifications:</b> A candidate must meet the constitutional or statutory requirements of citizenship, residence, age, and professional experience.		✓	
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**Related Comments:** WELL QUALIFIED IN ALL RESPECTS  
W/ GREAT REPUTATION

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:** WELL QUALIFIED

WIM STETTERTON  
 Committee Chair's Name

9-8-2021  
 Date

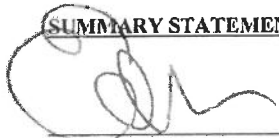
Hon. Milton Kimpton  
 Candidate's Name

**Lowcountry Citizens Committee Report**  
**Master in Equity Court, Fourteenth Circuit, Seat Allendale**  
**Candidate's Name: The Honorable Walter H. Sanders, Jr.**  
**2021**

	Unqualified	Qualified	Well-Qualified
<b>1. Constitutional Qualifications:</b> A candidate must meet the constitutional or statutory requirements of citizenship, residence, age, and professional experience.		X	
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**Related Comments:** Judge Sanders is a seasoned Master in Equity and Allendale County is very lucky to have him.

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:**



\_\_\_\_\_  
 Committee Chair's Name

9/9/21  
 Date


The Honorable Walter H. Sanders, Jr.  
 Candidate's Name

**Upstate Citizens Committee Report**  
**Anderson and Oconee County Master-In-Equity**  
**Candidate's Name: The Honorable Steven Coleman Kirven**  
**2021**

	Unqualified	Qualified	Well-Qualified
<b>1. Constitutional Qualifications:</b> A candidate must meet the constitutional or statutory requirements of citizenship, residence, age, and professional experience.		XX	
<b>2. Ethical Fitness:</b> A candidate must have the ability to perform adjudicative duties impartially and to deal with litigants, lawyers, witnesses, and other courtroom participants objectively and without bias. A candidate should have a sense of humor and must exhibit trustworthiness, moral vigor, and strength of character. A candidate's past action and deeds should demonstrate consistent adherence to high ethical principles and his or her reputation should be above reproach. A candidate must also follow campaigning and pledging laws. At a minimum, a sitting judge will be expected to have complied with the Code of Judicial Conduct's requirements to avoid impropriety, the appearance of impropriety, and partiality.			XX
<b>3. Professional and Academic Ability:</b> A candidate is expected to be well-versed in fundamental legal principles and in procedural and evidentiary rules. A candidate must have the ability to communicate in a style that is both lucid and persuasive and must have the intellectual capacity to interpret established legal principles, apply them to specific factual situations, and clearly and logically communicate the reasoning leading up to his or her conclusion. A candidate's academic record, participation in continuing legal education or other seminars, legal writing, and reputation among professional colleagues to evaluate legal knowledge and ability will be reviewed. On the appellate court level, consideration will be given to a candidate's ability to work well with others and to build or reach a consensus when appropriate.			XX
<b>4. Character:</b> The character of a candidate regarding his or her ethical standards, work habits, and financial responsibility, will be reviewed, as well as a thorough investigation of any complaints, grievances, or criminal allegations made against a candidate.			XX
<b>5. Reputation:</b> Consideration of a candidate's background will include the following: 1) the non-legal experience; 2) the candidate's involvement in community affairs, public office, or pro bono work; or 3) the candidate's views on social issues and his or her desire to affect public policy. A review will be undertaken to ensure a candidate has followed the Code of Judicial Conduct's prohibition against certain extra-judicial activities and rules governing the use of judicial office.			XX
<b>6. Physical Health:</b> The demands of the judicial office require a high level of performance, and a candidate must be both mentally and physically capable of performing the duties of the office sought with or without reasonable accommodation for any mental or physical impairment that substantially limits a major life activity.		XX	
<b>7. Mental Stability:</b> The demands of the judicial office require a high level of performance, and a candidate must be both mentally and physically capable of performing the duties of the office sought with or without reasonable accommodation for any mental or physical impairment that substantially limits a major life activity.		XX	
<b>8. Experience:</b> The extent and variety of a candidate's experience as an attorney or as a judge or both should be considered in light of the nature of the judicial vacancy to be filled.			XX
<b>9. Judicial Temperament:</b> A candidate's ability to consistently exhibit exemplary judicial temperament will be reviewed. Among the qualities that comprise such a temperament are patience, open-mindedness, courtesy, tact, firmness, understanding, compassion, and humility. Factors that indicate a lack of judicial temperament include arrogance, impatience, pomposity, arbitrariness, and tyranny.			XX

**Related Comments:**

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 Committee Chair's Name

9-7-21  
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**The Honorable Steven Coleman Kirven**  
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 Candidate's Name

**Lowcountry Citizens Committee Report**  
**Master in Equity Court, Ninth Circuit, Seat Charleston**  
**Candidate's Name: The Honorable Mikell R. Scarborough**  
**2021**

	Unqualified	Qualified	Well-Qualified
<b>1. Constitutional Qualifications:</b> A candidate must meet the constitutional or statutory requirements of citizenship, residence, age, and professional experience.		X	
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<b>4. Character:</b> The character of a candidate regarding his or her ethical standards, work habits, and financial responsibility, will be reviewed, as well as a thorough investigation of any complaints, grievances, or criminal allegations made against a candidate.			X
<b>5. Reputation:</b> Consideration of a candidate's background will include the following: 1) the non-legal experience; 2) the candidate's involvement in community affairs, public office, or pro bono work; or 3) the candidate's views on social issues and his or her desire to affect public policy. A review will be undertaken to ensure a candidate has followed the Code of Judicial Conduct's prohibition against certain extra-judicial activities and rules governing the use of judicial office.			X
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**Related Comments:** One committee member had someone in the community reach out regarding a civil matter involving one of Judge Scarborough's businesses. In reviewing his questionnaire, it is possible that one of his businesses was not adequately described. This communication is passed on for information only, as this committee is not in a position to determine the validity of the assertion.

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 Committee Chair's Name

9/9/21  
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 Date

The Honorable Mikell R. Scarborough  
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 Candidate's Name

**Pee Dee Citizens Committee Report  
Master-in-Equity Court, Clarendon County  
Candidate's Name: Honorable Joseph K. Coffey  
September 10, 2021**

	Unqualified	Qualified	Well-Qualified
<b>1. Constitutional Qualifications:</b> A candidate must meet the constitutional or statutory requirements of citizenship, residence, age, and professional experience.		X	
<b>2. Ethical Fitness:</b> A candidate must have the ability to perform adjudicative duties impartially and to deal with litigants, lawyers, witnesses, and other courtroom participants objectively and without bias. A candidate should have a sense of humor and must exhibit trustworthiness, moral vigor, and strength of character. A candidate's past action and deeds should demonstrate consistent adherence to high ethical principles and his or her reputation should be above reproach. A candidate must also follow campaigning and pledging laws. At a minimum, a sitting judge will be expected to have complied with the Code of Judicial Conduct's requirements to avoid impropriety, the appearance of impropriety, and partiality.			X
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<b>6. Physical Health:</b> The demands of the judicial office require a high level of performance, and a candidate must be both mentally and physically capable of performing the duties of the office sought with or without reasonable accommodation for any mental or physical impairment that substantially limits a major life activity.		X	
<b>7. Mental Stability:</b> The demands of the judicial office require a high level of performance, and a candidate must be both mentally and physically capable of performing the duties of the office sought with or without reasonable accommodation for any mental or physical impairment that substantially limits a major life activity.		X	
<b>8. Experience:</b> The extent and variety of a candidate's experience as an attorney or as a judge or both should be considered in light of the nature of the judicial vacancy to be filled.			X
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**Related Comments:**

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

  
Diane R. Bagnal  
Committee Chair

09/10/2021  
Date

Honorable Joseph K. Coffey  
Candidate's Name

**Lowcountry Citizens Committee Report**  
**Master in Equity Court, First Circuit, Seat Dorchester**  
**Candidate's Name: The Honorable James E. Chellis**  
**2021**

	Unqualified	Qualified	Well-Qualified
<b>1. Constitutional Qualifications:</b> A candidate must meet the constitutional or statutory requirements of citizenship, residence, age, and professional experience.		X	
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**Related Comments:** Judge Chellis possesses a great sense of humor and personality for handling lawyers and the general public during some of the most difficult times.

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9/9/21  
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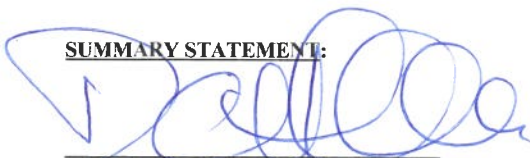
The Honorable James E. Chellis  
Candidate's Name

**Pee Dee Citizens Committee Report  
Master-in-Equity Court, Horry County  
Candidate's Name: Alan Clemmons  
2021**

	Unqualified	Qualified	Well-Qualified
<b>1. Constitutional Qualifications:</b> A candidate must meet the constitutional or statutory requirements of citizenship, residence, age, and professional experience.		X	
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Acting Committee Chair

09/10/2021  
Date

Alan Clemmons  
Candidate's Name





**Pee Dee Citizens Committee Report  
Master-in-Equity Court, Horry County  
Candidate's Name: Douglas M. Zayicek  
September 10, 2021**

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**Related Comments:** There were sufficient concerns expressed by the community which require this committee to find the candidate unqualified as to judicial temperament. Additionally, there were sufficient community concerns regarding the candidate's lack of impartiality to require a finding of qualified as to ethical fitness.

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Acting Committee Chair

09/10/2021  
Date

Douglas M. Zayicek  
Candidate's Name

**Pee Dee Citizens Committee Report  
Master-in-Equity Court, Sumter County  
Candidate's Name: Michael M. Jordan  
September 10, 2021**

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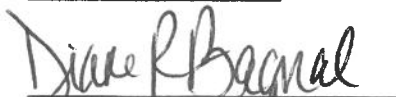
Michael M. Jordan  
Candidate's Name

**Pee Dee Citizens Committee Report**  
**Retired/Active Judge**  
**Candidate's Name: Honorable Thomas W. Cooper, Jr.**  
**September 10, 2021**

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 Committee Chair

09/10/2021  
 Date

Honorable Thomas W. Cooper, Jr.  
 Candidate's Name

**Lowcountry Citizens Committee Report**  
**Circuit Court, Ninth Circuit, Seat Retired**  
**Candidate's Name: The Honorable R. Markley Dennis, Jr**  
**2021**

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<b>8. Experience:</b> The extent and variety of a candidate's experience as an attorney or as a judge or both should be considered in light of the nature of the judicial vacancy to be filled.			X
<b>9. Judicial Temperament:</b> A candidate's ability to consistently exhibit exemplary judicial temperament will be reviewed. Among the qualities that comprise such a temperament are patience, open-mindedness, courtesy, tact, firmness, understanding, compassion, and humility. Factors that indicate a lack of judicial temperament include arrogance, impatience, pomposity, arbitrariness, and tyranny.			X

**Related Comments:** Due to technical difficulties with the virtual platform, an interview was not possible. However, all members of the committee have had interactions and experience with Judge Dennis such that we felt comfortable giving him his highest remarks as a retired active status.

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

  
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The Honorable R. Markley Dennis, Jr  
 Candidate's Name

**Lowcountry Citizens Committee Report**  
**Family Court, First Circuit, Seat Retired**  
**Candidate's Name: The Honorable William J. Wylie, Jr.**  
**2021**

	Unqualified	Qualified	Well-Qualified
<b>1. Constitutional Qualifications:</b> A candidate must meet the constitutional or statutory requirements of citizenship, residence, age, and professional experience.		X	
<b>2. Ethical Fitness:</b> A candidate must have the ability to perform adjudicative duties impartially and to deal with litigants, lawyers, witnesses, and other courtroom participants objectively and without bias. A candidate should have a sense of humor and must exhibit trustworthiness, moral vigor, and strength of character. A candidate's past action and deeds should demonstrate consistent adherence to high ethical principles and his or her reputation should be above reproach. A candidate must also follow campaigning and pledging laws. At a minimum, a sitting judge will be expected to have complied with the Code of Judicial Conduct's requirements to avoid impropriety, the appearance of impropriety, and partiality.			X
<b>3. Professional and Academic Ability:</b> A candidate is expected to be well-versed in fundamental legal principles and in procedural and evidentiary rules. A candidate must have the ability to communicate in a style that is both lucid and persuasive and must have the intellectual capacity to interpret established legal principles, apply them to specific factual situations, and clearly and logically communicate the reasoning leading up to his or her conclusion. A candidate's academic record, participation in continuing legal education or other seminars, legal writing, and reputation among professional colleagues to evaluate legal knowledge and ability will be reviewed. On the appellate court level, consideration will be given to a candidate's ability to work well with others and to build or reach a consensus when appropriate.			X
<b>4. Character:</b> The character of a candidate regarding his or her ethical standards, work habits, and financial responsibility, will be reviewed, as well as a thorough investigation of any complaints, grievances, or criminal allegations made against a candidate.			X
<b>5. Reputation:</b> Consideration of a candidate's background will include the following: 1) the non-legal experience; 2) the candidate's involvement in community affairs, public office, or pro bono work; or 3) the candidate's views on social issues and his or her desire to affect public policy. A review will be undertaken to ensure a candidate has followed the Code of Judicial Conduct's prohibition against certain extra-judicial activities and rules governing the use of judicial office.			X
<b>6. Physical Health:</b> The demands of the judicial office require a high level of performance, and a candidate must be both mentally and physically capable of performing the duties of the office sought with or without reasonable accommodation for any mental or physical impairment that substantially limits a major life activity.		X	
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**Related Comments:** Committee member has heard from courthouse staff that his temperament and disposition have deteriorated overtime. Litigants report he is a pleasant and a wonderful judge to the lawyers.

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Committee Chair's Name

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The Honorable William J. Wylie, Jr.  
Candidate's Name