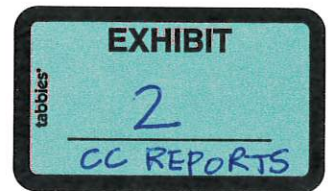


Midlands Citizens Committee Report



Candidate's Name: Ralph K. 'Tripp' Anderson, III

Candidate's Seat: Supreme Court Seat 2

2025

	Unqualified	Qualified	Well-Qualified
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Related Comments:

Very knowledgeable and has been able to successfully run the Administrative Law Court as the Chief Administrative Law Judge. His experience in writing will be a great asset. The only concern is his lack of trial work in the last 20 years

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

A great candidate who will be an asset to the Supreme Court.

TERESA REACOR
Committee Chair's Name

9/12/25
Date

Ralph K. Anderson
Candidate's Name

Upstate Citizens Committee Report

Candidate's Name: Honorable John Cannon Few

Candidate's Seat: Supreme Court Associate Justice, Seat 2

2025

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Related Comments:

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

Justice Few is a well-qualified and experienced Justice. Our investigation found no issues that needed to be addressed with Justice Few. The legal community thinks very highly of him and he has served the legal profession and South Carolina with distinction.

Beattie B. Ashmore
Committee Chair's Name

October 1, 2025
Date

Honorable John Cannon Few
Candidate's Name

Pee Dee Citizens Committee Report

Candidate's Name: Blake Hewitt

Candidate's Seat: SC Sup Ct.

2025

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Related Comments:

Summary Statement:

DAVID C HOLLER
Committee Chair's Name

9-19-25
Date

[Signature]
Candidate's Name

Pee Dee Citizens Committee Report

Candidate's Name: Joey Lucas

Candidate's Seat: S.C. Sup Ct.

2025

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Related Comments:

MINIARY STATEMENT:

DAVID CHILICKA
Committee Chair's Name

9-19-25
Date

Joey Lucas
Candidate's Name

Lowcountry Citizens Committee Report

Candidate's Name: Judge Stephanie McDonald

Candidate's Seat: Court of Appeals Seat 7

2025

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Related Comments:

Excellent judge; hard working; smart; engaged; cares about improving appellate process. A+++

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

A. Trenholm Waller
Committee Chair's Name

9/26/25
Date

Candidate's Name

Pee Dee Citizens Committee Report

Candidate's Name:

Will Wheeler

Candidate's Seat:

3rd Cir, Seat 2

2025

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Related Comments:

MEMORANDUM STATEMENT:

DAVID E. HALL
Committee Chair's Name

9-17-25
Date

[Signature]
Candidate's Name

Midlands Citizens Committee Report

Candidate's Name: Debra McCaslin

Candidate's Seat: Circuit Court, 11th Circuit, Seat 3

2025

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Related Comments:

She is a fantastic judge and person. The committee supports her 100% for re-election. A real advocate for the judicial system

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

Judge McCaslin is the model judge; she gives it her all day in and out; We need more judges like her!


Committee Chair's Name


Date


Candidate's Name

Pee Dee Citizens Committee Report

Candidate's Name:

Steven DeBerry

Candidate's Seat:

12th Cir, Seat 3

2025

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Related Comments:

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

DAVID C. HOLLER 9-19-25

Committee Chair's Name

Date

Candidate's Name

Piedmont Citizens Committee Report

Candidate's Name: Melissa Inzerillo

Candidate's Seat: Circuit Court, Sixteenth Circuit, Seat 2

2025

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SUMMARY STATEMENT:

Ms. Inzerillo has a demonstrated record of public service, deep experience in criminal law matters, and a clear appreciation of the authority and responsibility of a Circuit Court Judge. Like Ms. Shelton, the panel recognizes that Ms. Inzerillo lacks civil law experience but believes that she has the ability and commitment to acquire that quickly. We believe she would make a fine Circuit Court Judge.

Stephen M. Cox
Committee Chair's Name
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10/13/25
Date

Melissa Inzerillo
Candidate's Name

Piedmont Citizens Committee Report

Candidate's Name: Misti Shelton

Candidate's Seat: Circuit Court, Sixteenth Circuit, Seat 2

2025

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6. Physical Health: 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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SUMMARY STATEMENT:

Ms. Shelton has over two decades of experience on both sides of criminal court, with the judgment and thoughtfulness that that experience commands. Like Ms. Inzerillo, the panel recognizes that Ms. Shelton lacks civil law experience but believes that she has the ability and commitment to acquire that quickly. We believe she would make a fine Circuit Court Judge.

Stephen M. Cox
Committee Chair's Name
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10/13/25
Date

Misti Shelton
Candidate's Name

Midlands Citizens Committee Report

Candidate's Name: Milton Kimpson

Candidate's Seat: Circuit Court, At Large Seat 5
2025

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Related Comments:

A great judge who is well liked, organized, intelligent, strong character with a exemplary temperament,

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

He should be re-elected and continue to serve our Judicial Branch as a leader!


Committee Chair's Name

9/23/25
Date


Candidate's Name

Pee Dee Citizens Committee Report

Candidate's Name: Thompson Kenney

Candidate's Seat: 3rd Cir, Sect 2 Family

2025

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Related Comments:

PRIMARY STATEMENT:

DAVID C. HOLGER
Committee Chair's Name

7-19-25
Date

[Signature]
Candidate's Name

Pee Dee Citizens Committee Report

Candidate's Name: Beth York

Candidate's Seat: 4th Cir, Sect 3 family

2025

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Related Comments:

MINIARY STATEMENT:

DAVID C HOLLER
Committee Chair's Name

9-19-25
Date

[Signature]
Candidate's Name

Piedmont Citizens Committee Report

Candidate's Name: Honorable Debra A. Matthews

Candidate's Seat: Family Court, 6th Circuit, Seat 2

2025

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1. Constitutional Qualifications: A candidate must meet the constitutional or statutory requirements of citizenship, residence, age, and professional experience.		X	
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SUMMARY STATEMENT:

The Panel was impressed by Judge Matthews' continued commitment to public service, her thorough knowledge of relevant legal issues, and her appreciation of the especially sensitivity and weightiness of matters coming before the Family Court. We continue to believe she is an excellent and well-qualified judge,

Stephen M. Cox
Committee Chair's Name

10/13/25
Date

Hon. Debra A. Matthews
Candidate's Name

Lowcountry Citizens Committee Report

Candidate's Name: Judge Spiros Stavros Ferderigos

Candidate's Seat: Family Court 9th Circuit Seat 5

2025

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Related Comments:

Passionate, dedicated, strives to do the right thing. Great judge

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

A. [Signature]
Committee Chair's Name

9/27/25
Date

Candidate's Name

Lowcountry Citizens Committee Report

Candidate's Name: Marissa K. Jacobson

Candidate's Seat: Family Court 9th Circuit Seat 7

2025

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Related Comments:

Very good experience, reasonable, fair, understanding, has worked all sides of family court, affable, well qualified, caring

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

M. Truesdell Waller
Committee Chair's Name

9/26/25
Date

Candidate's Name

Lowcountry Citizens Committee Report

Candidate's Name: Anthony Phillip LaMantia, III

Candidate's Seat: Family Court 9th Circuit Seat 7

2025

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Related Comments:

As single father of four children, he brings an important perspective to the family court, very good experience, presents well, committed (said committee members received comments of concern - but nothing verified.)

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

A. Therman Valhe

Committee Chair's Name

9/26/25

Date

Candidate's Name

Lowcountry Citizens Committee Report

Candidate's Name: Kelly Pope Black

Candidate's Seat: Family Court 9th Circuit Seat 7

2025

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Related Comments:

Clarified past issues with attorney mediation practice has added tremendously to her temperament, very good experience

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

A. Trumbull Walker 9/26/25

Committee Chair's Name

Date

Candidate's Name

Midlands Citizens Committee Report

Candidate's Name: Elnora Dean

Candidate's Seat: Family Court 11th Circuit Seat 4
2025

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Related Comments:

She has done it all in the family court arena. Impressed with her experience and knowledge of family court matters.

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

She is a very strong candidate.

Terrell Pearson
Committee Chair's Name

9/2/25
Date

Elnora Dean
Candidate's Name

Midlands Citizens Committee Report

Candidate's Name: Rebecca West

Candidate's Seat: Family Court, 11th Circuit Seat 4

2025

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Related Comments:

She was very impressive and would be a great addition to the judicial system. Knowledgeable in all matters except for the DJJ arena. She is a real advocate for her clients and the family court.

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

The committee finds her to be an excellent candidate for the new family court seat.

JERRY KEARNEY
Committee Chair's Name

9/22/25
Date

REBECCA WEST
Candidate's Name

Upstate Citizens Committee Report

Candidate's Name: Honorable Tarita A. Dunbar

Candidate's Seat: Family Court, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 5

2025

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Related Comments:

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

Judge Dunbar's poise and graciousness is always well received and it is reflected in her courtroom as our investigation revealed. Lawyers and litigants alike are treated fairly and with dignity and respect. She is a credit to the Family Court bench.

Beattie B. Ashmore
Committee Chair's Name

October 1, 2025
Date

Honorable Tarita A. Dunbar
Candidate's Name

Lowcountry Citizens Committee Report

Candidate's Name: Scarlet B. Moore

Candidate's Seat: Family Court 14th Circuit Seat 3 and Seat 4

2025

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Related Comments:

Deep, impressive family court experience at trial and appellate levels; extremely sharp and knowledgeable; very good presence, extremely impressive, would make a very good family court judge

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

A. Trevelyan Walker

Committee Chair's Name

9/26/25

Date

Candidate's Name

Lowcountry Citizens Committee Report

Candidate's Name: Judge Larry W. Weidner, II

Candidate's Seat: Family Court 14th Circuit Seat 3

2025

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Related Comments:

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

L. Weidner
Committee Chair's Name

Date

Candidate's Name

*Tremendous vigor, unflappable, even
tempered, smart, considerate - his deep
military experience is a HUGE Plus;
would make
great
judge.*

Lowcountry Citizens Committee Report

Candidate's Name: Catherine Webb

Candidate's Seat: Family Court 14^h Circuit Seat 4

2025

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Related Comments:

Committed to community; personal connection through her life experience w/ family court; many years of practice in family court; compassionate; dedicated

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

A. Trumbull Miller
Committee Chair's Name

9/26/25
Date

Candidate's Name

Pee Dee Citizens Committee Report

Candidate's Name: Melissa Frazier

Candidate's Seat: 15th Cir, Seat 3, family

2025

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Related Comments:

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

DAVID C. HOLLER
Committee Chair's Name

Date

9-19-25

[Signature]
Candidate's Name

Midlands Citizens Committee Report

Candidate's Name: Erika Easler

Candidate's Seat: Administrative Law Court, Seat 4

2025

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Related Comments:

She has devoted her life to public service; very experienced in the ALC as a clerk; she will be ready to serve if elected.

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

Very impressive resume and enjoys serving the public; She will be a very good ALJ.


Committee Chair's Name

9/23/25
Date


Candidate's Name

Midlands Citizens Committee Report

Candidate's Name: Jason Luther

Candidate's Seat: Administrative Law Court, Seat 4

2025

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Related Comments:

Very organized, intelligent, great temperament, well qualified to be an ALJ

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

A great candidate with significant experience in the ALC arena. He will be a great ALJ.


Committee Chair's Name

9/25/25
Date


Candidate's Name

Midlands Citizens Committee Report

Candidate's Name: Kelly Rainsford

Candidate's Seat: Administrative Law Court, Seat 4
2025

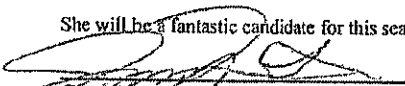
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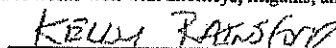
Great candidate; substantial experience in the ALC; Smart, well organized; can do lots to improve the ALC with her math/computer background

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

She will be a fantastic candidate for this seat. She has run a legal department and works well with attorneys, litigants, and judges.


Committee Chair's Name

9/24/25
Date


Candidate's Name

Midlands Citizens Committee Report

Candidate's Name: Michael Traynham

Candidate's Seat: Administrative Law Court, Seat 4
2025

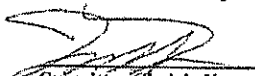
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Related Comments:

Great experience; very smart; well rounded;

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

The committee was very impressed; he has all the tools to make a great ALJ


Committee Chair's Name

9/23/25
Date


Candidate's Name

Midlands Citizens Committee Report

Candidate's Name: Nicole Wetherton

Candidate's Seat: Administrative Law Court, Seat 4

2025

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Related Comments:

Great candidate; well organized and ready to start on the first day!

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

She will be a great ALJ with significant experience and knowledge of running court, working with judges and litigants.


Committee Chair's Name

9/24/25
Date


Candidate's Name

Midlands Citizens Committee Report

Candidate's Name: Barbara Wofford Kanwat

Candidate's Seat: Administrative Law Court, Seat 4
2025

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Related Comments:

She is very organized, smart, and enjoys learning. She has very limited experience; there will be a learning curve.

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

The committee was impressed with her ability to run a courtroom, knowledge of evidence, and demeanor. Her experience was the only concern.


Committee Chair's Name

9/23/25
Date


Candidate's Name

Midlands Citizens Committee Report

Candidate's Name: Sebastien 'Phillip' Lenski

Candidate's Seat: Administrative Law Court, Seat 6

2025

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Related Comments:

Very impressed with his knowledge, experience, and enthusiasm. He is highly qualified and deserves re-election.

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

He is highly qualified and should be re-elected

TERRY RECTOR
Committee Chair's Name

9/22/25
Date

PHILLIP LENSKE
Candidate's Name

Lowcountry Citizens Committee Report

Candidate's Name: Judge Camden West

Candidate's Seat: Master-in-Equity Berkeley County

2025

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Related Comments:

Well suited for position; empathetic; positive energy for position; well qualified; releasing role as MIE.

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

A. Thompson
Committee Chair's Name

9/24/25
Date

Candidate's Name

Upstate Citizens Committee Report

Candidate's Name: Honorable Joseph Derham Cole

Candidate's Seat: Seventh Judicial Circuit Court Judge, Active/Retired

2025

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Related Comments:

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

Judge Cole is one of the most experienced Judges in South Carolina. He has served with dedication for decades and he is well regarded by all in the legal profession. Our investigation found only positive comments and he is certainly well-qualified as a Circuit Court Judge.

Beattie B. Ashmore
Committee Chair's Name

October 1, 2025
Date

Honorable Joseph Derham Cole
Candidate's Name

Pee Dee Citizens Committee Report

Candidate's Name: Tommy Cooper

Candidate's Seat: Active Ret. Circuit

2025

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Related Comments:

PRIMARY STATEMENT:

DAVID C. HOLLER
Committee Chair's Name

9-19-25
Date

[Signature]
Candidate's Name

Lowcountry Citizens Committee Report

Candidate's Name: Judge Thomas Hughston

Candidate's Seat: Active Retired Circuit

2025

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Related Comments:

Great experience - considerable service

SUMMARY STATEMENT:


Committee Chair's Name

Date

Candidate's Name

Pee Dee Citizens Committee Report

Candidate's Name: STEVEN JOHN

Candidate's Seat: Retired Action Council Ct.

2025

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E. J. Trenchard
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