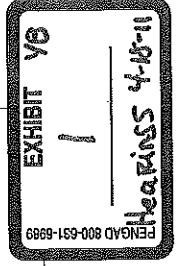


**Low Country Citizens Committee Report on Judicial Qualifications**  
**Court: Master in Equity Seat: Dorchester County**  
**Candidate's Name: Honorable Maite Murphy**  
**Spring Screening: Wednesday, March 30, 2011**

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



	Unqualified	Qualified	Well-Qualified
<p><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.</p>			X
<p><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.</p>			X

**Related Comments:**

1. Constitutional Qualifications:
2. Ethical Fitness:
3. Professional and Academic Ability:
4. Character:
5. Reputation:
6. Physical Health:
7. Mental Stability:
8. Experience:
9. Judicial Temperament:

**Summary Statement:**

Mike Hammond  
Committee Chair's Name

03-30-11  
Date

Candidate's Name: Honorable Maite Murphy

**Low Country Citizens Committee Report on Judicial Qualifications**

Court: Master in Equity Seat: Dorchester County

Candidate's Name: William Sloan

Spring Screening: Wednesday, March 30, 2011

	Unqualified	Qualified	Well-Qualified
<p><b>1. Constitutional Qualifications:</b> A candidate must meet the constitutional or statutory requirements of citizenship, residence, age, and professional experience.</p>		X	
<p><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.</p>		X	
<p><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.</p>		X	
<p><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.</p>		X	
<p><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 extra-judicial activities and rules governing the use of judicial office.</p>		X	
<p><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.</p>		X	
<p><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.</p>		X	

	Unqualified	Qualified	Well-Qualified
<p><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.</p>		X	
<p><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.</p>		X	

**Related Comments:**

1. Constitutional Qualifications:
2. Ethical Fitness:
3. Professional and Academic Ability:
4. Character:
5. Reputation:
6. Physical Health:
7. Mental Stability:
8. Experience:
9. Judicial Temperament:

**Summary Statement:**

Mike Hammond  
Committee Chair's Name

03-30-11  
Date

Candidate's Name: William Sloan

**Low Country Citizens Committee Report on Judicial Qualifications**

**Court: Master in Equity Seat: Dorchester County**

**Candidate's Name: Paul B. Ferrara, III**

**Spring Screening: Wednesday, March 30, 2011**

	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	

	Unqualified	Qualified	Well-Qualified
<p><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.</p>		X	
<p><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.</p>		X	

**Related Comments:**

1. Constitutional Qualifications:
2. Ethical Fitness:
3. Professional and Academic Ability:
4. Character:
5. Reputation:
6. Physical Health:
7. Mental Stability
8. Experience:
9. Judicial Temperament:

**Summary Statement:**

Mike Hammond  
Committee Chair's Name

03-30-11  
Date

Candidate's Name: Paul B. Ferrara, III

**Low Country Citizens Committee Report on Judicial Qualifications**

**Court: Family Court Seat: 14<sup>th</sup> Circuit, Seat 3**

**Candidate's Name: Dianne P. DeWitt**

**Spring Screening: Wednesday, March 30, 2011**

	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	

	Unqualified	Qualified	Well-Qualified
<p><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.</p>		X	
<p><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.</p>		X	

**Related Comments:**

1. **Constitutional Qualifications:**
2. **Ethical Fitness:**
3. **Professional and Academic Ability:**
4. **Character:**
5. **Reputation:**
6. **Physical Health:**
7. **Mental Stability:**
8. **Experience:**
9. **Judicial Temperament:**

**Summary Statement:**

**Mike Hammond**  
Committee Chair's Name

**03-30-11**  
Date

**Candidate's Name: Dianne D. Dewitt**



**Low Country Citizens Committee Report on Judicial Qualifications**

**Court: Family Court Seat: 14<sup>th</sup> Circuit, Seat 3**

**Candidate's Name: Deborah Ann Malphrus**

**Spring Screening: Wednesday, March 30, 2011**

	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 pleading 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	

	Unqualified	Qualified	Well-Qualified
<p><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.</p>			X
<p><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.</p>			X

**Related Comments:**

1. Constitutional Qualifications:

2. Ethical Fitness:

3. Professional and Academic Ability:

4. Character:

5. Reputation:

6. Physical Health:

7. Mental Stability

8. Experience:

9. Judicial Temperament:

**Summary Statement:**

Mike Hammond  
Committee Chair's Name

03-30-11  
Date

Candidate's Name: Deborah Ann Malphrus

**Citizens Committee Report/S.C. Bar Judicial Qualifications Committee Report**

Court Master in-Equity, Aiken County, Seat \_\_\_\_\_

Candidate's Name: M. Anderson Griffith

Spring Screening 2011

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

**Related Comments:**

**1. Constitutional Qualifications:**

**2. Ethical Fitness:**

The committee considered Mr. Griffith to be highly ethical.

**3. Professional and Academic Ability:**

**4. Character:**

The Committee was most impressed by Mr. Griffith's humble and sincere character. We believe his character is above reproach.

**5. Reputation:**

Mr. Griffith enjoys an excellent reputation among his peers, and we were very impressed by his commitment to the Aiken community.

**6. Physical Health:**

**7. Mental Stability**

**8. Experience:**

Mr. Griffith has 24 years of experience in practicing in the Master-in-Equity court. We believe his experience and knowledge of the Master-in-Equity court in very impressive.

**9. Judicial Temperament:**

The Committee believes that Mr. Griffith is very thoughtful, mature and experienced candidate. With his common sense and humility, we are confident that his judicial temperament would be excellent.

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

The Committee was very impressed with Mr. Griffith and we enjoyed his interview. We believe his experience, temperament and character are excellent in every way. Mr. Griffith is well qualified to serve as the Aiken County Master-in-Equity, and we believe he would serve Aiken County and our State in an excellent manner.

John Grantland  
Committee Chair's Name

March 31, 2011  
Date

M. Anderson Griffith  
Candidate's Name

**Pee Dee Citizens Committee Report**  
**Family Court, 4<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat #2**  
**Candidate's Name: James Alexander "Alex" Stanton, IV**  
**Spring Screening 2011**

	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. 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>3. 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>4. 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>5. 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>6. 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>7. 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

	Unqualified	Qualified	Well-Qualified
<p><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.</p>			X
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**Related Comments:**

1. **Constitutional Qualifications:**
2. **Ethical Fitness:**
3. **Professional and Academic Ability:**
4. **Character:**
5. **Reputation:** Well-respected by his peers.
6. **Physical Health:**
7. **Mental Stability:**
8. **Experience:**
9. **Judicial Temperament:** Typically even-tempered yet admits to a bit of impatience when dealing with laziness or unwillingness to work to one's full potential (which is deemed a positive attribute by this committee). He is very much a gentleman – courteous, attentive and patient throughout the course of our interview.

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

Diane Rabon Bagnol  
Committee Chair's Name

3/31/11  
Date

James Alexander "Alex" Stanton, IV  
Candidate's Name

**Pee Dee Citizens Committee Report  
Family Court, 4<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat #2  
Candidate's Name: Bryan W. Braddock  
Spring Screening 2011**

	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. 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>3. 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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<b>6. 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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	Unqualified	Qualified	Well-Qualified
8. <u>Experience:</u> 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
9. <u>Judicial Temperament:</u> 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:**

1. **Constitutional Qualifications:**
2. **Ethical Fitness:** We note Mr. Braddock's willingness to work through and hopefully resolve a financial issue not of his own making. His integrity and tactfulness regarding that matter truly impressed our committee.
3. **Professional and Academic Ability:**
4. **Character:**
5. **Reputation:** Highly- skilled, compassionate, concerned about clients.
6. **Physical Health:**
7. **Mental Stability:**
8. **Experience:** Extensive courtroom experience.
9. **Judicial Temperament:** Excellent

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:** Mr. Braddock is an excellent candidate who, although younger than one might expect for a judicial candidate, has extensive experience in family court litigation which erased our initial concern.

Diane Rabon Bagnol  
Committee Chair's Name

3/31/11  
Date

Bryan W. Braddock  
Candidate's Name

**Pee Dee Citizens Committee Report**  
**Family Court, 4<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat #2**  
**Candidate's Name: Cely Anne Baker Brigman**  
**Spring Screening 2011**

	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. 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>3. 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>4. 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>5. 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>6. 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>7. 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

	Unqualified	Qualified	Well-Qualified
<p><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.</p> <p><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.</p>			X
			X

**Related Comments:**

1. **Constitutional Qualifications:**
2. **Ethical Fitness:** Exemplary
3. **Professional and Academic Ability:**
4. **Character:** Sure and steady.
5. **Reputation:** Relates well to her clients and to the SC Bar. She is an excellent attorney and totally qualified for this position.
6. **Physical Health:**
7. **Mental Stability:**
8. **Experience:** We are impressed with Mrs. Brigman's years of experience in family court and believe her magisterial experience will ease the transition from trial attorney to trial judge. We note her strong emphasis on adoption and child-related issues, even in her continuing education.
9. **Judicial Temperament:** Personable, genuine, tactful in her comments, and obviously knowledgeable in the area of family law.

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:** Mrs. Brigman is an excellent candidate for this position.

Diane Rabon Bagnol  
Committee Chair's Name

3/31/11  
Date

Cely Anne Baker Brigman  
Candidate's Name

**Pee Dee Citizens Committee Report  
Family Court, 4<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat #2  
Candidate's Name: John McIver Ervin, III  
Spring Screening 2011**

	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. 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>3. 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>4. 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>5. 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>6. 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>7. Reputation:</b> Consideration of a candidate's background will include the following: 1) the non-legal 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	

	Unqualified	Qualified	Well-Qualified
<p><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.</p>		X	
<p><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.</p>		X	

**Related Comments:**

1. **Constitutional Qualifications:**
2. **Ethical Fitness:**
3. **Professional and Academic Ability:**
4. **Character:**
5. **Reputation:**
6. **Physical Health:**
7. **Mental Stability:**
8. **Experience:** Mr. Ervin's experience appears to be a bit more weighted in criminal matters, both in and out of family court. This concern was addressed in interview and has been attributed to the poor economy which has had a negative impact on domestic litigation in the last few years.
9. **Judicial Temperament:**

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

Diane Rabon Bagnal  
Committee Chair's Name

3/31/11  
Date

John McIver Ervin, III  
Candidate's Name

**Pee Dee Citizens Committee Report  
Family Court, 4<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat #2  
Candidate's Name: Salley Huggins McIntyre  
Spring Screening 2011**

	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. 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>3. 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>4. 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>5. 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>6. 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>7. 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

	Unqualified	Qualified	Well-Qualified
8. <u>Experience:</u> 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
9. <u>Judicial Temperament:</u> 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:**

1. **Constitutional Qualifications:**
2. **Ethical Fitness:**
3. **Professional and Academic Ability:**
4. **Character:**
5. **Reputation:** Excellent with the Guardian ad Litem program; compassionate; excellent treatment of her clients; intellectual.
6. **Physical Health:**
7. **Mental Stability:**
8. **Experience:** Highly experienced attorney. Mrs. McIntyre has served in political office (Mayor of Dillon), as an Associate Probate Judge of Dillon County, as the attorney for the GAL program in Dillon County, as well as maintaining her private practice.
9. **Judicial Temperament:** Strong personality, very likeable, tactful and compassionate.

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:** Mrs. McIntyre is an excellent candidate for this position.

Diane Rabon Bagnal  
Committee Chair's Name

3/31/11  
Date

Salley Huggins McIntyre  
Candidate's Name

**Upstate Citizens Committee Report**  
**Court 13<sup>th</sup> Circuit Family Court, Seat 3**  
**Candidate's Name: CATHERINE C. CHRISTOPHILLIS**  
**Spring Screening (2011)**

	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. 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>3. 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>4. 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>5. 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>6. 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>7. 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



	Unqualified	Qualified	Well-Qualified
<p><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.</p> <p><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.</p>		XX	XX

**Related Comments:**

**1. Constitutional Qualifications:**

**2. Ethical Fitness:**

**3. Professional and Academic Ability:**

**4. Character:**

**5. Reputation:**

**6. Physical Health:**

**7. Mental Stability**

**8. Experience:**

**9.**

**Judicial Temperament:** The committee does not have any information or belief that the candidate would be rude or less than cordial to all litigants and attorneys. The committee received some comments from those interviewed that there was a belief that she might have some problem making a decision in cases. The

committee after interviewing the candidate can see how one might get this impression. Therefore, the criticism, if any might be that she may communicate less than effectively.

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

NANCY JO THOMASON  
Committee Chair's Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

CATHERINE C. CHRISTOPHILLIS  
Candidate's Name

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**Upstate Citizens Committee Report  
 Court 13<sup>th</sup> Circuit Family Court, Seat 3  
 Candidate's Name: HARRY L. "DON" PHILLIPS, JR.  
 Spring Screening (2011)**

	Unqualified	Qualified	Well-Qualified
<p><b>1. Constitutional Qualifications:</b> A candidate must meet the constitutional or statutory requirements of citizenship, residence, age, and professional experience.</p> <p><b>2. 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.</p> <p><b>3. 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.</p> <p><b>4. 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.</p> <p><b>5. 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.</p> <p><b>6. 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.</p> <p><b>7. 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.</p>		XX	
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	Unqualified	Qualified	Well-Qualified
<p><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.</p>			XXX
<p><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.</p>			XXX

**Related Comments:**

1. **Constitutional Qualifications:**

2. **Ethical Fitness:**

3. **Professional and Academic Ability:**

4. **Character:**

5. **Reputation:**

6. **Physical Health:**

7. **Mental Stability:**

8. **Experience:**

**9. Judicial Temperament:**

The Committee is significantly impressed with Mr. Phillips in this area. Our interview with him led us to believe he would be able to remain calm, treat all parties, attorneys and staff with respect and dignity in a time of crisis. The witnesses who were interviewed about this candidate also commented about how effective he is at having a very even temperament in light of the very serious cases he handles.

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

**The committee believes Mr. Phillips would make an excellent Family Court Judge.**

NANCY JO THOMASON  
Committee Chair's Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

HARRY L. "DON" PHILLIPS, JR.  
Candidate's Name

Upstate Citizens Committee Report  
 Court 13<sup>th</sup> Circuit Family Court, Seat 3  
 Candidate's Name: MICHAEL DON STOKES  
 Spring Screening (2011)

	Unqualified	Qualified	Well-Qualified
<p><b>1. Constitutional Qualifications:</b> A candidate must meet the constitutional or statutory requirements of citizenship, residence, age, and professional experience.</p>		XX	
<p><b>2. 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.</p>		XX	
<p><b>3. 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.</p>		XX	
<p><b>4. 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.</p>			XX
<p><b>5. 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.</p>			XX
<p><b>6. 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.</p>			XX
<p><b>7. 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.</p>		XX	

	Unqualified	Qualified	Well-Qualified
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.		XX	
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.			SEE NOTES BELOW

**Related Comments:**

**1. Constitutional Qualifications:**

**2. Ethical Fitness:**

**3. Professional and Academic Ability:**

**4. Character:**

**5. Reputation:** The committee has become aware, during previous screenings that the candidate has a reputation of being disrespectful of litigants and attorneys. However, this reputation evidence is approximately two years old. The witnesses who reported this in prior screenings were contacted and reported they had not heard any specific instances of this type of behavior in the past year or so.

**6. Physical Health:**

**7. Mental Stability:**

**8. Experience:**

**9. Judicial Temperament:** The committee has been concerned during past screenings about the candidate's ability to have an even temperament. There have been reports of him being discourteous to litigants and lawyers. However, the candidate answered questions about this during this interview. He acknowledged errors in judgment in his early years as a Magistrate but says he has improved his skills in this area. He has provided documents relating to mediation activities in the Magistrate's Court that indicate satisfaction by those who have participated in that process in the past six months. During our first interview with the candidate over two years ago, the candidate did not acknowledge any problem with temperament. He has now acknowledged this may have been a problem in the past but he has corrected it.

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

NANCY JO THOMASON  
Committee Chair's Name

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Date

MICHAEL DON STOKES  
Candidate's Name

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**Upstate Citizens Committee Report  
 Court 13<sup>th</sup> Circuit Family Court, Seat 3  
 Candidate's Name: THOMAS J. QUINN  
 Spring Screening (2011)**

	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. 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>3. 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.		XXX	
<b>4. 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.			XXX
<b>5. 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.			XXX
<b>6. 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.			XXX
<b>7. 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.			XXX

	Unqualified	Qualified	Well-Qualified
<p><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.</p>			XXX
<p><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.</p>			XXX

**Related Comments:**

1. **Constitutional Qualifications:**
2. **Ethical Fitness:**
3. **Professional and Academic Ability:**
4. **Character:**
5. **Reputation:**
6. **Physical Health:**
7. **Mental Stability:**
8. **Experience:**
9. **Judicial Temperament:**

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

The committee was extremely impressed with this candidate and all of the people we spoke to about him gave very glowing responses. His experience level is vast and includes work as public defender, prosecutor, and private practice. He has extensive trial experience in all courts throughout South Carolina. His heartfelt reasoning for wanting this position was especially impressive.

NANCY JO THOMASON  
Committee Chair's Name

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Date

THOMAS J. QUINN  
Candidate's Name

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