

**Piedmont Citizens Committee Report  
 Court 16<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 2  
 Candidate's Name: Daniel Dewitt Hall  
 Spring Screening 2014**

	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	

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7. **Mental Stability:**
8. **Experience:**
9. **Judicial Temperament:**

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:** The committee was impressed by the extent of Mr. Hall's experience in the field of criminal law. He has worked as both a solicitor and public defender, and is thus thoroughly familiar with all issues and perspectives involved in a criminal law practice. Mr. Hall received high marks from those in his community for his integrity, practicality and common sense.

  
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 Committee Chair's Name

4/4/2014  
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 Date

Daniel Dewitt Hall  
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 Candidate's Name

**Piedmont Citizens Committee Report**  
**Court 16<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 2**  
**Candidate's Name: William Angus McKinnon**  
**Spring Screening 2014**

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**SUMMARY STATEMENT:** Mr. McKinnon has a first-class intellect, having graduated from Princeton University and at the top of his class at USC Law School. Without question, he is extraordinarily bright and possessed of a sharp legal acumen. But he also received accolades from those to whom we spoke concerning his modesty and approachability. As one of them put it, "Bill will be the smartest person in the room, but you'll never know it."

  
 Committee Chair's Name

4/4/2014  
 Date

William Angus McKinnon  
 Candidate's Name

**Piedmont Citizens Committee Report  
 Court 16<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 2  
 Candidate's Name: Leah B. Moody  
 Spring Screening 2014**

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**SUMMARY STATEMENT:** Ms. Moody is talented, hard-working, and deeply involved in her community. She has worked as both a prosecutor and a public defender, and she also has significant civil experience. She was acclaimed by those in her community for her warmth, compassion, and grace.

  
 Committee Chair's Name

4/4/2014  
 Date

Leah B. Moody  
 Candidate's Name



**Piedmont Citizens Committee Report  
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**SUMMARY STATEMENT:** Mr. Morton has deep and significant experience in the field of criminal law, having worked as both a prosecutor and defense lawyer on a range of challenging cases. A hard worker and fierce advocate in the courtroom, he was credited by members of the bench and bar for his integrity, fairness and candor.

  
 Committee Chair's Name

4/4/2014  
 Date

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**Piedmont Citizens Committee Report  
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 Spring Screening 2014**

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**SUMMARY STATEMENT:** Mr. Thompson has spent his entire career as a prosecutor. For that reason alone, because his experience has been limited to only one side of the criminal law, the Committee found him "qualified" in that area. But that assessment should not take away from Mr. Thompson's significant legal ability in his field. All the references to whom we spoke said that Mr. Thompson has an intelligence and nimbleness of mind that will enable him to adapt quickly to areas of the law that have been unfamiliar to him, and he received numerous accolades for his character and temperament.

  
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4/4/2014  
 Date

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