

Midlands Citizens Committee Report
Court Eleventh Judicial Circuit Family Court, Seat 1
Candidate's Name: Mr. William Gregory Seigler
Spring Screening 2014

	Unqualified	Qualified	Well-Qualified
<p>1. Constitutional Qualifications: A candidate must meet the constitutional or statutory requirements of citizenship, residence, age, and professional experience.</p> <p>2. Ethical Fitness: 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>3. Professional and Academic Ability: 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>4. Character: 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>5. Reputation: 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>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.</p> <p>7. Mental Stability: 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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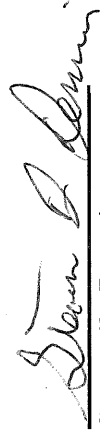
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<p>8. Experience: The extent and variety of a candidate's experience as an attorney or as a judge or both should be considered in light of the nature of the judicial vacancy to be filled.</p>			X
<p>9. Judicial Temperament: A candidate's ability to 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: Mr. Seigler is a well-qualified candidate with extensive experience in all aspects of Family Court practice. He is well liked and respected by members of the bar. He appears to be intelligent, have a good temperament and is truly concerned about the Family Court.

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: Mr. Seigler has the tools to become a fine Family Court Judge.


 Steven D. Dennis

April 1, 2014
 Date

William Gregory Seigler

Midlands Citizens Committee Report
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Candidate's Name: Ms. Huntley Smith Crouch
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<p>5. <u>Reputation:</u> 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>			X
<p>6. <u>Physical Health:</u> 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>7. <u>Mental Stability:</u> 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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Related Comments: Ms. Crouch is an expert in all aspects of Family Court practice except juvenile cases. She has vast experience in Family Court and is well respected by her colleagues. We believe she has an above-average ability to analyze facts and discover what is important. She seems to think like a judge.

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: Ms. Crouch is an outstanding candidate with impressive qualifications, both personal and professional.


 Steven D. Dennis

April 1, 2014
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Ms. Huntley Smith Crouch

Midlands Citizens Committee Report
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Candidate's Name: Ms. Sara McMahon Bunge
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Related Comments: Ms. Bunge has extensive experience in prosecuting juveniles in Family Court, but virtually no experience in other matters handled in the Family Court. She seems intelligent, engaging and eager to learn. We have some concerns over having a judge with no domestic law experience.

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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: Ms. Bunge is very capable, respected by her colleagues, and she is generally well qualified.


 Steven D. Dennis

April 1, 2014

Sara McMahon Bunge

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 Candidate's Name: Ms. Rebecca Brown West
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Related Comments: Ms. West is a Family Court expert in all areas except the area of juvenile law; however she has already begun to study that area of law to become more familiar with it. She is smart, experienced, has a good temperament, and is well respected by her colleagues.

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3. **Professional and Academic Ability:**
4. **Character:**
5. **Reputation:**
6. **Physical Health:**
7. **Mental Stability:**
8. **Experience:**
9. **Judicial Temperament:**

SUMMARY STATEMENT: Ms. West is an outstanding candidate who has an impressive resume.


 Steven D. Dennis

April 1, 2014
 Date

Rebecca Brown West