

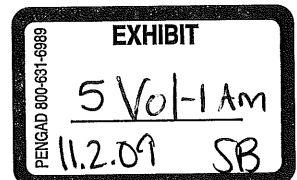
**Citizens Committee Report/S.C. Bar Judicial Qualifications Committee Report**

Court Appeals, Seat 5

Candidate's Name: Allison Renee Lee

Fall/Spring Screening 2009 (year)

	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
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.			X
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.			X

**Related Comments:**

1. **Constitutional Qualifications:**

2. **Ethical Fitness:**

Judge Lee is considered highly ethical

3. **Professional and Academic Ability:**

Outstanding in every way.

4. **Character:**

This committee continues to be very impressed by Judge Lee's sterling and most outstanding character.

5. **Reputation:**

Judge Lee enjoys a most outstanding reputation among her peers on the bench and bar.

6. **Physical Health:**

**7. Mental Stability**

**8. Experience:**

Judge Lee's judicial experience has been both honorable and outstanding in every respect.

**9. Judicial Temperament:**

The committee is very impressed by Judge Lee's most outstanding demeanor and temperament.

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

Judge Lee is a truly an asset to our State's judiciary. Our committee sincerely believes that she is most eminently qualified to be the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals and we are confident she would continue to serve our state in a most outstanding manner.

John M. Grantland  
Committee Chair's Name

09-23-09  
Date

Allison Renee Lee  
Candidate's Name

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

Court Circuit At Large, Seat 8

Candidate's Name: Andrea Roche

Fall/Spring Screening 2009 (year)

	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
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.		X	
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.			X

**Related Comments:**

1. **Constitutional Qualifications:**

2. **Ethical Fitness:**

The committee believes Mrs. Roche to be highly ethical.

3. **Professional and Academic Ability:**

The committee was most impressed by Mrs. Roche's superior professional and academic background.

4. **Character:**

Mrs. Roche's character is outstanding and above reproach.

5. **Reputation:**

Mrs. Roche has an outstanding reputation among her peers.

6. **Physical Health:**

**7. Mental Stability**

**8. Experience:**

The committee was very impressed by Mrs. Roche's commitment to service and her experience as a Commissioner on the Workers Compensation Commission.

**9. Judicial Temperament:**

Based on her impeccable character, intelligence, and common sense, the committee believes Mrs. Roche would show outstanding judicial temperament.

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

The committee was very impressed by Mrs. Roche. She has a most outstanding academic background and a sincere commitment of service to our state. She is highly and eminently qualified to serve as a Circuit Court judge, and we are confident she would continue to serve our state in a most outstanding manner.

John M. Grantland  
Committee Chair's Name

09-23-09  
Date

Andrea Roche  
Candidate's Name



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

**Related Comments:**

**1. Constitutional Qualifications:**

**2. Ethical Fitness:**

Judge Matthews is considered highly ethical.

**3. Professional and Academic Ability:**

Outstanding in every respect.

**4. Character:**

Judge Matthews' character is outstanding and unquestioned.

**5. Reputation:**

Judge Matthews enjoys a most outstanding reputation based on her energy, enthusiasm and sincere commitment to public service.



**6. Physical Health:**

**7. Mental Stability**

**8. Experience:**

The committee was very impressed by Judge Matthews past experience on the Administrative Law Court.

**9. Judicial Temperament:**

The committee was thoroughly impressed by Judge Matthews enthusiasm, energy, engaging personality. We are confident that her temperament is outstanding.

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

Judge Matthews is an asset to our state judiciary and we believe she has honorably served our state in a most outstanding manner. We believe she is most eminently qualified to continue her service on the Administrative Law Court.

John Grantland  
Committee Chair's Name

9/23/09  
Date

Carolyn Matthews  
Candidate's Name

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

Court Family 5<sup>th</sup> Circuit, Seat 4

Candidate's Name: Deandra Benjamin

Fall/Spring Screening 2009 (year)

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

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

**Related Comments:**

**1. Constitutional Qualifications:**

**2. Ethical Fitness:**

The committee found that Mrs. Benjamin is considered highly ethical.

**3. Professional and Academic Ability:**

The committee gave Mrs. Benjamin an outstanding rating in this area.

**4. Character:**

Mrs. Benjamin's outstanding character is unquestioned.

**5. Reputation:**

Mrs. Benjamin has an outstanding reputation among her peers.

**6. Physical Health:**

**7. Mental Stability**

**8. Experience:**

The committee was very impressed by Mrs. Benjamin's family law experience and her outstanding service as a Municipal Court Judge.

**9. Judicial Temperament:**

The committee believes Mrs. Benjamin would have outstanding judicial temperament as demonstrated by her outstanding service on the Municipal Court.

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

The committee believes that Mrs. Benjamin is both an eminently qualified and a most highly regarded candidate. The committee is confident that she would make an outstanding judge on the Family Court. .

John M. Grantland  
Committee Chair's Name

09-24-09  
Date

Deandra Benjamin  
Candidate's Name

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

Court Family 2d, Seat 1

Candidate's Name: Dennis Gmerek

Fall/Spring Screening 2009 (year)

	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
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.			X
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.			X

**Related Comments:**

1. **Constitutional Qualifications:**

2. **Ethical Fitness:**

The committee found Mr. Gmerek to be highly ethical

3. **Professional and Academic Ability:**

The committee believes that Mr. Gmerek's outstanding background will allow him to be an outstanding Family Court Judge.

4. **Character:**

The committee found Mr. Gmerek's outstanding character to be above reproach.

5. **Reputation:**

Mr. Gmerek enjoys a most outstanding reputation among his peers and in his community where he is very active in volunteer service.

**6. Physical Health:**

**7. Mental Stability**

**8. Experience:**

The committee was very impressed by Mr. Gmerek's outstanding and very well-rounded experience. His experience shows a true commitment to public service.

**9. Judicial Temperament:**

The committee believes Mr. Gmerek's temperament is most outstanding.

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

The committee was very impressed by Mr. Gmerek. We were very impressed by his humility and his obvious commitment to public service. We believe he is most eminently qualified to be a Family Court Judge.

John M. Grantland  
Committee Chair's Name

09-24-09  
Date

Dennis Gmerek  
Candidate's Name

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

Court Family, Seat Retired

Candidate's Name: Donna Strom

Fall/Spring Screening 2009 (year)

	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
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.			X
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.			X

**Related Comments:**

1. **Constitutional Qualifications:**

2. **Ethical Fitness:**

Judge Strom is considered highly ethical.

3. **Professional and Academic Ability:**

Outstanding in every respect.

4. **Character:**

Judge Strom's character is outstanding and above reproach.

5. **Reputation:**

Judge Strom has a most outstanding reputation, and her shoes will be very difficult to fill by her predecessor.

6. **Physical Health:**

**7. Mental Stability**

**8. Experience:**

Judge Strom's experience and service to our state has been outstanding in every respect.

**9. Judicial Temperament:**

Outstanding in every respect. She has set the standard for her peers and future judges to emulate.

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

Judge Strom is a truly an asset to our State and our family court system. She had a profound and positive impact on the lives of many litigants and attorneys. Although she is retiring, her legacy of excellence, preparation and compassion will not be forgotten. She set the standard for her predecessors to follow, and the committee was honored interview her.

John M. Grantland  
Committee Chair's Name

09-23-09  
Date

Donna Strom  
Candidate's Name

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

Court Family 5<sup>th</sup> Circuit, Seat 1

Candidate's Name: Dorothy Mobley Jones

Fall/Spring Screening 2009 (year)

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

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

**Related Comments:**

**1. Constitutional Qualifications:**

**2. Ethical Fitness:**

Highly ethical

**3. Professional and Academic Ability:**

Outstanding in every respect.

**4. Character:**

The committee was most impressed by Judge Jones' commitment to service. Her character is above reproach.

**5. Reputation:**

Judge Jones has a most outstanding reputation.

**6. Physical Health:**

**7. Mental Stability**

**8. Experience:**

The committee recognized Judge Jones' committed and honorable service to the Family Court.

**9. Judicial Temperament:**

Judge Jones has a wonderful temperament and it is abundantly clear to the committee that she is a committed public servant.

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

Judge Jones is an outstanding and wonderful asset to our state judiciary. We were honored to interview her and believe she is very eminently qualified to continue her outstanding service to our state as a Family Court Judge.

John M. Grantland  
Committee Chair's Name

09-24-09  
Date

Dorothy Mobley Jones  
Candidate's Name

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

Court      Circuit 2d , Seat     1    

Candidate's Name:                     Doyet A. Early                    

Fall/Spring Screening     2009     (year)

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

	<b>Unqualified</b>	<b>Qualified</b>	<b>Well-Qualified</b>
3. <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.			X
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.			X

**Related Comments:**

1. **Constitutional Qualifications:**

2. **Ethical Fitness:**

The committee found that Judge Early is considered highly ethical.

3. **Professional and Academic Ability:**

Outstanding in every respect.

4. **Character:**

The committee was most impressed by Judge Early's sincere commitment to service. His impeccable character is above reproach.

5. **Reputation:**

Judge Early has a most outstanding reputation.

6. **Physical Health:**

**7. Mental Stability**

**8. Experience:**

The committee recognized and appreciated Judge Early's committed and honorable service on the Circuit Court bench.

**9. Judicial Temperament:**

The committee recognized Judge Early's outstanding judicial temperament.

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

Judge Early is an asset to our state judiciary and his service to our state has been outstanding and honorable in every way. He is most eminently qualified to continue to serve on the Circuit Court bench.

**John Grantland**  
Committee Chair's Name

**09/23/09**  
Date

**Doyet Early**  
Candidate's Name



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

Court Family 5th, Seat 4

Candidate's Name: Gwen Young Smalls

Fall/Spring Screening 2009 (year)

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

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

**Related Comments:**

**1. Constitutional Qualifications:**

**2. Ethical Fitness:**

The committee considers Ms. Smalls to be highly ethical.

**3. Professional and Academic Ability:**

**4. Character:**

Ms. Smalls outstanding character is unquestioned.

**5. Reputation:**

Ms. Smalls enjoys an excellent reputation in the legal community among her peers.

**6. Physical Health:**

**7. Mental Stability**

**8. Experience:**

The committee found that Ms. Smalls has both an excellent work ethic and excellent experience as a family law attorney.

**9. Judicial Temperament:**

The committee believes Ms. Smalls temperament as a judge would be outstanding.

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

The committee believes that Ms. Smalls is very highly qualified to serve on the Family Court bench and we are confident she would serve in an outstanding manner.

John M. Grantland  
Committee Chair's Name

09-24-09  
Date

Gwen Young Smalls  
Candidate's Name

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

Court Circuit At Large, Seat 8

Candidate's Name: Jeff Bloom

Fall/Spring Screening 2009 (year)

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

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

**Related Comments:**

**1. Constitutional Qualifications:**

**2. Ethical Fitness:**

The committee considers Mr. Bloom to be highly ethical.

**3. Professional and Academic Ability:**

**4. Character:**

Mr. Bloom's outstanding character is impeccable and above reproach.

**5. Reputation:**

Mr. Bloom enjoys a most outstanding reputation among his peers, and we recognized his outstanding service to the community in the Boy Scouts of America..

**6. Physical Health:**

**7. Mental Stability**

**8. Experience:**

The committee was very impressed by Mr. Bloom's most outstanding criminal law experience.

**9. Judicial Temperament:**

The committee believes that Mr. Bloom's humility and common sense would enable him to have outstanding judicial temperament.

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

Mr. Bloom is a very eminently qualified and a highly regarded candidate. We are confident he would most ably serve on the Circuit Court in an outstanding manner.

John M. Grantland  
Committee Chair's Name

09-24-09  
Date

Jeff Bloom  
Candidate's Name

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

Court Family 11th, Seat 1

Candidate's Name: Kellum Allen

Fall/Spring Screening 2009 (year)

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

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

**Related Comments:**

**1. Constitutional Qualifications:**

**2. Ethical Fitness:**

**3. Professional and Academic Ability:**

**4. Character:**

Judge Allen’s outstanding character is unquestioned and above reproach.

**5. Reputation:**

Judge Allen enjoys a most outstanding and honorable reputation.

**6. Physical Health:**



**7. Mental Stability**

**8. Experience:**

The committee was very impressed by Judge Allen's impeccable and committed service on the Family Court.

**9. Judicial Temperament:**

The committee believes that Judge Allen's temperament is most outstanding in every respect.

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

Judge Allen is truly an asset to our state judiciary. The Committee greatly appreciates his honorable and outstanding service as a Family Court Judge. He is very eminently qualified to serve as a Family Court Judge.

John M. Grantland  
Committee Chair's Name

09-24-09  
Date

Kellum Allen  
Candidate's Name

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

Court Administrative Law, Seat 6

Candidate's Name: Latonya Edwards

Fall/Spring Screening 2009 (year)

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

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

**Related Comments:**

**1. Constitutional Qualifications:**

**2. Ethical Fitness:**

The committee believes Mrs. Edwards would be highly ethical.

**3. Professional and Academic Ability:**

**4. Character:**

The committee believes Mrs. Edwards' outstanding character is above reproach.

**5. Reputation:**

Mrs. Edwards enjoys a most outstanding reputation among her peers and the legal community.

**6. Physical Health:**

**7. Mental Stability**

**8. Experience:**

The committee was very impressed by Mrs. Edwards' legal experience and her commitment to public service

**9. Judicial Temperament:**

The committee is confident Mrs. Edwards would have a most outstanding temperament as an Administrative Law Court judge. Her personable attitude, sincerity and enthusiasm was recognized and appreciated.

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

Mrs. Edwards is eminently qualified to serve as an Administrative Law Court Judge. We believe she would serve the Administrative Law Court in a most outstanding manner.

John M. Grantland  
Committee Chair's Name

09-23-09  
Date

Latonya Dilligard Edwards  
Candidate's Name

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

Court Administrative, Seat 6

Candidate's Name: Lee Zimmerman

Fall/Spring Screening 2009 (year)

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

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

**Related Comments:**

**1. Constitutional Qualifications:**

**2. Ethical Fitness:**

The committee believes Mr. Zimmerman would be highly ethical.

**3. Professional and Academic Ability:**

**4. Character:**

The committee believes Mr. Zimmerman's sterling character is unquestioned and above reproach.

**5. Reputation:**

Mr. Zimmerman enjoys an outstanding reputation among his peers and the legal community.

**6. Physical Health:**

**7. Mental Stability**

**8. Experience:**

The committee was most impressed by Mr. Zimmerman's military service and his vast legal experience.

**9. Judicial Temperament:**

The committee believes Mr. Zimmerman's temperament is outstanding in every way.

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

Mr. Zimmerman is very highly qualified to serve as an Administrative Law Court Judge. We believe he would serve the Administrative Law Court in an outstanding manner.

John M. Grantland  
Committee Chair's Name

09-23-09  
Date

Lee Zimmerman  
Candidate's Name

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

Court Family, Seat 4

Candidate's Name: Lillie Hart

Fall/Spring Screening 2009 (year)

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



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

**Related Comments:**

**1. Constitutional Qualifications:**

**2. Ethical Fitness:**

Ms. Hart is considered highly ethical.

**3. Professional and Academic Ability:**

**4. Character:**

Ms. Hart's character is outstanding and above reproach.

**5. Reputation:**

Ms. Hart enjoys an excellent reputation among her peers as caring and dedicated family law attorney.

**6. Physical Health:**

**7. Mental Stability**

**8. Experience:**

The committee was very impressed by Ms. Hart's prior experience as a social worker

**9. Judicial Temperament:**

The committee believes that Ms. Hart's temperament would be outstanding.

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

The Committee believes Ms. Hart is a highly qualified and highly regarded candidate who would most ably serve on the Family Court bench.

John M. Grantland  
Committee Chair's Name

09-23-09  
Date

Lillie Hart  
Candidate's Name

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

Court Family, Seat Retired

Candidate's Name: Peter Nuessle

Fall/Spring Screening 2009 (year)

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

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

**Related Comments:**

**1. Constitutional Qualifications:**

**2. Ethical Fitness:**

**3. Professional and Academic Ability:**

**4. Character:**

Judge Nuessle's outstanding character is unquestioned and above reproach.

**5. Reputation:**

Judge Nuessle enjoys a most outstanding and honorable reputation.

**6. Physical Health:**

**7. Mental Stability**

**8. Experience:**

The committee was very impressed by Judge Nuessle's honorable and committed service on the Family Court.

**9. Judicial Temperament:**

The committee believes that Judge Nuessle's temperament is most outstanding in every respect.

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

Judge Nuessle has truly been an asset to our state judiciary. The Committee greatly appreciates his honorable and outstanding service as a Family Court Judge. He is very eminently qualified to serve as a Family Court Judge.

John M. Grantland  
Committee Chair's Name

09-23-09  
Date

Peter Nuessle  
Candidate's Name

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

Court Administrative, Seat 6

Candidate's Name: S. Phillip Lenski

Fall/Spring Screening 2009 (year)

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

	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.			X
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.			X

**Related Comments:**

**1. Constitutional Qualifications:**

**2. Ethical Fitness:**

Highly ethical

**3. Professional and Academic Ability:**

The committee believes Mr. Lenski's professional ability is outstanding in every respect.

**4. Character:**

Mr. committee was very impressed by Mr. Lenski's most outstanding character.

**5. Reputation:**

Mr. Lenski enjoys a most outstanding reputation as honorable and hardworking attorney.

**6. Physical Health:**

**7. Mental Stability**

**8. Experience:**

The committee was very impressed by Mr. Lenski's outstanding legal and military experience.

**9. Judicial Temperament:**

The committee truly believes that Mr. Lenski would have a most outstanding judicial temperament based on his impressive maturity and humility.

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

The committee was very impressed by Mr. Lenski. We believe he is an outstanding candidate in every respect. Mr. Lenski is most eminently qualified to serve as an Administrative Law Court Judge.

John M. Grantland  
Committee Chair's Name

09-23-09  
Date

S. Phillip Lenski  
Candidate's Name



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

Court Circuit At Large, Seat 8

Candidate's Name: Rick Hubbard

Fall/Spring Screening 2009 (year)

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

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

**Related Comments:**

**1. Constitutional Qualifications:**

**2. Ethical Fitness:**

The committee considered Mr. Hubbard to be highly ethical.

**3. Professional and Academic Ability:**

**4. Character:**

The committee believes Mr. Hubbard's outstanding character is above reproach.

**5. Reputation:**

Mr. Hubbard enjoys a most outstanding reputation among his peers.

**6. Physical Health:**

**7. Mental Stability**

**8. Experience:**

The committee was very impressed by Mr. Hubbard's extensive and outstanding service and experience in the Eleventh Circuit Solicitor's office. The committee was also very impressed by Mr. Hubbard's sincere commitment to the Lexington County Drug Court program.

**9. Judicial Temperament:**

The committee believes that based on Mr. Hubbard's common sense, compassion, and experience, he would show outstanding judicial temperament

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

The committee was very impressed by Mr. Hubbard. With his extensive experience of service to the Eleventh Circuit, his impeccable character and his strong work ethic, we are confident that he is a very eminently qualified and most highly regarded candidate who would serve the Circuit Court in a most outstanding manner.

John M. Grantland  
Committee Chair's Name

09-23-09  
Date

Rick Hubbard  
Candidate's Name

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

Court Family, Seat 4

Candidate's Name: Stevens B. Elliott

Fall/Spring Screening 2009 (year)

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

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

**Related Comments:**

**1. Constitutional Qualifications:**

**2. Ethical Fitness:**

The committee found that Mr. Elliott is considered highly ethical.

**3. Professional and Academic Ability:**

The committee gave Mr. Elliott a most outstanding rating in this area.

**4. Character:**

Mr. Elliott shows profound judgment, maturity and humility. His outstanding character is unquestioned.

**5. Reputation:**

Mr. Elliott has an impeccable and most outstanding reputation among his peers.

**6. Physical Health:**

**7. Mental Stability**

**8. Experience:**

The committee was very impressed by Mr. Elliott's 28 years of honorable experience as a practicing attorney and his outstanding service to the juvenile justice system.

**9. Judicial Temperament:**

The committee is confident that Mr. Elliott's experience and humility will enable him to show outstanding judicial temperament.

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

Mr. Elliott's 28 years of experience, in addition to his humility, his maturity, and desire for service make him a very eminently qualified and most highly regarded candidate. The committee is confident that he would serve the Family Court in a most outstanding manner.

John M. Grantland  
Committee Chair's Name

09-24-09  
Date

Stevens B. Elliott  
Candidate's Name

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

Court Appeals, Seat 5

Candidate's Name: Thomas Huff

Fall/Spring Screening 2009 (year)

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

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

**Related Comments:**

**1. Constitutional Qualifications:**

**2. Ethical Fitness:**

**3. Professional and Academic Ability:**

Outstanding in every respect.

**4. Character:**

The Committee found Judge Huff's character to be impeccable and above reproach.

**5. Reputation:**

The Committee believes that Judge Huff enjoys a most outstanding reputation.

**6. Physical Health:**

**7. Mental Stability**



**8. Experience:**

The committee was both impressed and appreciative of Judge Huff's twelve years of outstanding and honorable service on the Court of Appeals.

**9. Judicial Temperament:**

Judge Huff's temperament and demeanor are outstanding in every respect.

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

Judge Huff is an asset to our State and the committee truly appreciates his honorable service to our state on the Court of Appeals. We believe he is eminently qualified to be the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals and we are confident he would continue his service to the Court of Appeals and our state in a most outstanding manner.

John M. Grantland  
Committee Chair's Name

09-23-09  
Date

Thomas Huff  
Candidate's Name

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

Court Family 2d, Seat 1

Candidate's Name: Vicky Snelgrove

Fall/Spring Screening 2009 (year)

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

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

**Related Comments:**

**1. Constitutional Qualifications:**

**2. Ethical Fitness:**

The committee found Mrs. Snellgrove to be highly ethical

**3. Professional and Academic Ability:**

The committee was very impressed by Mrs. Snellgrove's outstanding professional ability

**4. Character:**

The committee believes Mrs. Snellgrove's outstanding character is above reproach.

**5. Reputation:**

Mrs. Snellgrove enjoys an outstanding reputation among her peers and her community.

**6. Physical Health:**

**7. Mental Stability**

**8. Experience:**

The committee was truly impressed by Mrs. Snellgrove's 25 years of committed and impeccable experience as a family law attorney in Aiken county.

**9. Judicial Temperament:**

The committee believes Mr. Snellgrove's temperament is most outstanding.

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

The committee was very impressed by Mrs. Snellgrove in every respect.. With 25 years of experience as a family law attorney, we believe she is very eminently qualified to be a judge on the Family Court.

John M. Grantland  
Committee Chair's Name

09-24-09  
Date

Vicki Snelgrove  
Candidate's Name



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

**Related Comments:**

**1. Constitutional Qualifications:**

**2. Ethical Fitness:**

Mr. Witherspoon is considered highly ethical.

**3. Professional and Academic Ability:**

**4. Character:**

The committee found that Mr. Witherspoon's sterling and most outstanding character was above reproach.

**5. Reputation:**

Mr. Witherspoon enjoys a most outstanding reputation among his peers.

**6. Physical Health:**

**7. Mental Stability**

**8. Experience:**

The committee was very impressed by Mr. Witherspoon's well-rounded experience ranging from private practice to the U.S. Attorney's office. His civil and criminal law experience is most outstanding.

**9. Judicial Temperament:**

Based on his humility and profound common sense, the committee is very confident that Mr. Witherspoon's judicial temperament would be most outstanding.

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

The committee was very impressed by Mr. Witherspoon. He is a most well-rounded candidate with vast experience in civil and criminal law. He is a most eminently qualified and a most highly regarded candidate who would serve the Circuit Court and our state in an outstanding manner.

John M. Grantland  
Committee Chair's Name

09-23-09  
Date

William Witherspoon  
Candidate's Name

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

Court Family, Seat 4

Candidate's Name: Shawn Harmon

Fall/Spring Screening 2009 (year)

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



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

**Related Comments:**

**1. Constitutional Qualifications:**

**2. Ethical Fitness:**

**3. Professional and Academic Ability:**

The committee was very impressed by Mr. Harmon's resume and his commitment to our state's family court system.

**4. Character:**

Mr. Harmon's sincerity, humility and character is unquestioned.

**5. Reputation:**

Mr. Harmon enjoys a most excellent reputation among his peers in the legal community.

**6. Physical Health:**

**7. Mental Stability**

**8. Experience:**

The committee was impressed by the fact that Mr. Harmon's legal experience has focused exclusively on the family court system and protecting children.

**9. Judicial Temperament:**

The committee believes that Mr. Harmon would have excellent judicial temperament.

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

Mr. Harmon's energy, sincerity and humility make him a very highly qualified and highly regarded candidate. We are confident he would most ably serve on the Family Court in a most excellent manner.

John M. Grantland  
Committee Chair's Name

09-24-09  
Date

Shawn Harmon  
Candidate's Name