


Midlands Citizens Committee Report
S.C. Supreme Court
Candidate's Name: The Honorable Jean Hoefler Toal
Fall Screening 2013

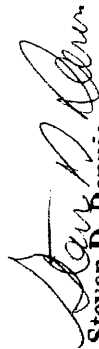
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Related Comments: Chief Justice Toal is a dynamo with huge intellect and a clear vision of the future for the S.C. Court system. She is responsible for many innovations and has plans for many more. She has been and continues to be a force for positive change in our court system.

SUMMARY STATEMENT: She is eminently qualified for the position she now holds.



Steven D. Dennis
Committee Chair's Name

9/11/13
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The Honorable Jean Hoefler Toal
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S.C. Supreme Court
Candidate's Name: The Honorable Costa Pleicones
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Related Comments: Justice Pleicones is respected and even admired by his colleagues and the Bar. He combines a fine intellect with compassion for others and passion for his job. He also has a vision for the future of the S.C. Court system.

SUMMARY STATEMENT: He is eminently qualified to be Chief Justice of the S.C. Supreme court and a credit to the S.C. Judiciary.


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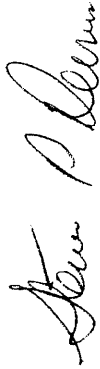
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S.C. Circuit Court
Candidate's Name: The Honorable Allison Renee Lee
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Related Comments: Judge Lee enjoys an excellent reputation for her legal knowledge and excellent demeanor. She has a wealth of experience. As several attorneys have noted, Judge Lee "tries to get it right" regardless of the parties or the lawyers. She works very hard and obviously cares deeply about being a judge.

SUMMARY STATEMENT: She is extremely well-qualified.



Steven D. Dennis
Committee Chair's Name

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**Midlands Citizens Committee Report
S.C. Administrative Law Court**

**Candidate's Name: The Honorable Ralph King "Trip" Anderson, III
Fall Screening 2013**

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Related Comments: According to the practitioners who appear before Judge Anderson, he is the gold standard among Administrative Law Judges. He excels in his knowledge and demeanor. It would be difficult to find a judge more personable than Judge Anderson.

SUMMARY STATEMENT: He is extremely well-qualified.



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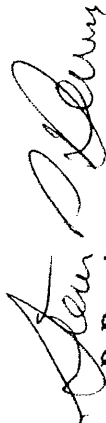
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S.C. Family Court
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Related Comments: Judge Nuessle has served with distinction on the Family Court bench. He is a man of few words, but what he says is worth noting. His reputation for fairness and judicial demeanor is excellent. He is respected by the attorneys who practice in his court.

SUMMARY STATEMENT: He is extremely well-qualified.



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S.C. Family Court
Candidate's Name: The Honorable Donna S. Strom
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Related Comments: Judge Strom's even temperament, knowledge, and experience make her well-liked and respected by the Family Court Bar. The fact that she is in great demand as a mediator bolsters her reputation as a fair and knowledgeable jurist.

SUMMARY STATEMENT: She is extremely well-qualified for her position.


 Steven D. Dennis

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 Date

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