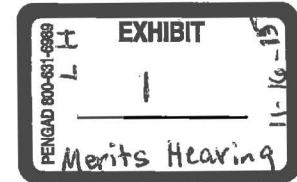


**Lowcountry Citizens Committee Report
Circuit Court 1st Judicial Circuit, Seat 1
Candidate's Name: The Hon. Edgar Warren Dickson
Fall Screening 2015**



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

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

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**Lowcountry Citizens Committee Report
Family Court 9th Judicial Circuit, Seat 3
Candidate's Name: The Hon. John Lawrence Duffy, III
Fall Screening 2015**

	Unqualified	Qualified	Well-Qualified
1. Constitutional Qualifications: A candidate must meet the constitutional or statutory requirements of citizenship, residence, age, and professional experience.		✓	
2. Ethical Fitness: A candidate must have the ability to perform adjudicative duties impartially and to deal with litigants, lawyers, witnesses, and other courtroom participants objectively and without bias. A candidate should have a sense of humor and must exhibit trustworthiness, moral vigor, and strength of character. A candidate's past action and deeds should demonstrate consistent adherence to high ethical principles and his or her reputation should be above reproach. A candidate must also follow campaigning and pledging laws. At a minimum, a sitting judge will be expected to have complied with the Code of Judicial Conduct's requirements to avoid impropriety, the appearance of impropriety, and partiality.		⊖	✓
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**Lowcountry Citizens Committee Report
 Family Court 9th Judicial Circuit, Seat 3
 Candidate's Name: Spiros Stavros Ferderigos
 Fall Screening 2015**

	Unqualified	Qualified	Well-Qualified
1. Constitutional Qualification: A candidate must meet the constitutional or statutory requirements of citizenship, residence, age, and professional experience.		✓	
2. Ethical Fitness: A candidate must have the ability to perform adjudicative duties impartially and to deal with litigants, lawyers, witnesses, and other courtroom participants objectively and without bias. A candidate should have a sense of humor and must exhibit trustworthiness, moral vigor, and strength of character. A candidate's past action and deeds should demonstrate consistent adherence to high ethical principles and his or her reputation should be above reproach. A candidate must also follow campaigning and pledging laws. At a minimum, a sitting judge will be expected to have complied with the Code of Judicial Conduct's requirements to avoid impropriety, the appearance of impropriety, and partiality.		.	✓
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8. Experience: The extent and variety of a candidate's experience as an attorney or as a judge or both should be considered in light of the nature of the judicial vacancy to be filled.			✓
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Related Comments:

Great passion for h.s work . Goal oriented - Impressed

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Spiros Stavros Ferderigos
 Candidate's Name

Lowcountry Citizens Committee Report
Family Court 9th Judicial Circuit, Seat 3
Candidate's Name: Michele Patrao Forsythe
Fall Screening 2015

	Unqualified	Qualified	Well-Qualified
1. Constitutional Qualifications: A candidate must meet the constitutional or statutory requirements of citizenship, residence, age, and professional experience.		✓	
2. Ethical Fitness: A candidate must have the ability to perform adjudicative duties impartially and to deal with litigants, lawyers, witnesses, and other courtroom participants objectively and without bias. A candidate should have a sense of humor and must exhibit trustworthiness, moral vigor, and strength of character. A candidate's past action and deeds should demonstrate consistent adherence to high ethical principles and his or her reputation should be above reproach. A candidate must also follow campaigning and pledging laws. At a minimum, a sitting judge will be expected to have complied with the Code of Judicial Conduct's requirements to avoid impropriety, the appearance of impropriety, and partiality.			✓
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Great zeal. Good diversity of experience. Bilingual.

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Michele Patrao Forsythe
 Candidate's Name

**Lowcountry Citizens Committee Report
 Family Court 14th Judicial Circuit, Seat 2
 Candidate's Name: The Hon. Peter L. Fuge
 Fall Screening 2015**

	Unqualified	Qualified	Well-Qualified
1. Constitutional Qualifications: A candidate must meet the constitutional or statutory requirements of citizenship, residence, age, and professional experience.		✓	
2. Ethical Fitness: A candidate must have the ability to perform adjudicative duties impartially and to deal with litigants, lawyers, witnesses, and other courtroom participants objectively and without bias. A candidate should have a sense of humor and must exhibit trustworthiness, moral vigor, and strength of character. A candidate's past action and deeds should demonstrate consistent adherence to high ethical principles and his or her reputation should be above reproach. A candidate must also follow campaigning and pledging laws. At a minimum, a sitting judge will be expected to have complied with the Code of Judicial Conduct's requirements to avoid impropriety, the appearance of impropriety, and partiality.			✓
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8. Experience: The extent and variety of a candidate's experience as an attorney or as a judge or both should be considered in light of the nature of the judicial vacancy to be filled.			✓
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The Hon. Peter L. Fuge
Candidate's Name

**Lowcountry Citizens Committee Report
 Circuit Court 1st Judicial Circuit, Seat 2
 Candidate's Name: The Hon. Diane Schafer Goodstein
 Fall Screening 2015**

	Unqualified	Qualified	Well-Qualified
1. Constitutional Qualifications: A candidate must meet the constitutional or statutory requirements of citizenship, residence, age, and professional experience.		✓	
2. Ethical Fitness: A candidate must have the ability to perform adjudicative duties impartially and to deal with litigants, lawyers, witnesses, and other courtroom participants objectively and without bias. A candidate should have a sense of humor and must exhibit trustworthiness, moral vigor, and strength of character. A candidate's past action and deeds should demonstrate consistent adherence to high ethical principles and his or her reputation should be above reproach. A candidate must also follow campaigning and pledging laws. At a minimum, a sitting judge will be expected to have complied with the Code of Judicial Conduct's requirements to avoid impropriety, the appearance of impropriety, and partiality.			✓
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Lowcountry Citizens Committee Report
Family Court 9th Judicial Circuit, Seat 6
Candidate's Name: The Hon. Jack Alan Landis
Fall Screening 2015

	Unqualified	Qualified	Well-Qualified
1. Constitutional Qualifications: A candidate must meet the constitutional or statutory requirements of citizenship, residence, age, and professional experience.		✓	
2. Ethical Fitness: A candidate must have the ability to perform adjudicative duties impartially and to deal with litigants, lawyers, witnesses, and other courtroom participants objectively and without bias. A candidate should have a sense of humor and must exhibit trustworthiness, moral vigor, and strength of character. A candidate's past action and deeds should demonstrate consistent adherence to high ethical principles and his or her reputation should be above reproach. A candidate must also follow campaigning and pledging laws. At a minimum, a sitting judge will be expected to have complied with the Code of Judicial Conduct's requirements to avoid impropriety, the appearance of impropriety, and partiality.			✓
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 Family Court 9th Judicial Circuit, Seat 3
 Candidate's Name: Sean F. Keefer
 Fall Screening 2015**

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

Candidate's Name

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Family Court 9th Judicial Circuit, Seat 1
Candidate's Name: The Hon. Daniel E. Martin, Jr.
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	Unqualified	Qualified	Well-Qualified
<p>1. Constitutional Qualifications: A candidate must meet the constitutional or statutory requirements of citizenship, residence, age, and professional experience.</p>		✓	
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Candidate's Name

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Family Court 9th Judicial Circuit, Seat 3
Candidate's Name: Rita J. Roache
Fall Screening 2015**

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

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<p>9. Judicial Temperament: A candidate's ability to consistently exhibit exemplary judicial temperament will be reviewed. Among the qualities that comprise such a temperament are patience, open-mindedness, courtesy, tact, firmness, understanding, compassion, and humility. Factors that indicate a lack of judicial temperament include arrogance, impatience, pomposity, arbitrariness, and tyranny.</p>			✓

Related Comments:

Great public service/compassion

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

G. Trenholm Walker

G. Trenholm Walker
Committee Chair's Name

09/09/15
Date

Rita J. Roache
Candidate's Name

Lowcountry Citizens Committee Report
Family Court 1st Judicial Circuit, Seat 2
Candidate's Name: The Hon. William J. Wylie, Jr.
Fall Screening 2015

	Unqualified	Qualified	Well-Qualified
1. Constitutional Qualifications: A candidate must meet the constitutional or statutory requirements of citizenship, residence, age, and professional experience.		✓	
2. Ethical Fitness: A candidate must have the ability to perform adjudicative duties impartially and to deal with litigants, lawyers, witnesses, and other courtroom participants objectively and without bias. A candidate should have a sense of humor and must exhibit trustworthiness, moral vigor, and strength of character. A candidate's past action and deeds should demonstrate consistent adherence to high ethical principles and his or her reputation should be above reproach. A candidate must also follow campaigning and pledging laws. At a minimum, a sitting judge will be expected to have complied with the Code of Judicial Conduct's requirements to avoid impropriety, the appearance of impropriety, and partiality.			✓
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6. Physical Health: The demands of the judicial office require a high level of performance, and a candidate must be both mentally and physically capable of performing the duties of the office sought with or without reasonable accommodation for any mental or physical impairment that substantially limits a major life activity.		✓	
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<p>9. Judicial Temperament: A candidate's ability to consistently exhibit exemplary judicial temperament will be reviewed. Among the qualities that comprise such a temperament are patience, open-mindedness, courtesy, tact, firmness, understanding, compassion, and humility. Factors that indicate a lack of judicial temperament include arrogance, impatience, pomposity, arbitrariness, and tyranny.</p>			✓

Related Comments:

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

G. Trenholm Walker

G. Trenholm Walker
Committee Chair's Name

09/09/915
Date

The Hon. William J. Wylie, Jr.
Candidate's Name

Lowcountry Citizens Committee Report
Family Court 1st Judicial Circuit, Seat 3
Candidate's Name: The Hon. Nancy Chapman McLin
Fall Screening 2015

	Unqualified	Qualified	Well-Qualified
<p>1. Constitutional Qualifications: A candidate must meet the constitutional or statutory requirements of citizenship, residence, age, and professional experience.</p>		✓	
<p>2. Ethical Fitness: A candidate must have the ability to perform adjudicative duties impartially and to deal with litigants, lawyers, witnesses, and other courtroom participants objectively and without bias. A candidate should have a sense of humor and must exhibit trustworthiness, moral vigor, and strength of character. A candidate's past action and deeds should demonstrate consistent adherence to high ethical principles and his or her reputation should be above reproach. A candidate must also follow campaigning and pledging laws. At a minimum, a sitting judge will be expected to have complied with the Code of Judicial Conduct's requirements to avoid impropriety, the appearance of impropriety, and partiality.</p>			✓
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Related Comments:

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

G. Trenholm Walker

G. Trenholm Walker
Committee Chair's Name

09/09/15
Date

The Hon. Nancy Chapman McLin
Candidate's Name

Midlands Citizens Committee Report
Fifth Judicial Circuit, Family Court Judge, Seat 4
Candidate's Name: The Honorable Gwendlyne Young, Jones
Fall Screening 2015

AW

	Unqualified	Qualified	Well Qualified
<p>1. Constitutional Qualifications: A candidate must meet the constitutional or statutory requirements of citizenship, residence, age, and professional experience.</p>		X	
<p>2. Ethical Fitness: A candidate must have the ability to perform adjudicative duties impartially and to deal with litigants, lawyers, witnesses, and other courtroom participants objectively and without bias. A candidate should have a sense of humor and must exhibit trustworthiness, moral vigor, and strength of character. A candidate's past action and deeds should demonstrate consistent adherence to high ethical principles and his or her reputation should be above reproach. A candidate must also follow campaigning and pledging laws. At a minimum, a sitting judge will be expected to have complied with the Code of Judicial Conduct's requirements to avoid impropriety, the appearance of impropriety, and partiality.</p>			X
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<p>6. Physical Health: The demands of the judicial office require a high level of performance, and a candidate must be both mentally and physically capable of performing the duties of the office sought with or without reasonable accommodation for any mental or physical impairment that substantially limits a major life activity.</p>		X	
<p>7. Mental Stability: The demands of the judicial office require a high level of performance, and a candidate must be both mentally and physically capable of performing the duties of the office sought with or without reasonable accommodation for any mental or physical impairment that substantially limits a major life activity.</p>		X	

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Related Comments: Judge Young strikes us as a good, young judge who is growing with the job. She now has experience as a Family Court judge to go along with her fine judicial temperament. There is some concern about her work ethic.

SUMMARY STATEMENT: Judge Young has the respect of the Family Court for trying hard and improving constantly.


 Steven D. Dennis


 Date

The Honorable Gwendlyne Young Jones

Midlands Citizens Committee Report
Second Judicial Circuit, Family Court Judge, Seat 1
Candidate's Name: The Honorable Vicki J. Snelgrove

Fall Screening 2015

ADD

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Related Comments: This was the first meeting by anyone currently on the Committee with Judge Snelgrove, and we were all very impressed. All of the references we consulted gave her rave reviews.

SUMMARY STATEMENT: Judge Snelgrove is very well-qualified and is an outstanding Family Court Judge.


 Steven D. Dennis


 Date

 The Honorable Vicki J. Snelgrove

Midlands Citizens Committee Report
Eleventh Judicial Circuit, Family Court Judge, Seat 1
Candidate's Name: The Honorable William Gregory Seigler
Fall Screening 2015

APD

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<p>9. Judicial Temperament: A candidate's ability to consistently exhibit exemplary judicial temperament will be reviewed. Among the qualities that comprise such a temperament are patience, open-mindedness, courtesy, tact, firmness, understanding, compassion, and humility. Factors that indicate a lack of judicial temperament include arrogance, impatience, pomposity, arbitrariness, and tyranny.</p>			X

Related Comments: Although we just interviewed Judge Seigler for this position recently and found him well qualified, we believe that he has grown in his position nicely. He has the qualities required to be a very good Family Court Judge.

SUMMARY STATEMENT: Judge Seigler is doing a fine job at the Family Court


Steven D. Dennis


Date

The Honorable William Gregory Seigler

Midlands Citizens Committee Report
Circuit Court At Large, Seat 10
Candidate's Name: Ms. Jocelyn Newman
Fall Screening 2015

JPN

	Unqualified	Qualified	Well Qualified
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<p>5. Reputation: Consideration of a candidate's background will include the following: 1) the non-legal experience; 2) the candidate's involvement in community affairs, public office, or pro bono work; or 3) the candidate's views on social issues and his or her desire to affect public policy. A review will be undertaken to ensure a candidate has followed the Code of Judicial Conduct's prohibition against certain extra-judicial activities and rules governing the use of judicial office.</p>			X
<p>6. Physical Health: The demands of the judicial office require a high level of performance, and a candidate must be both mentally and physically capable of performing the duties of the office sought with or without reasonable accommodation for any mental or physical impairment that substantially limits a major life activity.</p>		X	
<p>7. Mental Stability: The demands of the judicial office require a high level of performance, and a candidate must be both mentally and physically capable of performing the duties of the office sought with or without reasonable accommodation for any mental or physical impairment that substantially limits a major life activity.</p>		X	

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

Related Comments: Ms. Newman impresses us with her personality and intellect. We question whether she has the necessary experience at this point in her career to be as good a judge as she can be in the future.

SUMMARY STATEMENT: Ms. Newman is smart and has a proper judicial temperament but has limited experience.


 Steven D. Dennis


 Date

 Ms. Jocelyn Newman

Midlands Citizens Committee Report
Administrative Law, Seat 6
Candidate's Name: The Honorable S. Phillip Lenski
Fall Screening 2015

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<p>7. Mental Stability: The demands of the judicial office require a high level of performance, and a candidate must be both mentally and physically capable of performing the duties of the office sought with or without reasonable accommodation for any mental or physical impairment that substantially limits a major life activity.</p>		X	

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Related Comments: Judge Lenski has the required demeanor, knowledge and experience for his position. He approaches his judgeship with seriousness and dedication.

SUMMARY STATEMENT: Judge Lenski is an excellent judge and very qualified for his position.



Steven D. Dennis



Date

The Honorable S. Phillip Lenski

Midlands Citizens Committee Report
Supreme Court, Associate Justice, Seat 2
Candidate's Name: The Honorable Ralph K. Anderson, III
Fall Screening 2015

APD

	Unqualified	Qualified	Well Qualified
<p>1. Constitutional Qualifications: A candidate must meet the constitutional or statutory requirements of citizenship, residence, age, and professional experience.</p>		X	
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<p>3. Professional and Academic Ability: A candidate is expected to be well-versed in fundamental legal principles and in procedural and evidentiary rules. A candidate must have the ability to communicate in a style that is both lucid and persuasive and must have the intellectual capacity to interpret established legal principles, apply them to specific factual situations, and clearly and logically communicate the reasoning leading up to his or her conclusion. A candidate's academic record, participation in continuing legal education or other seminars, legal writing, and reputation among professional colleagues to evaluate legal knowledge and ability will be reviewed. On the appellate court level, consideration will be given to a candidate's ability to work well with others and to build or reach a consensus when appropriate.</p>			X
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Related Comments: Judge Anderson is indeed a most intelligent, professional and dedicated jurist. He has vast experience and possesses an intellectually curious mind along with a pleasing temperament. He is known for his fairness and integrity

SUMMARY STATEMENT: Judge Anderson possesses all the traits desirable in a Supreme Court Justice and therefore is an outstanding candidate.



Steven D. Dennis


Date

The Honorable Ralph K. Anderson, III

Midlands Citizens Committee Report
Second Circuit, Circuit Court Judge, Seat 1
Candidate's Name: The Honorable Doyet A. Early, III
Fall Screening 2015

APD

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<p>8. Experience: The extent and variety of a candidate's experience as an attorney or as a judge or both should be considered in light of the nature of the judicial vacancy to be filled.</p> <p>9. Judicial Temperament: A candidate's ability to consistently exhibit exemplary judicial temperament will be reviewed. Among the qualities that comprise such a temperament are patience, open-mindedness, courtesy, tact, firmness, understanding, compassion, and humility. Factors that indicate a lack of judicial temperament include arrogance, impatience, pomposity, arbitrariness, and tyranny.</p>			X
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Related Comments: Both our own impressions and our investigation revealed that Judge Early is a hard working, fair and dedicated jurist. His people skills and his intelligence also make him an outstanding Circuit Court Judge.

SUMMARY STATEMENT: Judge Early is a credit to the South Carolina Circuit Court, possessing all the traits most sought after for that position.


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 Date

The Honorable Doyet A. Early, III

Midlands Citizens Committee Report
Fifth Judicial Circuit, Family Court Judge, Seat 1
Candidate's Name: The Honorable Dorothy Mobley Jones

Fall Screening 2015

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Related Comments: Judge Jones is impressive on all levels. She is a high-energy person who also happens to be blessed with a first-class intellect and winning personality. She is very well suited for her job

SUMMARY STATEMENT: Judge Jones is an outstanding judge who is highly qualified in all areas necessary for her position.


 Steven D. Dennis


 Date

The Honorable Dorothy Mobley Jones

Midlands Citizens Committee Report
Circuit Court At Large, Seat 10
Candidate's Name: Mr. Grady L. Patterson, III
Fall Screening 2015

SGP

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Related Comments: Mr. Patterson impressed us as being bright, intellectual, curious, thoughtful, and open-minded. He has broad experience, although his criminal law practice has been someone limited.

SUMMARY STATEMENT: It is impossible not to be very impressed with Mr. Patterson in every way. He could be an excellent addition to the bench.


 Steven D. Dennis


 Date

 Mr. Grady L. Patterson

**Midlands Citizens Committee Report
Circuit Court At Large, Seat 10**

Candidate's Name: Mr. Jeffrey P. Bloom

Fall Screening 2015

AKC

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Related Comments: Mr. Bloom is a bright, forthcoming lawyer who has a wealth of experience in both criminal and civil practice. In addition, Mr. Bloom has considerable courtroom experience including having tried death penalty cases.

SUMMARY STATEMENT: Mr. Bloom has all the qualifications to be an excellent Circuit Court Judge.


Steven D. Dennis


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Mr. Jeffrey P. Bloom

Midlands Citizens Committee Report
 Circuit Court At Large, Seat 10

Candidate's Name: Mr. Joseph M. Epting, Jr.
 Fall Screening 2015

App

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Related Comments: Mr. Epting has a good mix of criminal and civil experience. All reports, and our observations confirmed, that he has a good demeanor for a judge. His colleagues think of him as a fair person.

SUMMARY STATEMENT: Mr. Epting is well-qualified to be a Circuit Court Judge, both in experience and demeanor.


Steven D. Dennis


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Mr. Joseph M. Epting, Jr.

Midlands Citizens Committee Report
Circuit Court At Large, Seat 10
Candidate's Name: Mr. Robert L. Reibold
Fall Screening 2015

ARM

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Related Comments: Like several of our candidates for this seat, Mr. Reibold lacks experience in criminal law, but he has already begun to remedy his shortcoming by taking seminars on criminal law and attending sessions of General Sessions Court. His hard work and dedication impresses us, as do his temperament and intelligence.

SUMMARY STATEMENT: Mr. Reibold is diligently remedying the one area where he had some deficiency and is a strong candidate for this position.



Steven D. Dennis



Date

Mr. Robert L. Reibold

Midlands Citizens Committee Report
South Carolina Supreme Court Associate Justice, Seat 2
Candidate's Name: The Honorable H. Bruce Williams
Fall Screening 2015

AW


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Related Comments: Justice Williams impressed everyone on the Committee with his demeanor, dedication, and knowledge. He has the breadth and depth of experience to make him an outstanding Justice of the SC Supreme Court.

SUMMARY STATEMENT: Justice Williams is an outstanding candidate for this position and would be a superior Justice of the SC Supreme Court.


 Steven D. Dennis


 Date

The Honorable H. Bruce Williams

Pee Dee Citizens Committee Report
Circuit Court, At-Large, Seat #10
Candidate's Name: Jerome P. Askins, III
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Related Comments:

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

Diane Rabon Bagnol
 Diane Rabon Bagnol

9/8/15
 Date

Jerome P. Askins, III
 Candidate's Name

Pee Dee Citizens Committee Report

Family Court, 4th Circuit, Seat #1

Candidate's Name: Honorable Cely Anne Brigman

Fall Screening 2015

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<p>7. Mental Stability: The demands of the judicial office require a high level of performance, and a candidate must be both mentally and physically capable of performing the duties of the office sought with or without reasonable accommodation for any mental or physical impairment that substantially limits a major life activity.</p>		X	
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<p>9. Judicial Temperament: A candidate's ability to consistently exhibit exemplary judicial temperament will be reviewed. Among the qualities that comprise such a temperament are patience, open-mindedness, courtesy, fact, firmness, understanding, compassion, and humility. Factors that indicate a lack of judicial temperament include arrogance, impatience, pomposity, arbitrariness, and tyranny.</p>			X

Related Comments: We are excited to see Judge Brigman in her new capacity as a Family Court judge. She has been a favorite of this committee for some time, which corresponds with the feedback we have received from the Bar and community about her qualifications and her temperament.

SUMMARY STATEMENT:


 Diane Raboof Bagnol

2/8/15
 Date

Honorable Cely Anne Brigman
 Candidate's Name

Pee Dee Citizens Committee Report

Third Circuit, Seat #1

Candidate's Name: Honorable Ralph Ferrell Cothran, Jr.
Fall Screening 2015

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

<p>7. Mental Stability: The demands of the judicial office require a high level of performance, and a candidate must be both mentally and physically capable of performing the duties of the office sought with or without reasonable accommodation for any mental or physical impairment that substantially limits a major life activity.</p>		X	
<p>8. Experience: The extent and variety of a candidate's experience as an attorney or as a judge or both should be considered in light of the nature of the judicial vacancy to be filled.</p>			X
<p>9. Judicial Temperament: A candidate's ability to consistently exhibit exemplary judicial temperament will be reviewed. Among the qualities that comprise such a temperament are patience, open-mindedness, courtesy, tact, firmness, understanding, compassion, and humility. Factors that indicate a lack of judicial temperament include arrogance, impatience, pomposity, arbitrariness, and tyranny.</p>			X

Related Comments:

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

Diane Rabon Bagnol
Diane Rabon Bagnol

9/8/15
Date

Honorable Ralph Ferrell Cothran, Jr.
Candidate's Name

Pee Dee Citizens Committee Report
Family Court, 15th Circuit, Seat # 2
Candidate's Name: Honorable Melissa Johnson Emery,
Fall Screening 2015

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

<p>7. Mental Stability: The demands of the judicial office require a high level of performance, and a candidate must be both mentally and physically capable of performing the duties of the office sought with or without reasonable accommodation for any mental or physical impairment that substantially limits a major life activity.</p>		X	
<p>8. Experience: The extent and variety of a candidate's experience as an attorney or as a judge or both should be considered in light of the nature of the judicial vacancy to be filled.</p>			X
<p>9. Judicial Temperament: A candidate's ability to consistently exhibit exemplary judicial temperament will be reviewed. Among the qualities that comprise such a temperament are patience, open-mindedness, courtesy, tact, firmness, understanding, compassion, and humility. Factors that indicate a lack of judicial temperament include arrogance, impatience, pomposity, arbitrariness, and tyranny.</p>			X

Related Comments:

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

Diane Rabon Bagnol
Diane Rabon Bagnol

9/8/15
Date

Honorable Melissa Johnson Emery,
Candidate's Name

Pee Dee Citizens Committee Report

15th Judicial Circuit, Seat #1

Candidate's Name: Honorable Steven H. John

Fall Screening 2015

	Unqualified	Qualified	Well-Qualified
<p>1. Constitutional Qualifications: A candidate must meet the constitutional or statutory requirements of citizenship, residence, age, and professional experience.</p>		X	
<p>2. Ethical Fitness: A candidate must have the ability to perform adjudicative duties impartially and to deal with litigants, lawyers, witnesses, and other courtroom participants objectively and without bias. A candidate should have a sense of humor and must exhibit trustworthiness, moral vigor, and strength of character. A candidate's past action and deeds should demonstrate consistent adherence to high ethical principles and his or her reputation should be above reproach. A candidate must also follow campaigning and pledging laws. At a minimum, a sitting judge will be expected to have complied with the Code of Judicial Conduct's requirements to avoid impropriety, the appearance of impropriety, and partiality.</p>			X
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<p>4. Character: The character of a candidate regarding his or her ethical standards, work habits, and financial responsibility, will be reviewed, as well as a thorough investigation of any complaints, grievances, or criminal allegations made against a candidate.</p>			X
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<p>6. Physical Health: The demands of the judicial office require a high level of performance, and a candidate must be both mentally and physically capable of performing the duties of the office sought with or without reasonable accommodation for any mental or physical impairment that substantially limits a major life activity.</p>		X	

<p>7. Mental Stability: The demands of the judicial office require a high level of performance, and a candidate must be both mentally and physically capable of performing the duties of the office sought with or without reasonable accommodation for any mental or physical impairment that substantially limits a major life activity.</p>		X	
<p>8. Experience: The extent and variety of a candidate's experience as an attorney or as a judge or both should be considered in light of the nature of the judicial vacancy to be filled.</p>			X
<p>9. Judicial Temperament: A candidate's ability to consistently exhibit exemplary judicial temperament will be reviewed. Among the qualities that comprise such a temperament are patience, open-mindedness, courtesy, tact, firmness, understanding, compassion, and humility. Factors that indicate a lack of judicial temperament include arrogance, impatience, pomposity, arbitrariness, and tyranny.</p>		X	

Related Comments: Feedback from multiple sources indicates Judge John is an excellent and fair judge who could be more patient as well as more kind in his comments.

SUMMARY STATEMENT:


 Diane Rabon Bagnol

2/8/15
 Date

Honorable Steven H. John
 Candidate's Name

Pee Dee Citizens Committee Report
Court of Appeals, Seat #9
Candidate's Name: James E. Lockemy,
Fall Screening 2015

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

<p>7. Mental Stability: The demands of the judicial office require a high level of performance, and a candidate must be both mentally and physically capable of performing the duties of the office sought with or without reasonable accommodation for any mental or physical impairment that substantially limits a major life activity.</p>		
<p>8. Experience: The extent and variety of a candidate's experience as an attorney or as a judge or both should be considered in light of the nature of the judicial vacancy to be filled.</p>		X
<p>9. Judicial Temperament: A candidate's ability to consistently exhibit exemplary judicial temperament will be reviewed. Among the qualities that comprise such a temperament are patience, open-mindedness, courtesy, tact, firmness, understanding, compassion, and humility. Factors that indicate a lack of judicial temperament include arrogance, impatience, pomposity, arbitrariness, and tyranny.</p>		X

Related Comments: As always, it was a pleasure for the committee to speak with Judge Lockemy. He is perceived to be a highly intelligent, charismatic and perceptive jurist.

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

Diane Rabon Bagdal
Diane Rabon Bagdal

2/8/15
Date

Honorable James E. Lockemy.
Candidate's Name

Pee Dee Citizens Committee Report
Family Court, 3rd Circuit, Seat #1
Candidate's Name: Honorable George Marion McFaddin, Jr.
Fall Screening 2015

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

<p>7. Mental Stability: The demands of the judicial office require a high level of performance, and a candidate must be both mentally and physically capable of performing the duties of the office sought with or without reasonable accommodation for any mental or physical impairment that substantially limits a major life activity.</p>		
<p>8. Experience: The extent and variety of a candidate's experience as an attorney or as a judge or both should be considered in light of the nature of the judicial vacancy to be filled.</p>	X	X
<p>9. Judicial Temperament: A candidate's ability to consistently exhibit exemplary judicial temperament will be reviewed. Among the qualities that comprise such a temperament are patience, open-mindedness, courtesy, tact, firmness, understanding, compassion, and humility. Factors that indicate a lack of judicial temperament include arrogance, impatience, pomposity, arbitrariness, and tyranny.</p>		X

Related Comments: High level of dedication and sincere love of the people he serves as a Family Court judge. We are especially impressed with Adoption Days over which he presides.

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

Diane Rabour Bagnol
 Diane Rabour Bagnol

2/8/15
 Date

Honorable George Marion McFaddin, Jr.
 Candidate's Name

Pee Dee Citizens Committee Report
Family Court, 12th Circuit, Seat #3
Candidate's Name: Honorable Jerry Deese Vinson, Jr.
Fall Screening 2015

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

<p>7. Mental Stability: The demands of the judicial office require a high level of performance, and a candidate must be both mentally and physically capable of performing the duties of the office sought with or without reasonable accommodation for any mental or physical impairment that substantially limits a major life activity.</p>		
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Related Comments: Very thorough and fair judge

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

Diane Rabon Bagnol
 Diane Rabon Bagnol

9/8/15
 Date

Honorable Jerry Deese Vinson, Jr.
 Candidate's Name

Piedmont Citizens Committee Report
Family Court, Sixteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1
Candidate's Name: The Honorable Thomas H. White, IV
Fall Screening 2015

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

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

Related Comments:

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

The Committee was impressed by Judge White's energy and enthusiasm for his work, his thoughtful and intelligent responses to our questions, and perhaps most of all, his compassion and sympathy for the litigants who come before him. We believe that he continues to be an outstanding Family Court Judge.

Stephen C. [Signature]
Committee Chair's Name

9/24/15
Date

The Honorable Thomas H. White, IV
Candidate's Name

Piedmont Citizens Committee Report
Family Court, Eighth Judicial Circuit, Seat 2
Candidate's Name: The Honorable John M. Rucker
Fall Screening 2015

	Unqualified	Qualified	Well-Qualified
<p>1. Constitutional Qualifications: A candidate must meet the constitutional or statutory requirements of citizenship, residence, age, and professional experience.</p>		X	
<p>2. Ethical Fitness: A candidate must have the ability to perform adjudicative duties impartially and to deal with litigants, lawyers, witnesses, and other courtroom participants objectively and without bias. A candidate should have a sense of humor and must exhibit trustworthiness, moral vigor, and strength of character. A candidate's past action and deeds should demonstrate consistent adherence to high ethical principles and his or her reputation should be above reproach. A candidate must also follow campaigning and pledging laws. At a minimum, a sitting judge will be expected to have complied with the Code of Judicial Conduct's requirements to avoid impropriety, the appearance of impropriety, and partiality.</p>			X
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<p>6. Physical Health: The demands of the judicial office require a high level of performance, and a candidate must be both mentally and physically capable of performing the duties of the office sought with or without reasonable accommodation for any mental or physical impairment that substantially limits a major life activity.</p>		X	
<p>7. Mental Stability: The demands of the judicial office require a high level of performance, and a candidate must be both mentally and physically capable of performing the duties of the office sought with or without reasonable accommodation for any mental or physical impairment that substantially limits a major life activity.</p>		X	

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

Related Comments:

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

From our interview and the comments of others, it is clear that Judge Rucker is a thoughtful jurist with both a good sense of humor and good common sense. His many years of experience on the bench and his practical, sensible approach to solving complicated domestic problems are a credit to our judiciary. We believe that he continues to be an outstanding judge.

Stephen Culp
Committee Chair's Name

9/24/15
Date

The Honorable John M. Rucker
Candidate's Name

Piedmont Citizens Committee Report
Sixteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 2
Candidate's Name: The Honorable Daniel Dewitt Hall
Fall Screening 2015

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

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

We have received a number of reports attesting to Judge Hall's diligence, courtesy, and ability during his relatively brief tenure on the bench so far. By all accounts, he is a fine Circuit Court Judge.

Stephen C. P.
Committee Chair's Name

7/24/15
Date

The Honorable Daniel Dewitt Hall
Candidate's Name

Piedmont Citizens Committee Report
Sixteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1
Candidate's Name: The Honorable John Calvin Hayes, III
Fall Screening 2015

	Unqualified	Qualified	Well-Qualified
<p>1. Constitutional Qualifications: A candidate must meet the constitutional or statutory requirements of citizenship, residence, age, and professional experience.</p>		X	
<p>2. Ethical Fitness: A candidate must have the ability to perform adjudicative duties impartially and to deal with litigants, lawyers, witnesses, and other courtroom participants objectively and without bias. A candidate should have a sense of humor and must exhibit trustworthiness, moral vigor, and strength of character. A candidate's past action and deeds should demonstrate consistent adherence to high ethical principles and his or her reputation should be above reproach. A candidate must also follow campaigning and pledging laws. At a minimum, a sitting judge will be expected to have complied with the Code of Judicial Conduct's requirements to avoid impropriety, the appearance of impropriety, and partiality.</p>			X
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<p>4. Character: The character of a candidate regarding his or her ethical standards, work habits, and financial responsibility, will be reviewed, as well as a thorough investigation of any complaints, grievances, or criminal allegations made against a candidate.</p>			X
<p>5. Reputation: Consideration of a candidate's background will include the following: 1) the non-legal candidate's views on social issues and his or her desire to affect public policy. A review will be undertaken to ensure a candidate has followed the Code of Judicial Conduct's prohibition against certain extra-judicial activities and rules governing the use of judicial office.</p>			X
<p>6. Physical Health: The demands of the judicial office require a high level of performance, and a candidate must be both mentally and physically capable of performing the duties of the office sought with or without reasonable accommodation for any mental or physical impairment that substantially limits a major life activity.</p>		X	
<p>7. Mental Stability: The demands of the judicial office require a high level of performance, and a candidate must be both mentally and physically capable of performing the duties of the office sought with or without reasonable accommodation for any mental or physical impairment that substantially limits a major life activity.</p>		X	

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Related Comments:

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

Judges Hayes is a thoughtful, patient and able judge—one of our most experienced on the Circuit Court bench. The Committee was extremely impressed by his cogent responses to our questions and his courtly demeanor. He is an outstanding judge.


 Committee Chair's Name


 Date

The Honorable John Calvin Hayes, III
 Candidate's Name

Piedmont Citizens Committee Report
Circuit Court Judge, Eighth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1
Candidate's Name: The Honorable Frank Robert Addy, Jr.
Fall Screening 2015

	Unqualified	Qualified	Well-Qualified
<p>1. Constitutional Qualifications: A candidate must meet the constitutional or statutory requirements of citizenship, residence, age, and professional experience.</p>		X	
<p>2. Ethical Fitness: A candidate must have the ability to perform adjudicative duties impartially and to deal with litigants, lawyers, witnesses, and other courtroom participants objectively and without bias. A candidate should have a sense of humor and must exhibit trustworthiness, moral vigor, and strength of character. A candidate's past action and deeds should demonstrate consistent adherence to high ethical principles and his or her reputation should be above reproach. A candidate must also follow campaigning and pledging laws. At a minimum, a sitting judge will be expected to have complied with the Code of Judicial Conduct's requirements to avoid impropriety, the appearance of impropriety, and partiality.</p>			X
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<p>7. Mental Stability: The demands of the judicial office require a high level of performance, and a candidate must be both mentally and physically capable of performing the duties of the office sought with or without reasonable accommodation for any mental or physical impairment that substantially limits a major life activity.</p>		X	

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Related Comments:

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

Judge Addy's polite, humble demeanor complements his enormous energy for his job and a razor-sharp mind. The Committee unanimously considers him to be an excellent Circuit Court Judge.

Stephen C. P.
Committee Chair's Name

9/24/15
Date

The Honorable Frank Robert Addy, Jr.
Candidate's Name

**Piedmont Citizens Committee Report
Sixth Judicial Circuit, Seat One
Candidate's Name: The Honorable Brian M. Gibbons
Fall Screening 2015**

	Unqualified	Qualified	Well-Qualified
<p>1. Constitutional Qualifications: A candidate must meet the constitutional or statutory requirements of citizenship, residence, age, and professional experience.</p>		X	
<p>2. Ethical Fitness: A candidate must have the ability to perform adjudicative duties impartially and to deal with litigants, lawyers, witnesses, and other courtroom participants objectively and without bias. A candidate should have a sense of humor and must exhibit trustworthiness, moral vigor, and strength of character. A candidate's past action and deeds should demonstrate consistent adherence to high ethical principles and his or her reputation should be above reproach. A candidate must also follow campaigning and pledging laws. At a minimum, a sitting judge will be expected to have complied with the Code of Judicial Conduct's requirements to avoid impropriety, the appearance of impropriety, and partiality.</p>			X
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Related Comments:

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

Judge Gibbons is a hardworking and enthusiastic judge who combines a great deal of thoughtfulness and common sense. The Committee was struck by his evident diligence and conscientiousness and considers him a fine Circuit Court Judge.

Stephen Cep
Committee Chair's Name

9/24/15
Date

The Honorable Brian M. Gibbons
Candidate's Name

Piedmont Citizens Committee Report
Circuit Court Judge, At Large, Seat 10
Candidate's Name: Mr. William Patrick Frick
Fall Screening 2015

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

Mr. Frick received high marks from numerous references for his ability, intellect, and energy. Responders commented that he is a zealous advocate who vigorously defends the rights of his clients. There was some concern, however, that occasionally Mr. Frick's zeal turns into a short and powerful temper. He will need to restrain that impulse if he becomes a Circuit Judge, but the Committee did not consider that tendency to be disqualifying.

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

Stephen Cp
 Committee Chair's Name

9/29/15
 Date

Mr. William Patrick Frick
 Candidate's Name

**Upstate Citizens Committee Report
Family Court, 10th Judicial Circuit, Seat 2
JUDGE KAREN F. BALLENGER
Fall Screening 2015**

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


NANCY JO THOMASON

September 10, 2015
Date

JUDGE KAREN F. BALLENGER

Upstate Citizens Committee Report
Family Court, 7th Judicial Circuit, Seat 3
JUDGE USHA J. BRIDGES
Fall Screening 2015

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NANCY JO THOMASON

September 10, 2015
Date

JUDGE USHA J. BRIDGES

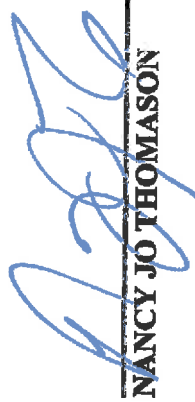
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Supreme Court, Seat 2
JUDGE JOHN CANNON FEW
Fall Screening 2015

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NANCY JO THOMASON

September 10, 2015
Date

JUDGE JOHN CANNON FEW

**Upstate Citizens Committee Report
Family Court, 13th Judicial Circuit, Seat 6
JUDGE ALEX KINLAW, JR.
Fall Screening 2015**

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

September 10, 2015
 Date

 JUDGE ALEX KINLAW, JR.

**Upstate Citizens Committee Report
Supreme Court, Seat 2
JUDGE APHRODITE KONDURAS
Fall Screening 2015**

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