

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

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**SUMMARY STATEMENT:** 

G. Trenholm Walker

Committee Chair's Name

09/09/15

Date

The Hon. Edgar Warren Dickson

Candidate's Name

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

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Date

The Hon. John Lawrence Duffy, III

Candidate's Name

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Committee Chair's Name

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Spiros Stavros Ferderigos

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

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G. Trenholm Walker

Committee Chair's Name

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### Lowcountry Citizens Committee Report Family Court 14<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 2 Candidate's Name: <u>The Hon. Peter L. Fuge</u> Fall Screening 2015

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G. Trenholm Walker

Committee Chair's Name

09/09/15

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The Hon. Peter L. Fuge Candidate's Name

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09/09/15

Date

The Hon. Diane Schafer Goodstein

Candidate's Name

### Lowcountry Citizens Committee Report Family Court 9<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 6 Candidate's Name: <u>The Hon. Jack Alan Landis</u> Fall Screening 2015

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The Hon. Jack Alan Landis Candidate's Name Lowcountry Citizens Committee Report Family Court 9th Judicial Circuit, Seat 3 Candidate's Name: Sean F. Keefer Fall Screening 2015

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G. Trenholm Walker Committee Chair's Name

Sean F. Keefer Candidate's Name

09/09/15 Date

## Lowcountry Citizens Committee Report Family Court 9th Judicial Circuit, Seat 1 Candidate's Name: The Hon. Daniel E. Martin, Jr. Fall Screening 2015

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Committee Chair's Name

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The Hon. Daniel E. Martin, Jr. Candidate's Name

Lowcountry Citizens Committee Report Family Court 9th Judicial Circuit, Seat 3 Candidate's Name: <u>Rita J. Roache</u> Fall Screening 2015

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

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

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

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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

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The Honorable Gwendlyne Young Jones

### Second Judicial Circuit, Family Court Judge, Seat 1 Candidate's Name: The Honorable Vicki J. Snelgrove Fall Screening 2015 Midlands Citizens Committee Report

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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

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The Honorable Vicki J. Snelgrove

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

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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

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The Honorable William Gregory Seigler

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

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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

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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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

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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

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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

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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

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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.

Steven D. Dennis

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The Honorable Doyet A. Early, III

### Fifth Judicial Circuit, Family Court Judge, Seat 1 Candidate's Name: The Honorable Dorothy Mobley Jones Fall Screening 2015 Midlands Citizens Committee Report

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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

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The Honorable Dorothy Mobiey Jones

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

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Related Comments: Mr. Patterson impressed us as being bright, intellectual, curious, thoughtful, and openminded. 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

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Mr. Grady L. Patterson

## Midlands Citizens Committee Report Circuit Court At Large, Seat 10 Candidate's Name: Mr. Jeffrey P. Bloom Fall Screening 2015

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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 idate's Name: Mr. Joseph M. Epting. Jr.

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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

but he has already begun to remedy his shortcoming by taking seminars on criminal law and attending sessions of Related Comments: Like several of our candidates for this seat, Mr. Riebold lacks experience in criminal law, 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

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Mr. Robert L. Reibold

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

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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

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: <u>Jerome P. Askins, III</u> Fall Screening 2015

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### Related Comments:

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Jerome P. Askins, III Candidate's Name

9/8/15 Date

## 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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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.

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Diane Rabon Bagnal

Honorable Cely Anne Brigman Candidate's Name

9/8/15 Date

# Pee Dee Citizens Committee Report Third Circuit, Seat #1 Candidate's Nane: Honorable Ralph Ferrell Cothran, Jr. Fall Screening 2015

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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

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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

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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.

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9/8/15 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

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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.

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Honorable James E. Lockemy. Candidate's Name

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#### Pee Dee Citizens Committee Report Family Court, 3rd Circuit, Seat #1

# Candidate's Name: Honorable George Marion McFaddin, Jr. Fall Screening 2015

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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:

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9/8/15 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

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Related Comments: Very thorough and fair judge

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

9/8/15 Date

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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

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#### 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.

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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

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#### 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 approach to solving complicated domestic problems are a credit to our judiciary. We believe that he continues to sense of humor and good common sense. His many years of experience on the bench and his practical, sensible be an outstanding judge.

Committee Chair's Name

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

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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.

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The Honorable Daniel Dewitt Hall Candidate's Name

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

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## SUMMARY STATEMENT:

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

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The Honorable John Calvin Haves, 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

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## 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.

Sommittee Chair's Name

The Honorable Frank Robert Addv. Jr. Candidate's Name

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

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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.

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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

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Mr. Frick received high marks from numerous references for his ability, intellect, and energy. Responders 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 commented that he is a zealous advocate who vigorously defends the rights of his clients. disqualifying.

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Mr. William Patrick Frick Candidate's Name

#### Upstate Citizens Committee Report Family Court, 10<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 2 JUDGE KAREN F. BALLENGER Fall Screening 2015

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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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