Circuit Court

Circuit Judges, Official Reporters, Judicial Circuits, and At-Large Judges

46 Judges: 33 elected by the General Assembly from the sixteen Judicial Circuits for 6-year terms; 13 elected by the General Assembly from the State at-large for 6-year terms—Act 164, 1979, Sec. 14-5-610 of the 1976 Code, amended by Act 610, 1990. Act 145, 1995 added 3 new at-large seats. Act 222, 1997 added 3 new circuit seats. Act 241, 2012, added 3 new at-large seats.

First Circuit

***Counties*—Calhoun, Dorchester, Orangeburg**

DICKSON, Edgar W. (2009–22), Judge of the First Circuit, Seat 1, 151 Docket St., P.O. Box 1949, Orangeburg 29116, Tel. (803) 535-2187, Fax (803) 535-2188; *b.* Aug. 26, 1950; *s.* Glenn Wells Dickson, Sr. and Katherine Montgomery Dickson; *g.* Univ. of S.C., B.S., 1972, J.D., 1977; Nov. 17, 1973 *m.* Lessie Gayle Floyd, 2 children, E. Charles and James F.; mem.: S.C. Bar; Orangeburg Co. Bar Assn.; Amer. Bar Assn.; St. Andrews Soc. of Cola.; Soc. of High Hill of the Santee; Orangeburg Presbyterian Church Soc.; First Presbyterian Church, Elder; elected Judge of the First Circuit, Seat 1, Feb. 11, 2009 to succeed James C. Williams, retired; qualified Feb. 27, 2009, serving continuously since.

Admin. Asst.—Catherine C. Wilson . . . . . .Orangeburg
Court Reporter—Katherine Spires . . . . . .Swansea
Solicitor—David M. Pascoe, Jr. (2021) . . . . . .Summerville
Public Defender—Mark A. Leiendecker . . . . . .Summerville

GOODSTEIN, Diane Schafer (1998–22), Judge of the First Circuit, Seat 2, P.O. Box 234, St. George 29477, Tel. (843) 832-0332; *b.* Dec. 1, 1955 in Dillon; *d.* Joseph M. Schafer and Helen Schafer Mast; *g.* Univ. of N.C. at Chapel Hill, B.A., 1978, J.D., 1981; Apr. 2, 1983 *m.* Arnold S. Goodstein; private practice, Goodstein, Bowling, Douglas & Phillips, 1981–83; Partner/VP, Goodstein & Goodstein, P.A., 1983–98; Dorchester Co. Atty., 1986–88; Bd. mem.: Greater Summerville Chamber

of Commerce; Hospice of Charleston; My Sister's House; S.C. Bar Professional Responsibility Com.; Dorchester Co. Centennial Com.; Bd. of Dirs., KK Beth Elohim, 2000–04; mem., Circuit Judge's Adv. Com.; Panel Chair of the Comm. on Judicial Conduct; 2012 recipient of the Pursuit of Justice Award from the Amer. Bar Assn. Litigation/Ins. Section; 2014 Portrait Recipient, S.C. Assn. for Justice; 2014–15 Del. to Amer. Bar Assn.; elected Judge of the First Circuit, Seat 2, May 5, 1998 to fulfill Act 458, 1996; qualified May 26, 1998, serving continuously since.

Admin. Asst.—Karen Parker . . . . . .Harleyville
Law Clerk—W. Richards Hundley . . . . . .Charleston
Solicitor—David M. Pascoe, Jr. (2021) . . . . . .Summerville
Public Defender—Mark A. Leiendecker . . . . . .Summerville

Second Circuit

***Counties*—Aiken, Bamberg, Barnwell**

POPE, Courtney Clyburn (2019–22), Judge of the Second Circuit, Seat 1, P.O. Box Q, 109 Park Ave. SE, Aiken 29802-0680, Tel. (803) 502-9000 Ext: 4131; *b.* in Aiken; *d.* William and Beverly Clyburn; *g.* Univ. of S.C., B.A., 2001, J.D., 2007; *m.* George W. Pope III, 3 children; private practice: McAngus, Goudelock, and Courie; partner, Clyburn Pope & Price, LLC; Prosecutor and City Atty. for the City of Aiken; mem., Links, Inc.; Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.; elected May 8, 2019, to fulfill the unexpired term of Doyet A. Early III, retired; qualified June 18, 2019.

Admin. Asst.—Nicole Y. Gaines . . . . . .Aiken
Law Clerk—Jonathan Malloy . . . . . .Aiken
Court Reporter—Brenda J. Sigwald . . . . . .Aiken
Solicitor—J. Strom Thurmond, Jr. (2021) . . . . . .Aiken
Public Defender—D. Grant Gibbons . . . . . .Aiken

Third Circuit

***Counties*—Clarendon, Lee, Sumter, Williamsburg**

COTHRAN, Ralph Ferrell, Jr. (2006–22), Judge of the Third Circuit, Seat 1, 16 N. Brooks St., Manning 29102, Tel. (803) 435-2450; *b.* Feb. 14, 1952 in Clarendon Co.; *s.* Ralph Ferrell and Ruth Cothran; *g.* Univ. of S.C., B.A., 1974, J.D., 1977; Apr. 12, 1985 *m.* Deborah Jean Brakefield, 3 children, Scott Ferrell, Michael Bailey, and stepson, Marion Epps Dubose IV; past Chm., Clarendon Co. Election Comm.; Chm., United Way; mem.: Rotary Club, 1989–06; S.C. Bar Assn.; Clarendon Co. Bar Assn.; Clarendon Co. Atty.; Asst. Solicitor, Clarendon Co., 1983–06; Fee Dispute & Resolution Bd.; Session Presbyterian Church; elected Judge of the Third Circuit, Seat 1, Feb. 15, 2006 to fulfill the unexpired term of Thomas W. Cooper, Jr., retired; qualified Oct. 4, 2006, serving continuously since.

Admin. Asst.—Gayle Brunson . . . . . .Manning
Court Reporter—vacant
Solicitor—Ernest A. Finney III (2023) . . . . . .Sumter
Public Defender—Jack D. Howle, Jr. . . . . .Sumter

CURTIS, Kristi Fisher (2018–24), Judge of the Third Circuit, Seat 2, 215 N. Harvin St., Sumter 29150, Tel. (803) 436-2152; *b.* July 11, 1969 in Texas; *d.* Sterling M., Jr. and Bettye Jo Fisher; *g.* Univ. of S.C., 1991, B.A., 1995, J.D.; May 20, 1995 *m.* Warren S. Curtis, 2 children, Chandler and Connor; Chief Magistrate, Sumter Co., 2011–18; mem., Sumter Rotary Club, 2004–; Avenue of Service Award, 2014–15; Pres., Sumter YMCA Bd. of Dirs., 2015; mem., Alice Drive Baptist Church; elected Feb. 7, 2018 to fulfill the unexpired term of George C. "Buck" James, Jr., elected to Supreme Court.

Fourth Circuit

***Counties*—Chesterfield, Darlington, Marlboro, Dillon**

BURCH, Paul Michael (1991–22), Judge of the Fourth Circuit, Seat 1, P.O. Box 276, Pageland 29728, Tel. (843) 672-3270; residing in Pageland; *b.* 1954 in Charlotte, N.C.; *s.* William B. and Laura (Arant) Burch; *g.* Univ. of S.C. Lancaster, A.S., Criminal Justice, 1974; Univ. of S.C., B.S., 1976, M.A., 1978, J.D., 1980; graduate, Gen. Jurisdiction and Advanced Evidence Course of Natl. Judicial Coll., Reno, Nevada; Aug. 1, 1976 *m.* Kimberly Lee Thomas, 3 children, Kendall Renee, Ashley Lee, and Paul Michael, Jr.; Chesterfield Co. Council, 1983–88, VC, 1987–88; past Chm. of Trustees and Admin. Bd. of Pageland United Methodist Church; past Master, Mt. Moriah Masonic Lodge No. 58 A.F.M.; Jamil Shrine Temple; Pageland Police Dept. (6 years); Pageland Volunteer Fire Dept. (48 years); past Chm., Sandhill Ducks Unlimited; Sentencing Guidelines Comm.; Legis. Fire Caucus; House of Reps., 1988–91; Judicial Del. to the ABA Natl. Conf., 2000–02; Pres., S.C. Circuit Court Judges Assn., 2008–10; elected Judge of the Fourth Circuit, Seat 1, May 29, 1991 to fulfill the unexpired term of C. Anthony Harris, retired; qualified July 10, 1991, serving continuously since.

Admin. Asst.—Dell B. Chapman . . . . . .Pageland
Law Clerk—Gino S. Truncellito . . . . . .Pageland
Court Reporter—Hattie Gordon . . . . . .Wallace
Solicitor—Will Rogers . . . . . .Bennettsville
Public Defender—Matthew Rivers . . . . . .Dillon

HENDERSON, Roger E. (2015–24), Judge of the Fourth Circuit, Seat 2, P.O. Box 311, 200 W. Main St., Chesterfield 29709, Tel. (843) 623-3080, Fax (843) 623-3402; residing in Chesterfield; *b.* Oct. 12, 1949 in Wadesboro, N.C.; *s.* the late James F., Sr. and Selma R. Henderson; *g.* Wofford Coll., 1971, B.S.; Univ. of S.C., 1977, J.D.; May 24, 1975 *m.* Sarah Jane Leppard, 3 children, Emory, Charlotte, and Roger Edward, Jr., 4 grandchildren; mem., Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity; firm of Henderson & Spencer, 1977–95; Chm., Chesterfield Co. Election Comm., 1979–84; Higher Educ. Comm., 1986–93; Bd.

of Comrs., Grievances and Discipline, 1986–90; Asst. Recorder, Town of Chesterfield, 1979–80, Recorder, 1981–82; mem.: S.C. Bar Assn.; Chesterfield Co. Bar Assn.; Amer. Bar Assn.; past mem.: S.C. Trial Lawyers' Assn.; Jaycees; Lion's Club; Chesterfield Civitan Club; Chesterfield Serv. Club; Boy Scout Troop 650; Eagle Scout; admitted to practice in all S.C. courts and the U.S. Dist. Court for the Dist. of S.C.; past Pres., S.C. Conf. of Family Court Judges; awarded the Family Court's Buchan, Brown and Jacobs Award in 2014; mem., Chesterfield Baptist Church; mil. serv.: USAR, 1971–77; Family Court Judge, 1995–15; elected Circuit Judge of the Fourth Circuit, Seat 2, Feb. 4, 2015 to fulfill the unexpired term of J. Michael Baxley, resigned.

Admin. Asst.—Mary Mumford . . . . . .Chesterfield
Law Clerk—Jody Lyles . . . . . .Chesterfield

Fifth Circuit

***Counties*—Kershaw, Richland**

BENJAMIN, DeAndrea Gist (2011–25), Judge of the Fifth Circuit, Seat 1, P.O. Box 192, Columbia 29202, Tel. (803) 576-1746, Fax (803) 576-1777; residing in Columbia; *b.* Oct. 4, 1972 in Richland Co.; *d.* Donald and Adrienne Gist; *g.* Winthrop Univ., B.A., 1994; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1997; June 8, 2002 *m.* Stephen K. Benjamin, 2 children; Asst. Solicitor, Richland Co. Solicitor's Office, 1998–99; Asst. Atty. Gen., Atty. Gen.'s Office, 1999–01; Juvenile Parole Bd., 2001–04; Gist Law Firm, 2001–11; City of Cola. Municipal Judge, 2004–11; Chm., S.C. Bar Young Lawyer's Div., 2006–07; mem.: S.C. Bar Bd. of Govs., 2007–09; S.C. Bar House of Delegates, 2004–09; ABA Young Lawyer's Div.; S.C. Women Lawyers Assn.; S.C. Black Lawyers Assn.; Richland Co. Bar Assn.; S.C. Appleseed Foundation; Cola. Alumnae Chap. of Delta Sigma Theta; Bd. mem.: Edventure Children's Museum; Congaree Girl Scouts; mem., St. John Baptist Church; elected Judge of the Fifth Circuit, Seat 1, to fulfill the unexpired term of John Ernest Kinard, Jr., retired; qualified Nov. 16, 2010, serving continuously since.

Admin. Asst.—Jerrell Kirk-James . . . . . .Columbia
Court Reporter—Deborah M. McCurdy . . . . . .Columbia
Solicitor—Byron E. Gipson (2023) . . . . . .Columbia
Public Defender—Fielding Pringle . . . . . .Columbia

MANNING, Lee Casey (1994–24), Judge of the Fifth Circuit, Seat 2, P.O. Box 192, Columbia 29202, Tel. (803) 576-1773, Fax (803) 576-1744; residing in Columbia; elected Judge of the Fifth Circuit, Seat 2, Feb. 2, 1994; qualified Mar. 31, 1994, serving continuously since.

Admin. Asst.—Raye Jefferson . . . . . .Columbia
Court Reporter—Elizabeth Harris . . . . . .Columbia
Solicitor—Byron E. Gipson (2023) . . . . . .Columbia
Public Defender—Fielding Pringle . . . . . .Columbia

HOOD, Robert E. (2013–21), Judge of the Fifth Circuit, Seat 3, 1701 Main St., Room 222, P.O. Box 192, Columbia 29202-0192, Tel. (803) 576-1770, Fax (803) 576-1772; *s.* H.C. and Brenda B. Hood; *g.* The Citadel, B.A., 1998; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 2001; mem., Moot Court Bar; Order of the Barristers; Asst. Solicitor; 5th Judicial Circuit, 2001–03; Asst. Atty. for the Statewide Grand Jury, 2003–05; private practice, 2005–12; elected Feb. 1, 2012, to fulfill the unexpired term of G. Thomas Cooper, Jr., retired; qualified Jan. 2, 2013, serving continuously since.

Admin. Asst.—Jeanne-Marie Bolin . . . . . .Columbia
Court Reporter—Karen Ambroziak . . . . . .Blythewood
Solicitor—Byron E. Gipson (2023) . . . . . .Columbia
Public Defender—Fielding Pringle . . . . . .Columbia

Sixth Circuit

***Counties*—Chester, Lancaster, Fairfield**

GIBBONS, Brian McDowell (2013–22), Judge of the Sixth Circuit, Seat 1, P.O. Box 580, Chester 29706, Tel. (803) 581-4115; residing in Chester; *b.* Nov. 24, 1966 in Orangeburg; *s.* I. McDowell "Mac" and Beverly Williamson Gibbons; *g.* The Citadel, B.S., 1989; Univ. of S.C. School of Law, J.D., 1992; *m.* Lorena Crouch, 3 children, Mason Bradley, Mitchell Banks, and Marshall Britt; founding Pres., Chester/Fairfield Citadel Club; private practice, Hamilton, Delleney and Gibbons, 1992–05; former city atty., Chester; former town atty., Fort

Lawn and Great Falls; past Pres., Chester Rotary Club; Blackstock Bluegrass; Chester YMCA Bd.; Bd. mem., Richard Winn Academy; Sixth Circuit rep. for the S.C. Trial Lawyers Bd. of Govs.; licensed to practice in all state courts, the Fed. Dist. Court, and U.S. Court of Appeals; Family Court Judge, 2005–13; mem., Diaconate, Chester Assoc. Reformed Presbyterian Church; elected Judge of the Sixth Circuit, Seat 1, May 15, 2013 to fulfill the unexpired term of Brooks Pope Goldsmith, retired.

Admin. Asst.—Mary Orr . . . . . .Chester
Law Clerk—F. Elliott Meyers . . . . . .Chester
Solicitor—Randy E. Newman, Jr. (2023) . . . . . .Lancaster
Public Defender—Michael H. Lifsey . . . . . .Chester

Seventh Circuit

***Counties*—Cherokee, Spartanburg**

COLE, Joseph Derham (1992–25), Judge of the Seventh Circuit, Seat 1, P.O. Box 1744, Spartanburg 29304, Tel. (864) 596-2685; residing in Spartanburg; *b.* May 27, 1952; *s.* Claude, Jr. and Esther L. Lewis Cole; *g.* Spartanburg High School, 1970; Univ. of S.C., B.A., 1974, J.D., 1976; Aug. 10, 1974 *m.* Candace Linn Carlson, 3 children, J. Derham, Jr., Jonathan, and Carlson; mem.: Co. & S.C. Bar Assns.; Natl. Jud. Coll., Univ. of Nevada, 1993; Asst. Circuit Solicitor, Seventh Judicial Circuit, 1977–85; Chm., Spartanburg Co. House Delegation; VC, Spartanburg Co. Legis. Delegation; Order of the Palmetto; 2019 Chief Justice Claude A. Taylor Distinguished Service Award from Spartanburg Co. Bar Assn.; panel Chm., Comm. on Judicial Conduct, 2001–; VP, S.C. Assn. Circuit Judges, 2008–10, Pres., 2010–12; Del., Natl. Conf. State Trial Judges, 2010–15; mem., Amer. Bar Assn.; designated S.C. Bus. Court Judge; prev. serv. in House 1987–92; elected Judge of the Seventh Circuit, Seat 1, Feb. 5, 1992; qualified Mar. 31, 1992, serving continuously since.

Admin. Asst.—Sue Pardue . . . . . .Spartanburg
Law Clerk—Dalton Barfield . . . . . .Spartanburg
Court Reporter—Linda Moffitt . . . . . .Spartanburg
Solicitor—Barry J. Barnette (2021) . . . . . .Spartanburg
Public Defender—Clay T. Allen . . . . . .Spartanburg

KNIE, Grace Gilchrist (2017–24) Judge of the Seventh Circuit, Seat 2, 180 Magnolia St., Spartanburg 29306; Tel. (864) 596-2285; residing in Spartanburg Co.; *b.* Aug. 13 in Augusta, Ga.; *d.* James W. and Elizabeth H. Gilchrist; *g.* Columbia Coll., B.A., 1986; 2003 *m.* Patrick E. Knie; Martindale-Hubbell AV Pre-eminent rating; mem., Super Lawyers; past Pres., Spartanburg Co. Bar Assn.; past Chm., Cinderella Prom Dress Project of the Spartanburg Co. Bar Assn.; City Prosecutor, City of Spartanburg for more than 15 years; elected Judge of the Seventh Circuit, Seat 2, Feb. 1, 2017 to fulfill the unexpired term of Roger L. Couch, retired.

Admin. Asst.—Ashley Searcy . . . . . .Spartanburg
Law Clerk—Meghan Gasser . . . . . .Spartanburg
Solicitor—Barry J. Barnette (2021) . . . . . .Spartanburg
Public Defender—Clay T. Allen . . . . . .Spartanburg

Eighth Circuit

***Counties*—Abbeville, Greenwood, Laurens, Newberry**

ADDY, Frank R., Jr. (2010–22), Judge of the Eighth Circuit, Seat 1, 528 Monument St., Suite 210, Greenwood 29646, Tel. (864) 943-8020, Fax (864) 942-8581; *b.* Nov. 5, 1967 in Greenwood; *s.* Mary Katherine and the late F. Robert Addy, Sr.; *g.* Univ. of S.C., B.A., 1990, J.D., 1993; *m.* Kelly Sprouse; Univ. of S.C. School of Law, Articles Editor for the Student Editorial Bd. of the Real Property, Probate, and Trust Journal; Pres., Intl. Law Soc.; Intl. Moot Court Team; mem., Palmetto Law Soc.; admitted to the S.C. Bar, 1993; former Asst. Solicitor, Eighth Circuit; Dep. Solicitor, 1995; private practice, 1997; Public Defender, Greenwood and Abbeville Cos., 1998–99; Greenwood Co. Probate Judge, 1999–10; Chm., Probate Judge's Adv. Com. to the Chief Justice, 2001–03; Exec. of the Year award from the Emerald Chap. of the IAAP, 2003; Pres., S.C. Assn. of Probate Judges, 2005–06; Special Circuit Judge, 2006–07; mem.: Greenwood Masonic Lodge #91; St. Mark United Methodist Church; Judge, Eighth Circuit Drug Court, 2008–; elected Judge of the Eighth Circuit, Seat 1, Feb. 3, 2010 to fulfill the unexpired term of Wyatt Saunders, deceased; qualified Apr. 19, 2010, serving continuously since.

Admin. Asst.—Freda Sartin . . . . . .Greenwood
Law Clerk—Jaquon E. Irby . . . . . .Greenwood
Solicitor—David M. Stumbo (2021) . . . . . .Greenwood
Public Defender—Janna Gregory . . . . . .Greenwood

GRIFFITH, Eugene C. (2009–24), Judge of the Eighth Circuit, Seat 2, 1226 College St., Newberry 29108, Tel. (803) 321-1430, Fax (803) 276-3281; *b.* Dec. 12, 1964; *s.* the late Eugene C. and Anne Bruner Griffith; *g.* Univ. of S.C., B.S., Bus. Admin., 1987, J.D., 1990; 3 children, Cannon, Geena, and Patrick; Griffith Law Firm, 1992–97; Rushing and Griffith, P.C., 1997–09; Special Prosecutor for the Eighth Judicial Circuit, 2005–09; Newberry City Atty., 1994–09; mem.: S.C. Assn. for Justice & Amer. Assn. for Justice; ABA, S.C. Bar, Newberry Co. Bar; Newberry Co. Public Defender Corp. Bd., 1994–04; Newberry Country Club Bd. of Dirs., 2000–02; Dixie Youth Baseball, Coach, 2000–11; Newberry Co. Chamber of Commerce, 1998–09; Piedmont Citizens Com. on Judicial Qualifications, 2004–06; Newberry Co. Tax Adv. Com., 2006–09; Central United Methodist Church: Youth Group Coordinator, former Admin. Bd. Chair, Treas., and Fin. Com. Chair; elected Judge of the Eighth Circuit, Seat 2, Feb. 11, 2009 to fulfill the unexpired term of J. W. Johnson, deceased; qualified Feb. 27, 2009, serving continuously since.

Court Reporter—Joy Holston . . . . . .Newberry
Solicitor—David M. Stumbo (2021) . . . . . .Greenwood
Public Defender—Janna Gregory . . . . . .Greenwood

Ninth Circuit

***Counties*—Charleston, Berkeley**

JEFFERSON, Deadra L. (2001–25), Judge of the Ninth Circuit, Seat 1, 100 Broad St., Suite 336, Charleston 29401-2283, Tel. (843) 958-5147, Fax (843) 958-5148; *b.* Charleston; *g.* Converse Coll., B.A.; Univ. of S.C., J.D.; law clerk to the Hon. Richard E. Fields; *Who's Who Among Amer. Coll. and Univ. Students*; Junior League of Charleston, 1993–03; Delta Sigma Theta Sor., Inc.; mem.: Life Center of Charleston, Bd. of Trustees, 2000–; Bd. of Trustees, Converse Coll., 2002–; Bd. of Advisors, Charleston School of Law, 2003–; Charleston Chap.

of Links, Inc.; Liberty Fellowship; Judge of the Family Court, Ninth Judicial Circuit, Seat 5, 1996–01; elected Judge of the Ninth Circuit, Seat 1, May 30, 2001 to succeed Daniel E. Martin, retired; qualified July 2, 2001, serving continuously since.
Admin. Asst.—Chanda Sheppard . . . . . .Charleston
Court Reporter—vacant
Solicitor—Scarlett Wilson (2021) . . . . . .Charleston
Public Defender—D. Ashley Pennington . . . . . .Charleston

PRICE, Bentley D. (2019–25), Judge of the Ninth Circuit, Seat 2, 100 Broad St., Suite 432, Charleston 29401, Tel. (843) 958-4450, Fax (843) 958-5095; *b.* Oct. 19, 1976; *s.* Jimmy D. and Judy L. Price; *g.* Wofford Coll., 1999; Stetson Univ. Coll. of Law, J.D., 2002; married, 2 children; elected Judge of the Ninth Circuit, Seat 2, Feb. 6, 2019; qualified Mar. 4, 2019.
Admin. Asst.—Tamara Walters . . . . . .Charleston
Law Clerk—Juliana Beeks . . . . . .Charleston
Solicitor—Scarlett Wilson (2021) . . . . . .Charleston
Public Defender—D. Ashley Pennington . . . . . .Charleston

YOUNG, Roger M. (2003–21), Judge of the Ninth Circuit, Seat 3, 100 Broad St., Charleston 29401, Tel. (843) 958-2015, Fax (843) 740-5108; *g.* Charleston Southern Univ., B.S., 1980; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1983; Univ. of Nevada-Reno, M.J.S., 2000; *m.* Tara Amick Young; N. Charleston Municipal Court Judge, 1988–90; S.C. House of Reps., 1990–94; Charleston Co. Master-in-Equity, 1996–03; elected Judge of the Ninth Circuit, Seat 3, May 29, 2002 to succeed A. Victor Rawl, retired; qualified July 11, 2003, serving continuously since.
Admin. Asst.—Robyn Hills . . . . . .Mt. Pleasant
Law Clerk—Lyndsay Luthringer . . . . . .Isle of Palms
Court Reporter—Amanda Haffenden . . . . . .Summerville
Solicitor—Scarlett Wilson (2021) . . . . . .Charleston
Public Defender—D. Ashley Pennington . . . . . .Charleston

Tenth Circuit

***Counties*—Anderson, Oconee**

McINTOSH, Rivers Lawton (2009–25), Judge of the Tenth Circuit, Seat 1, P.O. Box 8002, Anderson 29622, Tel. (864) 260-4059; *b.* Apr. 10, 1960 in Anderson; *s.* Jack F. and Frances Varn McIntosh; *g.* Wofford, 1982; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1986; 1 daughter, Katie; private practice, 1987–09; mem.: St. John's Methodist Church; elected Judge of the Tenth Circuit, Seat 1, May 13, 2009 to succeed J. C. Nicholson, retired; qualified July 21, 2009, serving continuously since.

Admin. Asst.—Tammy Jennings . . . . . .Anderson
Law Clerk—Jordan Thayer . . . . . .Anderson
Court Reporter—vacant
Solicitor—David Wagner (2021) . . . . . .Anderson
Public Defender—Jennifer Johnson . . . . . .Anderson

SPROUSE, R. Scott (2015–24), Judge of the Tenth Circuit, Seat 2, P.O. Box 1277, Walhalla 29691, Tel. (864) 638-4266; residing in Walhalla; *b.* July 5, 1964 in Scottsboro, Ala.; *s.* Bobby J. Sprouse and Dorothy Bridges Sprouse; *g.* Clemson Univ., B.A., 1985; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1989; *m.* Mary Stoudemire Sprouse, 2 children, Robert Ward and John Pegram; City Atty., City of Westminster, 1992–14; Hearing Off., ABC Comm., 1993–94; Municipal Judge, City of Walhalla, 1996–14; Municipal Judge, Town of Salem, 2011–14; mem.: S.C. Bar Assn.; Oconee Co. Bar Assn.; S.C. Assn. for Justice (f/k/a SCTLA), 1993–14; Amer. Assn. for Justice (f/k/a ATLA), 1993–14; Natl. Judicial Coll., Reno, NV, American Bar Assn. Judicial Div.; Seneca Sertoma Club, 1991–09; mem., St. John's Lutheran Church in Walhalla; elected Judge of the Tenth Circuit, Seat 2, May 28, 2014 to succeed The Hon. Alexander S. Macaulay, retired.

Admin. Asst.—Renee Hattenstein . . . . . .Westminster
Law Clerk—Mary Catherine Harbin . . . . . .Clemson
Court Reporter—Diane Marcengill . . . . . .Walhalla
Solicitor—David R. Wagener (2021) . . . . . .Anderson

Eleventh Circuit

***Counties*—Lexington, Saluda, Edgefield, McCormick**

KEESLEY, William Paul (1991–24), Judge of the Eleventh Circuit, Seat 1, P.O. Box 10, Edgefield 29824, Tel. (803) 637-4095; residing in Edgefield; *b.* 1953 in Augusta, Ga.; *s.* the late Archie E. and Lois Keesley; *g.* Wofford Coll., B.A., Govt., 1975; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1978; *m.* Linda F. Black, 1 child, Kylie; Phi Beta Kappa, 1975; past Pres., Edgefield Co. Bar Assn.; former Tri-County Public Defender; former Asst. Solicitor, 11th Circuit; mem., House of Reps., 1989–91; elected Judge of the Eleventh Circuit, Seat 1, May 8, 1991 to fulfill the unexpired term of Hubert E. Long, retired; qualified Aug. 13, 1991, serving continuously since.

Admin. Asst.—Nancy C. Turner . . . . . .Johnston
Solicitor—S. Richardson Hubbard (2023) . . . . . .Lexington
Public Defender—Robert M. Madsen . . . . . .Lexington

McLEOD, Walton James "Tad" (2018–24), Judge of the Eleventh Circuit, Seat 2, 205 E. Main St., Lexington 29072, Tel. (803) 785-8239; residing in Lexington Co.; *b.* in Columbia; *s.* Walton J. McLeod III and Julie Hamiter McLeod; *g.* Tulane Univ., B.A., 2001; Univ. of S.C., School of Law, J.D., 2008; attended Gray's Inn, London, England, 2006; Apr. 18, 2009 *m.* Catherine Nelson, 3 children, Jay, Thomas, and Caroline; Eagle Scout, 1994; Judicial Law Clerk for Hon. James R. Barber III, 2008–09; private practice, Woods Law Firm, Lexington, S.C. 2009–11; Mike Kelly Law Group, 2011–15; McLeod Law Group, 2015–18; mem.: Richland Sertoma Club, 2011–16; S.C. Bar Conventions Com., Chm., 2016–18; American Legion 2002–; Lifetime mem., Veterans of Foreign Wars; St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, 2011–; mil. serv.: U.S. Navy 2001–05; Navigator, USS MITSCHER; Strike Warfare Officer, USS THORN; elected Judge of the Eleventh Circuit, seat 2, February 7, 2018.

Admin. Asst.—Rhoda Hinson . . . . . .Columbia
Law Clerk—Will Whitney . . . . . .W. Columbia
Court Reporter—Bethany Creppon . . . . . .Lexington
Solicitor—S. Richardson Hubbard (2023) . . . . . .Lexington
Public Defender—Robert M. Madsen . . . . . .Lexington

Twelfth Circuit

***Counties*—Florence, Marion**

NETTLES, Michael Gary (2005–24), Judge of the Twelfth Circuit, Seat 1, 181 N. Irby St., Suite 3610, Florence 29501, Tel. (843) 292-7433, Fax (843) 292-7436, email: mnettlessc@sccourts.org; residing at 311 Lancelot Way, Lake City; *b.* Mar. 9, 1959 in Lake City; *s.* E. LeRoy Nettles, Sr. and the late Beverly Herlong Nettles; *g.* The Carolina Academy, 1977; Wofford Coll., B.A., *cum laude*, 1981; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1984; May 17, 1986 *m.* the late Donna Jean Hicks, 3 children, Megan Herlong, Lauren Elizabeth, and Jason Michael; mem., Lake City First Baptist Church; Pres., Lake City Rotary, 1989; elected Judge of the Twelfth Circuit, Seat 1, Feb. 2, 2005 to fulfill the unexpired term of B. Hicks Harwell, Jr., retired; qualified Feb. 22, 2005, serving continuously since.

Admin. Asst.—Sherri Byrd . . . . . .Florence
Law Clerk—Alyssa Iglesias . . . . . .Florence
Solicitor—Edgar L. Clements III (2023) . . . . . .Florence
Public Defender—Scott P. Floyd . . . . . .Florence

Thirteenth Circuit

***Counties*—Greenville, Pickens**

GRAVELY, Perry H. (2015–22), Judge of the Thirteenth Circuit, Seat 1, P.O. Box 219, Pickens 29671, Tel. (864) 898-5790, email: pgravelyj@sccourts.org; *g.* Wofford Coll., B.A., *summa cum laude*, 1983; Univ. of S.C. School of Law, J.D., Order of Wig and Robe, 1986; *m.* Kathryn Coleman Gravely, 4 children; Assoc., Leatherwood, Walker, Todd and Mann, 1986–92; Assoc. and partner, Acker, Acker, Welmaker and Johnson, 1992–95; sole practitioner, The Gravely Law Firm, P.A., 1995–15; Municipal Judge for the City of Pickens, 2003–15; S.C. Bar House of Delegates; finalist for Pro Bono Lawyer of the Year, 1989; Bronze Compleat Lawyer Award from the Univ. of S.C. School of Law Alumni Assn., 1995; elected Judge of the Thirteenth Circuit, Seat 1, Feb. 4, 2015 to fulfill the unexpired term of G. Edward Welmaker, retired.

Admin. Asst.—Laura Colwell . . . . . .Pickens
Law Clerk—Christian Thorndike . . . . . .Pickens

Solicitor—W. Walter Wilkins III (2023) . . . . . .Greenville
Public Defender—Chris Scalzo . . . . . .Greenville

VERDIN, Letitia H. (2011–24), Judge of the Thirteenth Circuit, Seat 2, 305 E. North St., Suite 318, Greenville 29601, Tel. (864) 467-8448; *b.* June 27, 1970; *d.* Harry R. and Angela Blackston Hamilton; *g.* Furman Univ., B.S., 1992; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1997; Aug. 16, 1997 *m.* Charles S. Verdin IV, 2 children; Family Court Judge, Thirteenth Circuit, Seat 3, 2008–11; elected Judge of the Thirteenth Circuit, Seat 2, Feb. 2, 2011 to fulfill the unexpired term of John C. Few, elected to Court of Appeals; qualified Feb. 2, 2011, serving continuously since.

Admin. Asst.—Brittany Long . . . . . .Greenville
Law Clerk—William Maurides . . . . . .Greenville
Solicitor—W. Walter Wilkins III (2023) . . . . . .Greenville
Public Defender—Chris Scalzo . . . . . .Greenville

STILWELL, Robin B. (2009–21), Judge of the Thirteenth Circuit, Seat 3, Co. Courthouse, 305 E. North St., Suite 315, Greenville 29601, Tel. (864) 467-8406, Fax (864) 235-3625; *b.* Dec. 20, 1966; *s.* H. Samuel and Robin Scarborough Stilwell; *g.* The Citadel, Class of 1989; M.A., Strategic Studies, U.S. Army War Coll., 2016; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1993; *m.* Charlotte Whelan, 3 children, Charlotte Elizabeth "Eli", Dorothy Scarborough "Dee", and Joseph Whelan; elected Judge of the Thirteenth Circuit, Seat 3, May 13, 2009, serving continuously since.

Admin. Asst.—Carole Ring . . . . . .Greenville
Law Clerk—Kamairi Fayall . . . . . .Greenville
Court Reporter—April Herron . . . . . .Greenville
Solicitor—W. Walter Wilkins III (2023) . . . . . .Greenville
Public Defender—Chris Scalzo . . . . . .Greenville

KINLAW, Alex, Jr. (2018–22), Judge of the Thirteenth Circuit, Seat 4, 305 E. North St., Greenville 29601, Tel. (864) 467-8551; *s.* Rev. Alex, Sr. and Corine Giles Kinlaw; *g.* Univ. of S.C., B.A., 1975, J.D., 1978, Natl. Coll. of Criminal Defense Lawyers, 1981; *m.* Yvette Wiggins, 2 children, Brandon and Alex III; atty., S.C. Legal Servs., 1978–80; Greenville Co. Asst. Public Defender, 1980–81; past Bd. mem.: Legal Servs. Agency of Western Carolina, Greenville Urban League, Housing Bd. of the Urban League of the Upstate; Greenville Co. Mental Health Bd., Greenville Cultural Exchange Bd.; admitted to practice in all S.C. Courts, U.S. Dist. Court for the Dist. of S.C., and U.S. Supreme Court; mem.: S.C. Bar; Greenville Co. Bar; Natl. Bar Assn.; Donald James Sampson Bar Assn.; Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity; Sigma Psi Fraternity; mem. & Trustee, Reedy River Missionary Baptist Church; elected Feb. 7, 2018 to fulfill the unexpired term of David Garrison "Gary" Hill elected to Court of Appeals.

Admin. Asst.—Shannon Thurman .....Simpsonville
Law Clerk—Daniel Martin III .....Greenville
Solicitor—W. Walter Wilkins III (2023) .....Greenville
Public Defender—Chris Scalzo .....Greenville

Fourteenth Circuit

***Counties*—Allendale, Hampton, Colleton, Jasper, Beaufort**

BUCKNER, Perry M. (2000–24), Judge of the Fourteenth Circuit, Seat 1, 101 Hampton St., Walterboro 29488, Tel. (843) 549-7878; *b.* May 9, 1949 in Walterboro; *s.* Perry M., Jr. and Dorothy Graham Buckner; *g.* Wofford Coll., B.A., 1971; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1975; Jan. 2, 1982 *m.* Janet Hobbs, 2 children, Daniel Graham and Perry M. IV; Hon. Graduate, Wofford Coll.; distinguished mil. graduate, Wofford Coll.; Hon. Graduate, Univ. of S.C. School of Law; Asst. S.C. Atty. Gen., 1975–79; private practice, 1979–00; S.C. Bar House of Dels., 1993–95; S.C. Bar Judicial Qualifications Com., 1995–96; S.C. Bar Nominating Com., 1996–98; mem.: Wig and Robe; Amer. Bar Assn.; MUSC Children's Hosp. Bd., 1994–98; MUSC Bd. of Visitors, 1999–00; Bethel United Methodist Church; elected Judge of the Fourteenth Circuit, Seat 1, Feb. 9, 2000 to succeed Gerald C. Smoak, retired; serving continuously since.

Admin. Asst.—Cindy Nettles . . . . . .Walterboro
Law Clerk—Austin S. McCoy . . . . . .Walterboro
Court Reporter—Becky Hill . . . . . .Walterboro
Solicitor—Isaac M. Stone III (2021) . . . . . .Hilton Head
Public Defender—Stephanie Smart-Gittings . . . . . .Beaufort

MULLEN, Carmen T. (2006–21), Judge of the Fourteenth Circuit, Seat 2, 100 Ribaut Rd., Beaufort 29901; residing at Hilton Head Island; *b.* Apr. 18, 1968 in California; *d.* David Russell Tevis III and Julie Anne Tevis; *g.* Indiana Univ., B.A., 1990; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1994; Clemson Univ., M.A., 1998; July 26, 2004 *m.* George E. Mullen, 4 children, Lauren Alexandra, George "Chip", Jr., Toria Tigue, and Tevis Marie; law clerk to Hon. L. Casey Manning; Charleston Co. Asst. Public Defender; Staff Atty., House of Reps. Labor, Commerce and Industry Com.; private practice, 1998–06; elected Judge of the Fourteenth Circuit, Seat 2, Feb. 15, 2006 to fulfill the unexpired term of Jackson V. Gregory, retired; qualified July 17, 2006, serving continuously since.

Admin. Asst.—Jamie Rhett . . . . . .Beaufort
Law Clerk—Laura Wilkes-D'Amato . . . . . .Beaufort
Court Reporter—vacant
Solicitor—Isaac M. Stone III (2021) . . . . . .Hilton Head
Public Defender—Stephanie Smart-Gittings . . . . . .Beaufort

Fifteenth Circuit

***Counties*—Georgetown, Horry**

JOHN, Steven H. (2001–22), Judge of the Fifteenth Circuit, Seat 1, 1301 Second Ave., Suite 3A30, Conway 29526, Tel. (843) 915-6696, Fax (843) 915-5859; *b.* in N. Augusta; *s.* the late Joseph A. and the late Stephanie A. John; *g.* The Citadel, B.A., 1975; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1978; Sept. 1, 1990 *m.* Susan L. Watts, 1 child, Nicholas Blake; admitted to practice: S.C., 1978, U.S. Dist. Court and Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals, 1979; U.S. Supreme Court, 1987; law clerk to the Hon. Sidney T. Floyd, 1978–80; certified arbitrator and mediator, private law practice, 1981–01; Court Apptd. Special Referee and Guardian *ad Litem* in Horry and Georgetown Cos.; City of

N. Myrtle Beach Bd. of Zoning Appeals, 1993–01; Pres., S.C. Assn. of Circuit Judges, 2016–18; elected Judge of the Fifteenth Circuit, Seat 1, May 30, 2001 to fulfill the unexpired term of Sidney T. Floyd, retired; sworn in June 29, 2001, serving continuously since.

Admin. Asst.—Marie P. Campagna . . . . . .Myrtle Beach
Law Clerk—Kaitlin L. Cook . . . . . .Conway
Court Reporter—Kay H. Richardson . . . . . .Conway
Solicitor—Jimmy A. Richardson (2023) . . . . . .Conway
Public Defender—Orrie E. West . . . . . .Conway

CULBERTSON, Benjamin H. (2007–21), Judge of the Fifteenth Circuit, Seat 2, P.O. Box 479, Georgetown 29442, Tel. (843) 545-3030, Fax (843) 545-3282; *b.* Feb. 24, 1959 in Laurens; *s.* Laura H. Culbertson and the late Harley C. Culbertson; *g.* The Citadel, B.A., 1981; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1984; Sept. 14, 1985 *m.* Renee Kinsey, 3 children, Jay, Max, and Maggie; firm of Schneider and O'Donnell, P.A., 1985–90; private practice, Law Office of Benjamin H. Culbertson, P.A., 1991–07; Asst. Municipal Court Judge, City of Georgetown, 1985–96; Georgetown Co. Master-In-Equity, 1996–07; mem.: S.C. Bar Assn.; Citadel Alumni Assn.; Brigadier Club; Georgetown Cotillion Club; Winyah Indigo Soc.; mem., Duncan Memorial United Methodist Church; elected Judge of the Fifteenth Circuit, Seat 2, May 23, 2007 to fulfill the unexpired term of Paula Thomas, elected to Court of Appeals; qualified July 5, 2007, serving continuously since.

Admin. Asst.—Ramona Moree . . . . . .Andrews
Law Clerk—Stephen H. Nall, Jr. . . . . .Mt. Pleasant
Court Reporter—Grace L. Hurley . . . . . .Myrtle Beach
Solicitor—Jimmy A. Richardson (2023) . . . . . .Conway
Public Defender—Orrie E. West . . . . . .Conway

Sixteenth Circuit

***Counties*—Union, York**

McKINNON, WILLIAM A. "BILL" (2018–22), Judge of the Sixteenth Circuit, Seat 1, Moss Justice Center, 1675-1H York Hwy., York 29745,Tel. (803) 628-3047; residing in Rock Hill; *b.* in Raleigh, N.C.; *s.* Halbert H. and Gail T. McKinnon; *g.* Princeton Univ., A.B., 1995; Univ. of S.C., *magna cum laude*, J.D., 2001; *m.* Ellen Whitley, 1 stepchild, Bristol; law clerk to Chief Judge Joseph F. Anderson, Jr. in the Dist. of S.C.; law clerk: Andrew J. Kleinfeld, U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit; private practice: Covington & Burling in Wash-ington, D.C., Lewis Babcock & Hawkins in Columbia, and McGowan, Hood & Felder in Rock Hill; Asst. Solicitor, Sixteenth Circuit Solicitor's Office; admitted to bars: S.C., Washington, D.C., Dist. of S.C., and U.S. Supreme Court; ordained elder, Westminster Presbyterian Church; elected Judge of the Sixteenth Circuit, Seat 1, Feb. 7, 2018 to fulfill the unexpired term of John C. Hayes III, retired.

Admin. Asst.—Frances J. Kirkman . . . . . .Rock Hill
Law Clerk—Dakota Knehans . . . . . .Columbia
Solicitor—Kevin S. Brackett (2021) . . . . . .York
Public Defender—Harry A. Dest . . . . . .York

HALL, Daniel D. (2015–22), Judge of the Sixteenth Circuit, Seat 2, Moss Justice Center, 1675-1J York Hwy., York 29745, Tel. (803) 628-3048; residing at 1711 Filbert Hwy., York; *b.* Oct. 2, 1954 in York; *s.* John Q. and Jean Quinn Hall; *g.* Clemson Univ., B.S., 1976; Campbell Univ. School of Law, J.D., 1988; Feb. 26, 1977 *m.* Cathleen (Cathy) McCreight, 4 children, Charlie, Daniel, Jeannie, and Margare; former Cattle Mgr., Sampson Co. N.C.; licensed to practice law in N.C. and S.C.; Asst. Solicitor, Sixteenth Judicial Circuit; Asst. Public Defender, Sixteenth Circuit; Municipal Judge for city of York; gen. practice of law from 1991–98; mem., Elder & Sunday School teacher, Filbert Presbyterian Church; elected Judge of the Sixteenth Circuit, Seat 2, May 28, 2014 to fulfill the unexpired term of Lee S. Alford, retired.

Admin. Asst.—Renée Barker . . . . . .York
Law Clerk—Bryant T. Cannon . . . . . .York
Court Reporter—Wanda Nelson . . . . . .York
Solicitor—Kevin S. Brackett (2021) . . . . . .York
Public Defender—Harry A. Dest . . . . . .York

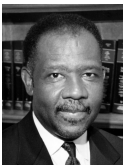
At-Large Seat 1

McFADDIN, George M., Jr. (2017–21), Judge at-large, Seat 1, 215 N. Harvin St., Sumter 29150, Tel. (803) 436-2373; *b.* Nov. 4, 1954 in Sumter; *s.* the late G. Marion McFaddin, Sr., and the late Joan Dennis McFaddin; *g.* Univ. of S.C., B.A., 1978, M.P.A., 1979, J.D., 1985; elder Salem Black River Presbyterian Church; Family Court Judge Third Circuit, Seat 1, 2002–17; elected Circuit Court Judge at-large Seat 1, Feb. 1, 2017 to fulfill unexpired term of W. Jeffrey Young, retired.
Admin. Asst.—Andrea L. Morris . . . . . .Sumter
Law Clerk—Samantha Sanders . . . . . .Sumter
Solicitor—Ernest A. Finney III (2023) . . . . . .Sumter
Public Defender—Jack D. Howle, Jr. . . . . .Sumter

At-Large Seat 2

GRIFFIN, Ryan Kirk (2020–21), Judge at-large, Seat 2, Berkeley Co. Courthouse, 300-B California Ave., P.O. Box 1800, Moncks Corner 29461, Tel. (843) 719-4435; *s.* Charles L. III and Peggy Hodge Griffin; *g.* Wofford Coll., B.A., 1996; Univ. of S.C. School of Law, J.D., 2000; May 17, 2003 *m.* Suzanne Burch, 2 children, Mary Margaret and Ryan Kirk, Jr.; Judicial Law Clerk for Thomas W. Cooper, Jr., 2000–01; private practice, 2001–07; Third Judicial Circuit Asst. Solicitor, 2007–11; Dep. Solicitor, 2011–19; elected Judge at-large, Seat 2, Feb. 6, 2019 to succeed R. Markley Dennis, Jr., retired.
Admin. Asst.—Linda Droze . . . . . .Moncks Corner
Law Clerk—Nicholas Uricchio . . . . . .Charleston
Solicitor—Scarlett Wilson (2021) . . . . . .Charleston
Public Defender—D. Ashley Pennington . . . . . .Charleston

At-Large Seat 3



NEWMAN, Clifton (2000–21), Judge at-large, Seat 3, Courthouse, 125 W. Main St., Kingstree 29956, Tel. (843) 355-9321, ext. 137, Fax (843) 355-9301; *b.* in Kingstree; *s.* the late Dr. Marion Louis Newman, Sr. and Alice Newman; *g.* Cleveland State Univ., B.A.; Cleveland-Marshall Coll. of Law, J.D.; married with 4 children; Partner, Belcher & Newman, Cleveland, Ohio, 1976–81; private law practice, Kingstree and Columbia, 1982–94; Asst. Solicitor, Williamsburg Co., 1983–00; Managing Partner, Newman and Sabb, P.A., 1994–00; mem.: S.C. Bar Assn.; Williamsburg Co. Bar Assn.; Circuit Court Adv. Com.; Chief Justice Comm. on Professionalism; Comm. on Judicial Conduct; presiding Judge Multi-week Trial Docket, 2009; Criminal Rules Task Force; Rules Adv. Comm.; Amer. Coll. of Bus. Court Judges; Kappa Alpha Psi Frat.; Williamsburg Co. Historical Preservation Award; Trustee and Pres., United Methodist Men, I. DeQuincey Newman United Methodist Church; elected Judge at-large, Seat 3, May 24, 2000; re-elected Apr. 9, 2003 and Feb. 11, 2009, serving continuously since.

Admin. Asst.—Katherine W. Sabb-Graham . . . . . .Kingstree
Solicitor—Ernest A. Finney III (2023) . . . . . .Sumter
Public Defender—Jack D. Howle, Jr. . . . . .Sumter

At-Large Seat 4

MILLER, Edward W. (2002–21), Judge at-large, Seat 4, 305 E. North St., Greenville 29601, Tel. (864) 467-8560; residing at 44 W. Avondale Dr., Greenville 29609; *b.* Sept. 24, 1952 in Chicago, Ill.; *s.* Robert A. and Mary Price Miller; *g.* Johns Hopkins Univ., B.A., 1974; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1978; Dec. 30, 1978 *m.* Martha Walker Albrecht, 2 children, Elizabeth and Walter; elected Judge at-large, Seat 4, May 29, 2002 to succeed Joseph J. Watson, retired; sworn in Aug. 29, 2002, serving continuously since.

Admin. Asst.—Karen Pitts . . . . . .Greenville
Law Clerk—Grace H. Barringer . . . . . .Greenville
Solicitor—W. Walter Wilkins III (2023) . . . . . .Greenville
Public Defender—Christopher D. Scalzo . . . . . .Greenville

At-Large Seat 5

HAYES, J. Mark II (2003–22), Judge at-large, Seat 5, 180 Magnolia St., Spartanburg 29306, Tel. (864) 562-4144, Fax (864) 562-4142; *b.* Aug. 6, 1958; *s.* J. M. and Edith Roland Hayes; *g.* Wofford Coll., B.A., 1980; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1984; Intern, U.S. Senator Strom Thurmond, 1977; Blue Key, Order of the Barristers, Moot Court Bd.; listed in *Who's Who Among Students in Amer. Colls. & Univs.* and *Who's Who Among Amer. Law Students*; clerk for the Honorable E. C. Burnett III, 1984; private practice, Burts, Turner, Hammett, Harrison & Rhodes, 1985; Harrison & Hayes Law Firm, 1991; Harrison, White, Smith, Hayes & Coggins, P.C., 2000; former Chm., Spartanburg Memorial Auditorium Comm., 2001; former mem., S.C. Comm. on Lawyer Conduct; mem.: Amer. Bar Assn.; S.C. Trial Lawyers Assn.; S.C. School Bd. Lawyer's Assn.; graduate of the Natl. Judicial Coll. Gen. Jurisdiction, 2004; Del., ABA Natl. Conf. of State Trial Judges, 2005–07; 2006 Natl. VC STJD Com. on Judicial Independence; 2007 Host/Presenter "The Constitution: The Third Branch of Govt., An Insider's View," Wofford Coll.; Spartanburg Co. Bar Assn. CLE, Genetic Privacy and the Fourth Amendment: Unregulated Surreptitious DNA Harvesting, Panelist, Wofford Coll., Spartanburg, S.C., Feb. 2014; S.C. Magistrates Annual Training presenter, "DUI in S.C. Legal Update: Video Recording Challenges and Expert Witnesses," West Cola., S.C., Nov. 2013; 2008–10 Natl. Chm. STJD/ABA Com. Fair and Impartial Courts; 2009 Spartanburg Bar Assn. Law Day Speaker; admitted to practice in all S.C. State Courts, U.S. Dist. Courts of S.C., Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals, and the U.S. Supreme Court; former mem., Supreme Court Comm. on Continuing Legal Educ. and Specialization; mem., St. Christopher's Episcopal Church; former Bd. mem., 721 Ministries; 2009 Chm., Piedmont Area Boy Scouts; 2010 SCAJ's Auto Tort Speaker, "Ethics—A Thin Thread to Runnymede" and published by the Amer. Bd. of Trial Advocates, Spring 2011, *Voir Dire*; featured in the Spring 2014 (cover) issue of *The Justice Bulletin*, a publication of the S.C. Assn. of Justice; JOL Serv.: *Highway to Justice*, from the ABA and the Natl. Hwy. Traffic Safety Admin., Fall 2013; "A Quick View of S.C. DUI Videotaping Statute: The Mandates and Interpretations You Need to Know to Represent Your DUI Client" as published in the May 2014 edition of *The S.C. Lawyers*;

"Shakespeare, Really, 'Let's Kill All the Lawyers,' Even the Heroes Among Them?" as published in the Fall issue of *The Justice Bulletin*, a publication of the S.C. Assn. of Justice; 2011 Spartanburg Co. Bar Assn. Justice Claude A. Taylor Distinguished Serv. Award; 2012 presenter to S.C. Defense Trial Attys. Assn. Summer Meeting; Charlotte School of Law, Legends and Leaders in the Law speaker, Nov., 2012; Amer. Bar Assn. Judicial Outreach Liaison Region 4, 2013; elected Judge at-large, Seat 5, on Apr. 9, 2003 to fulfill the unexpired term and subsequent full term of Gary E. Clary, retired; qualified May 22, 2003, serving continuously since.

Admin. Asst.—Sharyn M. Walker . . . . . .Spartanburg
Law Clerk—Dallas Coleman Meacham . . . . . .Spartanburg
Solicitor—Barry J. Barnette (2021) . . . . . .Spartanburg
Public Defender—Clay T. Allen . . . . . .Spartanburg

At-Large Seat 6

SEALS, William Henry, Jr. (2009–21), Judge at-large, Seat 6, 103 N. Main St., Marion 29571, Tel. (843) 423-0446, Fax (843) 423-0535; *b.* in Marion; *s.* William H. Seals (atty. & USMC) and Melba Seals; *g.* Charleston Southern Univ., B.S., 1982; Cumberland School of Law, J.D., 1990; *m.* Phoebe Anderson Richardson, 1 child, William Henry III; Cumberland Trial Advocacy team; Seals and Brogdon; Seals Law Firm; mem.: Marion Co. Bar Assn.; Marion Rotary Club; S.C. Bar House of Dels.; Toastmaster Intl.; Marion Memorial Hosp. Ethics Comm.; Bd. of Dirs., Marion Chamber of Commerce; Marion Arts Council; Bd. of Dirs., Pee Dee Academy; past Pee Dee Academy Shotgun Coach; numerous combat pistol courses graduate; inclusion S.C. Counsel of Mediation and ADR Roster of Civil Mediators; 1996–09, Marion Municipal Court Judge; Circuit Court Judge Rep. S.C. Comm. on CLE & Specialization; graduate Natl. Judicial Coll., Univ. of Nev. at Reno; elected Judge at-large, Seat 6, Feb. 11, 2009 to fulfill the unexpired and subsequent term of James E. Lockemy; qualified Apr. 21, 2009, serving continuously since.

Admin. Asst.—Anna B. Meetze . . . . . .Marion
Solicitor—Edgar L. Clements III (2023) . . . . . .Florence
Public Defender—Scott Floyd . . . . . .Florence

At-Large Seat 7

MADDOX, J. Cordell (2002–21), Judge at-large, Seat 7, 100 S. Main St., P.O. Box 8002, Anderson 29622, Tel. (864) 260-4636, Fax (864) 260-6348; *b.* June 14, 1958 in Richland County; *s.* J. Cordell Maddox, Sr. and Brona Faye Morefield Maddox; *g.* Furman Univ., B.S., 1980; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1983; *m.* Donna Schwartz Maddox, 4 children, Jess, Brett, Hunter, and Steven; Pres., Anderson Heart Assn., 1993; Secy., YMCA Bd. of Dirs., 1995–96; Hospice Bd., 1996; ASTAR Science & Tech. Fellow; mem.: First Baptist Church, Anderson, former VC, Deacon Bd. and Trustee; S.C. House of Reps., 1996–00; elected Judge at-large, Seat 7, Feb. 8, 2002 to fulfill the unexpired term of J. C. Nicholson, Jr., elected to Tenth Circuit; qualified Mar. 5, 2002, serving continuously since.

Admin. Asst.—Cindy Hicks . . . . . .Anderson
Law Clerk—David Thompson . . . . . .Anderson
Solicitor—David R. Wagner (2021) . . . . . .Anderson
Public Defender—Jennifer L. Johnson . . . . . .Anderson

At-Large Seat 8

BROWN, David C. (2010–21), Judge at-large, Seat 8, 181 N. Irby St., Suite 3605, Florence 29501, Tel. (843) 679-7156, Fax (843) 679-7157; *b.* Feb. 28, 1969 in Sumter; *s.* David H. and Mary M. Brown; *g.* The Citadel, B.S., 1992; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1997; *m.* Kay Hunt, 3 children; law clerk, Judge M. Duane Shuler, 1997; admitted to practice law in S.C. State Courts, Fed. Dist. Court for S.C., and Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals; law firm of Bridges, Orr, Derrick & Ervin, 1998–01; private practice, 2001–10; past adjunct professor, Florence-Darlington Tech. Coll. & Francis Marion Univ.; Comr., Florence Co. Voter Registration & Elections; mem., Cornerstone Baptist Church; elected Judge at-large, Seat 8, Feb. 3, 2010 to fill seat of Kenneth Goode, term expired; qualified Mar. 26, 2010, serving continuously since.

Admin. Asst.—Stacey Minton . . . . . .Florence
Law Clerk—Kevin Charles Carrigan . . . . . .Florence

At-Large Seat 9

McCOY, Jennifer Blanchard (2018–21), Judge at-large, Seat 9, 100 Broad St., Suite 348, Charleston 29401, Tel. (843) 958-5066, Fax (843) 958-5067; *m.* Peter M. McCoy, Jr.; elected Judge at-large, Seat 9, Feb. 7, 2018 to fulfill the unexpired term of the late Tanya A. Gee.

Admin. Asst.—Brooke Stone . . . . . .Charleston
Law Clerk—English Maull

At-Large Seat 10

NEWMAN, Jocelyn (2016–21), Judge at-large, Seat 10, P.O. Box 192, Columbia 29202, Tel. (803) 576-1779, Fax (803) 576-1782; *b.* Nov. 3, 1977 in Cleveland, Ohio; *d.* Clifton and Patricia Blanton Newman; attended Duke Univ.; *g.* Univ. of S.C., B.S., 1999; Howard Univ., J.D., 2004; Howard Univ. Merit Scholar; admitted to S.C. Bar, 2004; admitted to practice in the U.S. Dist. Court for the Dist. of S.C. & the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals; judicial law clerk for retired Circuit Court Judge G. Thomas Cooper, Jr.; former Asst. Solicitor, Fifth Judicial Circuit; private practice, law firm of Richardson Plowden & Robinson, P.A. in Cola.; former mem., Bd. of Dirs., S.C. Bar Foundation; Assoc. mem., S.C. Bd. of Law Examiners; mem.: Friends Adv. Bd., Ronald McDonald House; mem. & Treas., John Belton O'Neall Inn of Court; Richland Co. Bar Assn., S.C. Black Lawyers Assn., S.C. Women Lawyers Assn.; Alpha Kappa Alpha Sor., Inc., Amer. Mensa; mem., I. DeQuincey Newman United Methodist Church, Cola.; elected Judge at-large, Seat 10, Feb. 3, 2016 to fulfill the unexpired term of James R. Barber III, retired.

Admin. Asst.—Ebony Martin . . . . . .Columbia
Law Clerk—Lesley Snider . . . . . .Columbia

At-Large Seat 11

LEE, Alison Renee (1999–26), Judge at-large, Seat 11, 1701 Main St., Suite 324, Columbia 29202, Tel. (803) 576-1765, Fax (803) 576-1768; *b.* in Washington, D.C.; *d.* the late James Joseph and Juanita Bacote Lee; *g.* Vassar Coll., B.A., 1979; Tulane Univ., J.D., 1982; *m.* May 3, 1986, 2 children; State Bar of Texas, 1982; Louisiana State Bar, 1983; S.C. Bar, 1984; law clerk to the Hon. Israel M. Augustine, Jr.; Louisiana Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals, 1982–83; law clerk to the Hon. C. Tolbert Goolsby, Jr.; S.C. Court of Appeals, 1983–84; private practice, McNair Law Firm, 1984–89; Staff Counsel, S.C. Legis. Council, 1989–94; Assoc. Comm., Bd. of Comrs. on Grievances and Discipline, 1987–89; S.C. Women Lawyers Assn.; Richland Co. DSS Bd., 1985–88; Planning Comm., United Way of the Midlands, 1986–90; S.C. Comm. on CLE & Specialization, 2010–16; Alpha Kappa Alpha Sor., Inc.; Cola. Chap. Links, Inc.; elected Admin. Law Judge, Seat 3, Feb. 1994; qualified Mar. 1, 1994; elected Judge at-large, Seat 11, Feb. 10, 1999; qualified Mar. 5, 1999, serving continuously since.

Admin. Asst.—vacant

At-Large Seat 12

RUSSO, Thomas A. (2008–20), Judge at-large, Seat 12, 181 N. Irby St., Suite 3600, Florence 29501, Tel. (843) 668-3020, Fax (843) 665-3078; *b.* Chicago, Ill.; *s.* the late Vincent C. Russo, Sr. and Rosa Lee Russo; *g.* Univ. of S.C., B.S., 1977, J.D., 1986; Oct. 14, 2000 *m.* Cheryl Matthews, 3 children; educator, Florence and Edgefield Co. schools; teacher/coach, W. Florence High School and Strom Thurmond High School; law clerk for Hon. Joseph F. Anderson, Jr.; private practice, Willoughby Law Firm; Knox & Zacks; Offices of Ronald A. Maxwell and Law Offices of Thomas A. Russo; Dep. Solicitor, Second Judicial Circuit; Public Defender for Edgefield, McCormick, and Saluda Cos.; Dep. Solicitor for the Twelfth Judicial Circuit; mem., Lamb's Chapel Christian Center; elected Judge at-large, Seat 12, May 25, 2005 to fulfill the unexpired term of James E. Brogdon, Jr., resigned; qualified June 1, 2005, serving continuously since.

Admin. Asst.—Jamie Capell . . . . . .Florence

Law Clerk—John Douglas Elliott . . . . . .Florence

Solicitor—Edgar L. Clements III (2019) . . . . . .Florence
Public Defender—Scott P. Floyd . . . . . .Florence

At-Large Seat 13

McCASLIN, Debbie R. (2020–26), Judge at-large, Seat 13, Lexington Co. Court House, 205 E. Main St., Lexington 29072, Tel. (803) 785-8212; *g.* Coll. of Charleston, B.A., 1990; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1993; *m.* Michael W. McCaslin, 2 children; Law Clerk, J. Preston Strom Jr., Atty. at Law, 1991–93; Law Clerk/Atty., Leigh Leventis, 1993–95; private practice, Debra Y. Chapman, LLC, 1995–20; mem., St. Thomas Lutheran Church; elected Feb. 5, 2020 to succeed Larry B. Hyman, Jr., retired.
Admin. Asst.—Danita Martin . . . . . .Lexington
Law Clerk—vacant . . . . . .Lexington
Solicitor—Rick Hubbard . . . . . .Lexington
Public Defender—Robert M. Madsen . . . . . .Lexington

At-Large Seat 14

KELLY, R. Keith (July 1, 2013–25), Judge at-large, Seat 14, 125 E. Floyd Baker Blvd., Gaffney 29340, Tel. (864) 902-2358, Fax (864) 487-2772; residing in Spartanburg Co.; *s.* Ralph D., Jr., and Louise C. Kelly; *g.* Univ. of S.C. Spartanburg, B.A., 1981; Walter F. George School of Law, Mercer Univ., J.D., 1987; Dec. 28, 1985 *m.* Cindy Jackson Kelly, 3 adult children and their families; Woodruff Rotary Club, 1998–18, past Pres., 1990–91, 2011–12 & 2012–13; Paul Harris Fellow; Spartanburg Rotary Club, 2019–; Spartanburg Pilots Assn.; former mem.: S.C. House of Reps. and S.C. House Jud. Com., 2007–10; Criminal Laws Subcom., Chm., 2009–10; Spartanburg Co. Delegation; past VC Delegation; former mem., Sentencing Reform Oversight Com.; admitted to practice in all S.C. State Courts, U.S. Dist. Court, and the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals; S.C. Bar Assn.; Spartanburg Co. Bar Assn.; former mem., S.C. Assn. Criminal Defense Lawyers; former partner, Lister, Flynn & Kelly, P.A.; USA, 1981–84; USAR, Capt.; elected Judge at-large, Seat 14, Jan. 30, 2013 to fill seat created by Act 241, 2012, serving continuously since.
Admin. Asst.—Christine Thomas . . . . . .Spartanburg
Law Clerk—Sarah Shugars . . . . . .Spartanburg

At-Large Seat 15

MURPHY, Maite (July 1, 2013–25), Judge at-large, Seat 15, P.O. Box 802, 5200 E. Jim Bilton Blvd., St. George 29477, Tel. (843) 832-0391, Fax (843) 832-0392; residing in N. Charleston; *b.* Apr. 19 in Denver, Colo.; *d.* Ronald Charles and Mary Christine (Frederickson) Lessuck; *g.* Texas State Univ., B.A., 1991; Miss. Coll., J.D., 1995; Aug. 6, 1994 *m.* Christopher J. Murphy, 2 children, Christopher Austin and Jackson Frederick; former partner, Holler, Dennis, Corbett & Garner, 1995; former partner, Quattlebaum and Murphy, L.L.P.; Murphy Law Firm, L.L.C.; former Chief Dep. Solicitor, First Circuit Solicitors Office; former Pres., VP, and Treas., Dorchester Co. Bar Assn.; mem., S.C. Women's Bar Assn.; Magistrate Court Judge, Dorchester Co. Master-In-Equity; former mem., YMCA Bd. of Dirs.; Summerville Rotary Club; Summerville Meals on Wheels Bd. of Dirs.; elected Judge at-large, Seat 15, Jan. 30, 2013; re-elected Feb. 6, 2019.

Admin. Asst.—Robin Dukes . . . . . .St. George
Law Clerk—Pamela Larson . . . . . .St. George

At-Large Seat 16

HOCKER, Donald B. (July 1, 2013–25), Judge at-large, Seat 16, P.O. Box 972, Laurens 29360, Tel. (864) 984-2076, Fax (864) 984-2333; residing in Laurens; *b.* Nov. 21, 1952 in Waltham, Mass.; *s.* Donald B. (Jack) and Allene C. Hocker; *g.* Clemson Univ., B.A., 1975; M.Ed., 1976; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1980; July 17, 1976 *m.* Gayle Lindler Hocker, 2 adult children; admitted to the S.C. Bar, 1981; mem.: Wig and Robe; Moot Court Bd.; admitted to the S.C. Fed. Dist. Court and U.S. Supreme Court; private practice in Laurens, 1981–2013; Assoc. Probate Judge for Laurens Co., 1984–2013; mem., First United Methodist Church of Laurens, past Chm. of Church Council and Sunday School; re-elected Judge at-large, Seat 16, Feb. 6, 2019.

Admin. Asst.—Regan A. Snow . . . . . .Clinton
Law Clerk—Madison Hoffman . . . . . .Columbia
Solicitor—David M. Stumbo (2021) . . . . . .Greenwood
Public Defender—Janna Nelson . . . . . .Greenwood