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; 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 (1998–28), 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—Mark A. Hinds . . . . . .Orangeburg
Solicitor—David M. Pascoe, Jr. (2021) . . . . . .Summerville
Public Defender—Mark A. Leiendecker . . . . . .Summerville

Second Circuit

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

POPE, Courtney Clyburn (2019–28), 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—Zack Ohanesian . . . . . .Aiken
Court Reporter—vacant
Solicitor—Bill Weeks (2021) . . . . . .Aiken
Public Defender—D. Grant Gibbons . . . . . .Aiken

Third Circuit

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

COTHRAN, Ralph Ferrell, Jr. (2006–28), 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; sworn in Oct. 4, 2006, serving continuously since.

Admin. Asst.—Gayle Brunson . . . . . .Manning
Court Reporter—vacant
Solicitor—Ernest A. Finney III (2023) . . . . . .Sumter
Public Defender—Edgar R. Donnald, 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 the S.C. Supreme Court.

Fourth Circuit

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

BURCH, Paul Michael (1991–28), 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. (50 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—Christian Carey . . . . . .Pageland
Solicitor—Will Rogers . . . . . .Bennettsville
Public Defender—Matthew Rivers . . . . . .Dillon

HOLT, Michael S. (2021–24), Judge of the Fourth Circuit, Seat 2, Darlington Co. Courthouse, #1 Public Square, Room 402, Darlington 29532, Tel. (843) 398-4334, Fax (843) 393-7255; *b.* May 1, 1970 in Florence; *s.* Jack and Carol (Milam) Holt; *g.* Univ of S.C., B.A., 1992, J.D., 1996; Apr. 19, 1997 *m.* Sherry Burton, 2 children, Annabelle and Shea; Mayor, City of Hartsville, 2005–09; Fourth Judicial Circuit Family Court Judge, 2009–21; elected Feb. 3, 2021, to fulfill the unexpired term of Roger E. Henderson, retired.

Admin. Asst.—Celeste Braddock . . . . . .Darlington
Law Clerk—Kenneth Clifton . . . . . .Darlington

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. (2013–27), 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 (2013–28), 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.* the late 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; Elder, 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.—Tyffany Penland . . . . . .Chester
Law Clerk—Jack H. Bonds . . . . . .Chester
Solicitor—Randy E. Newman, Jr. (2023) . . . . . .Lancaster
Public Defender—William Frick . . . . . .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—Matthew Henderson . . . . . .Spartanburg
Court Reporter—Linda Moffitt . . . . . .Spartanburg
Solicitor—Barry J. Barnette (2021) . . . . . .Spartanburg
Public Defender—Michael D. Morin . . . . . .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—Katheryn Thompson . . . . . .Spartanburg

Solicitor—Barry J. Barnette (2021) . . . . . .Spartanburg
Public Defender—Michael D. Morin . . . . . .Spartanburg

Eighth Circuit

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

ADDY, Frank R., Jr. (2010–28), 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—Chad Gunnells . . . . . .Greenwood
Solicitor—David M. Stumbo (2021) . . . . . .Greenwood
Public Defender—Chelsea B. McNeill . . . . . .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—Chelsea B. McNeill . . . . . .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., 2002–19; 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—Aimee Itagliata . . . . . .Charleston
Solicitor—Scarlett Wilson (2021) . . . . . .Charleston
Public Defender—D. Ashley Pennington . . . . . .Charleston

YOUNG, Roger M. (2003–27), 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 . . . . . .Johns Island
Law Clerk—Michael Secrist . . . . . .Charleston
Court Reporter—vacant
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—Ashley Harris . . . . . .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—John "Jack" Woods . . . . . .Central
Court Reporter—Mona Manley . . . . . .Westminster
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; 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—Ariyana Gore . . . . . .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.* the late 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.—Sherrie Byrd . . . . . .Florence
Law Clerk—Jacob Hofferth . . . . . .Florence
Solicitor—Edgar L. Clements III (2023) . . . . . .Florence
Public Defender—Scott P. Floyd . . . . . .Florence

Thirteenth Circuit

***Counties*—Greenville, Pickens**

GRAVELY, Perry H. (2015–28), 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; 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—Destini Anderson . . . . . .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 the Court of Appeals; qualified Feb. 2, 2011, serving continuously since.
Admin. Asst.—Brittany Long . . . . . .Greenville
Law Clerk—Christopher Wray . . . . . .Greenville

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

MORGAN, G.D., Jr. (2021–27), 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.* 1960 in Greenville; The Citadel, B.A., 1982; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1985; former atty.: McCutchen, Blanton, Rhodes & Johnson; McAngus, Goudelock and Courie; former mem., American Bd. of Trial Advocates (ABOTA); mem.: Greenville Co. Bar Assn., S.C. Bar Assn., S.C. Defense Trial Attorneys' Assn., and the Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel; admitted to practice in all S.C. state courts, U.S. District Court for the Dist. of S.C., and the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals; elected judge of the Thirteenth Circuit, Seat 3, Feb. 5, 2021, to succeed Robin B. Stilwell, retired.
Law Clerk—Mariana Outten . . . . . .Greenville
Solicitor—W. Walter Wilkins III (2023) . . . . . .Greenville
Court Reporter—Chris Scalzo . . . . . .Greenville

KINLAW, Alex, Jr. (2018–28), 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. & Deacon, Reedy River Missionary Baptist Church; elected Feb. 7, 2018, to fulfill the unexpired term of David Garrison "Gary" Hill, elected to the Court of Appeals.
Admin. Asst.—Shannon Thurman . . . . . .Simpsonville
Law Clerk—Arielle Jeter . . . . . .Greenville

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

Fourteenth Circuit

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

BONDS, Robert (2021–24), Judge of the Fourteenth Circuit, Seat 1, 101 Hampton St., Walterboro 29488, Tel. (843) 549-7878, Fax (843) 549-9876; *b.* Sept. 30, 1963 in Aiken; *s.* Jack and Helen Bonds; *g.* UNC-Chapel Hill, B.A., 1986; Campbell Univ. School of Law, 1990, J.D.; Nov. 2, 1991 *m.* Harriet Ashby Bonds, 3 children, Ashby, Jack and Robert; Walterboro Rotary Club Pres., 1996–97, 2020–21; Lowcountry Council of Govt., Chm., 2018–19; Walterboro City Council, 2011–19; mem., Bethel United Methodist Church, past Chm. Church Council; elected Judge of the Fourteenth Circuit, Seat 1, Feb. 3, 2021, to succeed Perry M. Buckner III, retired.
Admin. Asst.—Gayle Benton . . . . . .Walterboro
Law Clerk—Monica Main . . . . . .Walterboro
Court Reporter—vacant
Solicitor—Isaac M. Stone III (2021) . . . . . .Hilton Head
Public Defender—Stephanie Smart-Gittings . . . . . .Beaufort

MULLEN, Carmen T. (2006–27), 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—Morgan McNeal . . . . . .Beaufort
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—Madeline A. Bowers . . . . . .N. Myrtle Beach
Court Reporter—Kay H. Richardson . . . . . .Conway
Solicitor—Jimmy A. Richardson (2023) . . . . . .Conway
Public Defender—Ronald W. Hazzard . . . . . .Conway

CULBERTSON, Benjamin H. (2007–27), 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.* the late Harley C. Culbertson and the late Laura H. 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 the Court of Appeals; qualified July 5, 2007, serving continuously since.
Admin. Asst.—Ramona Moree . . . . . .Andrews
Law Clerk—John Grimes . . . . . .Georgetown
Court Reporter—vacant
Solicitor—Jimmy A. Richardson (2023) . . . . . .Conway
Public Defender—Orrie E. West . . . . . .Conway

Sixteenth Circuit

***Counties*—Union, York**

McKINNON, WILLIAM A. "BILL" (2018–28), 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 Washington, 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.—Kimberly Kiefer . . . . . .Rock Hill
Law Clerk—Brett A. Lonadier . . . . . .York
Solicitor—Kevin S. Brackett (2021) . . . . . .York
Public Defender—B.J. Barrowclough . . . . . .York

HALL, Daniel D. (2015–28), 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—Gregory I. Seaborne . . . . . York
Court Reporter—vacant
Solicitor—Kevin S. Brackett (2021) . . . . . York
Public Defender—B.J. Barrowclough . . . . . York

At-Large Seat 1

McFADDIN, George M., Jr. (2017–27), 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 the unexpired term of W. Jeffrey Young, retired.

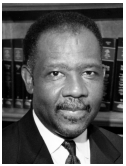
Admin. Asst.—Andrea L. Morris . . . . . Sumter
Law Clerk—Abigail V. Toohey . . . . . Sumter
Solicitor—Ernest A. Finney III (2023) . . . . . Sumter
Public Defender—Jack D. Howle, Jr. . . . . Sumter

At-Large Seat 2

GRIFFIN, Ryan Kirk (2020–27), Judge at-large, Seat 2, Sumter Co. Judicial Center, 215 N. Harvin St., Sumter 29150, Tel. (803) 436-2150; *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.—Debra Flinchum . . . . . .Sumter
Law Clerk—Danny Winterstein . . . . . .Sumter
Solicitor—Ernest A. Finney III (2023) . . . . . .Sumter
Public Defender—Edgar R. Donnald, Jr. . . . . .Sumter

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. (2002–27), 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.—April Deitz . . . . . .Greenville
Law Clerk—Caroline Davis . . . . . .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," W. 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, 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—Zac Turner . . . . . .Spartanburg
Solicitor—Barry J. Barnette (2021) . . . . . .Spartanburg
Public Defender—Michael D. Morin . . . . . .Spartanburg

At-Large Seat 6

SEALS, William Henry, Jr. (2009–27), 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 (2002–27), 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—Martin Cain . . . . . .Anderson
Solicitor—David R. Wagner (2021) . . . . . .Anderson
Public Defender—Jennifer L. Johnson . . . . . .Anderson

At-Large Seat 8

BROWN, David C. (2010–27), 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—M. Ross Scarborough, Jr. . . . . .Florence

At-Large Seat 9

McCOY, Jennifer Blanchard (2018–27), 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; re-elected Feb. 3, 2021, serving continuously since.

Admin. Asst.—Brooke Slade . . . . . .Charleston
Law Clerk—Victoria Tuten . . . . . .Charleston

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; former Assoc. mem., S.C. Bd. of Law Examiners; former mem., Friends Adv. Bd., Ronald McDonald House; mem. & former 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.—vacant
Law Clerk—Mark C. Watkins . . . . . .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

DeBERRY, H. STEVEN, IV (2021–26), Judge at-large, Seat 12, 180 N. Irby St., Florence 29501, Tel. (843) 665-3020; *b.* Oct. 22, 1980 in Florence; *s.* H. Steven III and Martha Ann Richardson DeBerry; *g.* The Citadel, B.S. 2003; Appalachian St., J.D., 2006; Apr. 24, 2010 *m.* Jessica White DeBerry, 2 children, Kathryn and Josie; Asst. Solicitor, 12th Circuit, 2008–11; DeBerry Law Firm, 2011–; Florence Co. Council, 2014–; elected Feb. 3, 2021, to fulfill the unexpired term of Thomas A. Russo, retired.
Admin. Asst.—Leisa Shady . . . . . .Florence
Law Clerk—Caleb Thompson . . . . . .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—Bruce Norton . . . . . .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, (864) 596-2400; residing in Spartanburg Co.; *s.* the late 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, 1988–18, past Pres., 1990–91, 2011–12 & 2012–13; Spartanburg Rotary Club, 2019–; Paul Harris Fellow, Plus 3; mem., Paul Harris Society; 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 D. 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—Alan Lee . . . . . .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—Mary-Madison Driggers . . . . . .Greenville
Solicitor—David M. Stumbo (2021) . . . . . .Greenwood
Public Defender—Chelsea B. McNeill . . . . . .Greenwood