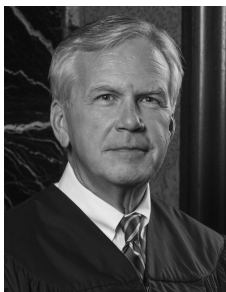


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Initially created by Act 164, 1979 and made permanent and included in the Constitution of this State as of July 1, 1985 by Act 9, 1985. Act 145, 1995 added three new seats to the Court of Appeals. The Court has nine judges (elected for 6-year terms), may sit in panels of three, and its appellate jurisdiction includes questions of law and equity arising from the circuit and family courts except for appeals: (1) involving the sentence of death; (2) from the circuit court setting public utility rates; (3) involving principally the constitutionality of state laws or local ordinances; (4) involving state or local bonds or other indebtedness; (5) pertaining to elections; (6) concerning the limiting of grand jury investigations; (7) involving a family court order relating to abortion by a minor. These seven classes of cases are reviewed by the Supreme Court. The Court of Appeals has been empowered by the General Assembly to receive appeals directly from the Administrative Law Court and the Workers' Compensation Commission.

**H. BRUCE WILLIAMS, Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals, Seat 5. Term expires June 30, 2027. P.O. Box 11629, Columbia 29211, Tel. (803) 734-2139**

**WILLIAMS, H. BRUCE**—(Richland Co.) residing at 418 Shandon St., Columbia 29205; *b.* Mar. 13, 1956 in Columbia; *s.* H. Lanier Williams and Edna Harris; *g.* Wofford Coll., B.A., 1978; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1982; Nov. 17, 1984 *m.* Sharon C. Williams, 2 children, Elizabeth Margaret and Anne Carlisle; private practice, 1982–95; Assoc. Irmo Town Judge, 1992–95; former Bd. mem., S.C. Trial Lawyers Assn., Family Law Section; past



Pres., Cola. Kiwanis Club; Advisor, Cola. High School Key Club, 1983–95; 5th Judicial Circuit Family Court Judge, 1995–04; S.C. Conf. of Family Court Judges, Secy.-Treas., 1998–99,

VP, 1999–00, Pres., 2000–01; Richland Co. Juvenile Drug Court Judge, 1997–19; Natl. Assn. of Drug Court Professionals, VC, 2017–19, Chair, 2019–21; S.C. Opioid Recovery Fund Bd., 2022–; mem., S.C. Bar; admitted to practice in all S.C. Courts & U.S. Dist. Court for S.C.; elected to the Court of Appeals, Seat 2, May 25, 2004, to fulfill the unexpired term of William L. Howard, retired; qualified June 3, 2004, elected Chief Judge, Court of Appeals, Seat 5, Feb. 2, 2022, to fulfill the unexpired term of James E. Lockemy, retired.

*Admin. Asst. & Law Clerk* .....Melrose Ott

*Law Clerks* .....Caitlin Bazan Hastings

Liam O'Brien

**PAULA H. THOMAS, Judge of the Court of Appeals, Seat 4. Term expires June 30, 2025. P.O. Box 479, Georgetown 29442, Tel. (843) 545-3551**



**THOMAS, Paula H.**—(Georgetown Co.) residing on Pawleys Island; *b.* Oct. 20, 1957 in Sumter; *d.* James L. and Betty G. Hinson; *g.* Univ. of S.C., BIS, 1979, M.Ed., 1981, J.D., 1986; May 25, 1985 *m.* Don Stanley Thomas, 3 children, Austin, Kristen, and Kelly; Bd. mem., Georgetown Co. Humane Soc., 1987; Chm., Walk-America, Georgetown Co., 1988; Treas.,

Georgetown Co. Bar, 1991; Admin. Bd. Chm., St. Paul's Waccamaw, UMC, 1992; House of Reps., 1993–96; 2nd VC, House Jud. Com.; Chm., House Gen. Laws Subcom; elected Judge at-large, Seat 1, May 22, 1996, to fulfill the unexpired term of Ralph King Anderson, Jr., elected to the Court of Appeals; qualified July 26, 1996; Judge of the Fifteenth Circuit May 23, 1998–07; elected to the Court of Appeals Feb. 7, 2007, to succeed C. Tolbert Goolsby, retired; qualified June 18, 2007, serving continuously since.

*Admin. Asst.* .....Elaine P. Langston

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**APHRODITE K. KONDUROS, Judge of the Court  
of Appeals, Seat 6. Term expires June 30, 2027.  
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**KONDUROS, Aphrodite K.**—(Greenville Co.) *g.* Univ. of S.C., B.A., 1981, J.D., 1984; 1994 *m.* Sam Konduros; Canterbury Scholar Award; Univ. of S.C. School of Law Student Bar Pres.; admitted to practice 1985; law clerk to Hon. David F. McInnis; Dep. Gen. Counsel for S.C. Dept. of Disabilities and Special Needs; Asst. Gen. Counsel, S.C. Dept. of Social Servs.; Co. Dir., Greenville Dept. of Social Servs.; mem.: S.C. Bar; Greenville Bar; VP, Cola. Young Lawyers; Bd. mem.: Safe Harbor Shelter; Prevent Child Abuse Carolina; First Steps; Greenville Ballet; mem., St. George Greek Orthodox Church; Family Court Judge, 2002–08; elected Judge of the Court of Appeals Feb. 6, 2008, to fulfill the unexpired term of Donald W. Beatty, elected to the S.C. Supreme Court; qualified Feb. 21, 2008, serving continuously since.

*Admin. Asst./Law Clerk* .....Perry Rupert  
*Law Clerks* .....Margaret Newman  
   Jennifer Camp



**JOHN D. GEATHERS, Judge of the Court of Appeals, Seat 3. Term expires June 30, 2025. P.O. Box 11629, Columbia 29211, Tel. (803) 734-2429**

**GEATHERS, John D.**—(Richland Co.) residing in the Blythewood area; *b.* 1961 in Georgetown; *s.* John H. and Gardenia Geathers; *g.* Univ. of S.C., B.A., 1983, J.D., 1986; *m.* Doris Williams, 2 children; admitted to S.C. Bar, 1986 and N.C. State Bar, 1992; Senior Staff Counsel, Office of Sen. Research, 1987–95; Judge, S.C. Admin. Law Court, 1994–08; elected to S.C. Court of Appeals, Seat 3, May 21, 2008, to fulfill the unexpired term of John W. Kittredge, elected to the S.C. Supreme Court; qualified Aug. 7, 2008, serving continuously since.

*Law Clerks* ..... Mary Elam  
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**STEPHANIE PENDARVIS McDONALD, Judge of the Court of Appeals, Seat 7. Term expires June 30, 2026. 100 Broad St., Suite 427, Charleston 29401, Tel. (843) 958-5102, Fax (843) 958-5107**



**McDONALD, Stephanie Pendarvis**—(Charleston Co.) *b.* Jan. 14, 1969 in Columbia; *g.* Univ. of S.C., B.A., 1991, J.D., 1994; 1 child, Sara Susanne; law clerk, S.C. Sen. Jud. Com., 1992–94; Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award; Phi Beta Kappa; former Pres., BE Chap. of Alpha Delta Pi Sor.; former Pres., Carolina Cares; Amer. Jurisprudence Awards for Evidence

and Moot Court; mem., Order of the Barristers; Capt., Craven Moot Court Team; VP, Law School Pro Bono Bd.; Stuckey and Senn Law Firm, 1994–97; Senn, McDonald & Leinbach LLC, 1998–11; Special Prosecutor, Office of the S.C. Atty. Gen., 2009–11; past Pres., Junior League of Charleston; former mem., S.C. Comm. on Judicial Conduct; past Pres., St. Philip's Church Episcopal Church Women; past Pres., Charleston Lawyers Club; Circuit Judge at-large, Seat 9, Feb. 2, 2011–14; elected Judge of the Court of Appeals, Seat 7, May 28, 2014, to fulfill the unexpired term of Daniel F. Pieper, retired.

*Admin. Asst.* ..... Elyse Clark

*Law Clerks* ..... Sarah Woodard Thornton

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**BLAKE A. HEWITT, Judge of the Court of Appeals, Seat 1. Term expires June 30, 2029. P.O. Box 11629, Columbia 29211, Tel. (803) 734-1890**



**HEWITT, Blake A.**—(Horry Co.) residing in Conway; *b.* June 9, 1978 in Atlanta, GA; *s.* Glenn and Wanda Hewitt; Dec. 10, 2005 *m.* Emma Catherine Hewitt; *g.* Georgia Inst. of Tech., B.S., 2001; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 2005; elected Judge of the Court of Appeals, Feb. 6, 2019, to succeed Paul E. Short, Jr., retired; qualified Dec. 3, 2019.

*Admin. Asst.* ..... Erin Bridges

*Law Clerks* ..... Mary S. Williams

Isabel J. Sink

**VINSON, Jerry D. “Jay”, Jr.**—(Florence Co.) *b.* Oct. 12, 1960 in Camden; *s.* Jerry D., Sr. and Patricia Mahan Vinson; *g.* Francis Marion Coll., B.S., 1981; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1985; Sept. 14 1991 *m.* Flora Lester Vinson; Law Clerk to the Hon. John H. Waller, Jr., 12th Circuit Family Court Judge, 2004–2021; past Pres., FMU Alumni Assn.; former mem.: FMU Foundation



*Admin. Asst.* ..... Barbara Stevenson  
*Law Clerks* ..... Alicia O. Allen  
   Rachel Buzhardt

**VERDIN, Letitia H.**—(Greenville Co.) *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; Judge of the Thirteenth Circuit, Seat 2, 2011–23. elected to the Court of Appeals, Feb.



8, 2023, to fulfill the unexpired term of H. Bruce Williams, elected Chief Judge, Court of Appeals, Seat 5; qualified Feb. 8, 2023.

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