

## 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*

**TAYLOR, Heath Preston** (2022–28), 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.* Oct. 10, 1972, in Columbia; *s.* George Preston and Judy Wilkes Taylor; *g.* Newberry Coll., B.A., 1995, Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1988; June 28, 2003, *m.* Julie Hartley, 2 children, Andrew Preston and Cooper Addison; Partner, Taylor Law Firm LLC, 2006–22; mem.: S.C. Bar; Lexington Co. Bar Assn.; Natl. Assn. of Criminal Defense Lawyers; S.C. Assn. of Criminal Defense Lawyers, Pres., 2010 & 2019; S.C. Bar, House of Delegates, Criminal Law, 2020–21; S.C. Sentencing Reform Oversight Comm., 2017–19; S.C. Bar, Criminal Law Council, Chm., 2018–19; S.C. Assn. for Justice, Criminal Section, Chm., 2009–22; elected Judge of the First Circuit, Seat 1, Feb. 2, 2022, to succeed Edgar W. Dickson, retired; qualified July 1, 2022.



*Admin. Asst.*—Catherine C. Wilson . . . . .Orangeburg  
*Court Reporter*—Katherine Spires . . . . .Swansea  
*Solicitor*—David M. Pascoe, Jr. (2025) . . . . .Summerville  
*Public Defender*—Pierce L. Wehman . . . . .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, Good-



stein, 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*—Calvin Griffin .....Summerville  
*Solicitor*—David M. Pascoe, Jr. (2025) .....Summerville  
*Public Defender*—Pierce L. Wehman .....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 Gaines Harrison .....Aiken  
*Law Clerk*—Rachel Ware .....Aiken  
*Court Reporter*—LaKeisha Davis .....Lexington  
*Solicitor*—Bill Weeks (2025) .....Aiken  
*Public Defender*—D. Grant Gibbons .....Aiken



**RIVERS, Martha M.** (2024–30), Judge of the Second Circuit, Seat 2, 109 Park Ave. SE, Aiken 29802-0680, Tel. (803) 502-5200; *g.* Furman Univ., B.A., 1993; Univ. of S.C., J.D.; clerk, Hon. Thomas L. Hughston, Jr., Eighth Jud. Circuit; associate, Bedingfield & Williams; private practice, Rivers Law, LLC; mem.: S.C. Bar, Women's Law Assn., Rotary Club of Aiken, Aiken Symphony Bd., elected Judge of the Second Judicial Circuit, Seat 2, Apr. 17, 2024.



*Admin. Asst.*—Lisa Washington .....Aiken  
*Law Clerk*—Athanasios Platanis .....Aiken  
*Court Reporter*—LaKeisha Davis .....Lexington  
*Solicitor*—Bill Weeks (2025) .....Aiken  
*Public Defender*—D. Grant Gibbons .....Aiken

### Third Circuit

*Counties*—Clarendon, Lee, Sumter, Williamsburg

**DOBY, S. Bryan** (2024–28), Judge of the Third Circuit, Seat 1, 123 S. Main St., Bishopville 29010, Tel. (803) 484-5351; *b.* Mar. 25, 1963, in Charleston; *s.* Tilden J., Jr. and Peggy J. Doby; *g.* Coll. of Charleston, B.S., 1985; Univ. of S.C., 1989, J.D.; Aug. 12, *m.* Anna Margaret McDaniel, 1 child, James Longstreet; Master-in-Equity, Lee Co., 2008–24; elected Apr. 17, 2024, to fulfill the unexpired term of Ralph F. Cothran, Jr., retired.



Seat 2—Vacant

### 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; Atty., Town of Pageland, 1983–91; 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. (53 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*—Campbell Douglas .....Pageland  
*Solicitor*—Will Rogers (2025) .....Bennettsville  
*Public Defender*—Matthew Rivers .....Dillon



**WARR, Eugene P., Jr.** (2025–30), Judge of the Fourth Circuit, Seat 2, 110 N. Main St., Darlington 29532, Tel. (843) 398-4331; residing in Darlington Co.; s. Preston and Joyce Tolson Warr; *g.* Univ. of S.C., B.S., 1981, J.D. 1985; *m.* Cassandra Warr, 2 children; law firm of Saleeby, Cox and Bledsoe; law firm of Lucas, Warr and White; Bd. of Trustees Fourth Judicial Circuit, Univ. of S.C., 2003–22, Chm., 2012–16; Family Court Judge, 2022–25; elected Judge of the Fourth Circuit, Seat 2, February 5, 2025.

*Admin. Asst.*—Anita S. Matthews .....Darlington  
*Law Clerk*—vacant  
*Solicitor*—Paul M. Burch .....Chesterfield  
*Public Defender*—Nathan R. Scales .....Dillon

## Fifth Circuit

**Counties—Kershaw, Richland**

**Seat 1—Vacant**

**COBLE, Daniel McLeod** (2023–30), Judge of the Fifth Circuit, Seat 2, P.O. Box 192, Columbia 29202, Tel. (803) 576-1773, Fax (803) 576-1744; residing in Columbia; *g.* Clemson Univ., B.A., 2009, Univ. of S.C., J.D., 2012; elected Judge of the Fifth Circuit, Seat 2, Feb. 2, 2022, to succeed Lee Casey Manning, retired; qualified Jan. 26, 2023.



*Admin. Asst.*—Raye Jefferson .....Columbia  
*Court Reporter*—Elizabeth Harris .....Columbia  
*Solicitor*—Byron E. Gipson (2027) .....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*—vacant  
*Solicitor*—Byron E. Gipson (2027) .....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*—Elli Porter .....Chester

*Solicitor*—Randy E. Newman, Jr. (2027) .....Lancaster

*Public Defender*—William Frick .....Chester

## Seventh Circuit

### Counties—Cherokee, Spartanburg



**COLE, Joseph Derham** (2024–25), Judge of the Seventh Circuit, Seat 1, 180 Magnolia St., Spartanburg 29304, Tel. (864) 596-2685; residing in Spartanburg; *b.* Columbia, S.C.; *s.* J. Derham and Candace Carlson Cole; *g.* Univ. of S.C., B.S., *cum laude* with honors from the Honors Coll., Master of Intl. Bus. Studies, Juris Doctor; *m.* Suzanne Boulware, 2 children; mem., S.C. and Spartanburg Co. Bar Assns.; 7th Circuit Rep., S.C. Bar Assn. Young Lawyers Div., 2007–09; S.C. House of Representatives, 2008–18; Order of the Palmetto; elected Judge of the Seventh Circuit, Seat 1, Apr. 17, 2024, to fulfill the unexpired term of Joseph Derham Cole, retired.

*Admin. Asst.*—Cacie L. Poole .....Spartanburg

*Law Clerk*—Jacob Thompson .....Spartanburg

*Solicitor*—Barry J. Barnette (2025) .....Spartanburg

*Public Defender*—Michael D. Morin .....Spartanburg



**KNIE, Grace Gilchrist** (2017–30) 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*—English Moseley .....Spartanburg  
*Solicitor*—Barry J. Barnette (2025) .....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; Rotary Club of Greenwood; St. Mark United Methodist Church; Judge, Eighth Circuit Drug Court, 2008–19; 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*—Amira Abdelwahab .....Greenwood  
*Solicitor*—David M. Stumbo (2025) .....Greenwood  
*Public Defender*—Chelsea B. McNeill .....Greenwood



**GRIFFITH, Eugene C.** (2009–30), Judge of the Eighth Circuit, Seat 2, 1226 College St., Newberry 29108, Tel. (803) 321-1430, *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.: Circuit Court Judges Adv. Com.; S.C. Assn. for Justice & Amer. Assn. for Justice; ABA, S.C. Bar, Newberry Co. Bar; 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; VC, Church Council, Macedonia Lutheran Church; 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.

*Admin. Asst.*—Amy L. Shealy

*Law Clerk.*—Melissa Byars

*Solicitor*—David M. Stumbo (2025) . . . . . 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 (2025) .....Charleston  
*Public Defender*—Cameron Blazer .....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*—Haley Kiser .....Charleston  
*Solicitor*—Scarlett Wilson (2025) .....Charleston  
*Public Defender*—Cameron Blazer .....Charleston

**YOUNG, Roger M., Sr.** (2003–27), Judge of the Ninth Circuit, Seat 3, 100 Broad St., Charleston 29401, Tel. (843) 958-2015, Fax (843) 958-5108; *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*—Mary Eliza Joye .....Charleston  
*Court Reporter*—vacant  
*Solicitor*—Scarlett Wilson (2025) .....Charleston  
*Public Defender*—Cameron Blazer .....Charleston

**VAN SLAMBROOK, Dale E.** (2024–30), Judge of the Ninth Circuit, Seat 4, 300 California Ave., Moncks Corner 29462, Tel. (843) 719-4435; *m.*; Master-in-Equity, 2014–24; elected Judge of the Ninth Circuit, Seat 4, Apr. 17, 2024.



*Admin. Asst.*—Elizabeth Atkins ..... Moncks Corner  
*Law Clerk*—Payton Muller ..... Moncks Corner

## Tenth Circuit

### Counties—Anderson, Oconee



**McINTOSH, Rivers Lawton** (2009–31), 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; *m.* Anna Gallant, 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*—Chase Kinsey ..... Anderson

*Court Reporter*—vacant

*Solicitor*—David Wagner (2025) ..... Anderson

*Public Defender*—Jennifer Johnson ..... Anderson



**SPROUSE, R. Scott** (2015–30), 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 Ser-toma Club, 1991–09; mem., St. John's Lutheran Church in Wal-halla; 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*—Perry Rupert ..... Hartwell, GA

*Court Reporter*—Mona Manley ..... Westminster



*Solicitor*—David R. Wagner (2025) .....Anderson  
*Public Defender*—Jennifer Johnson .....Anderson

## Eleventh Circuit

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

**KEESLEY, William Paul** (1991–30), 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 (2025) .....Lexington  
*Public Defender*—Sarah Mauldin .....Lexington

**McLEOD, Walton James “Tad” IV** (2018–30), 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; mem., John Belton O’Neil Inn of Court, 2018–; Lexington Co. Drug Court Judge, 2022–; S.C. Bar Conventions Com., Chm., 2016–18; American Legion 2002–; Lifetime mem., Veterans of Foreign Wars; 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.*—Nicole Livingston .....Columbia  
*Law Clerk*—Margaret Mullins .....Columbia

*Court Reporter*—Stacey Johnson .....Lexington  
*Solicitor*—S. Richardson Hubbard (2025) .....Lexington  
*Public Defender*—Sarah H. Mauldin .....Lexington

## Twelfth Circuit

*Counties*—Florence, Marion



**NETTLES, Michael Gary** (2005–30), 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 151 S. Irby St. Florence; *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*—Hunter Hemmings .....Florence

*Solicitor*—Edgar L. Clements III (2027) .....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; re-elected for 2nd term, Feb. 2, 2022.

*Admin. Asst.*—Laura Colwell .....Pickens  
*Law Clerk*—Will Hellams .....Pickens  
*Solicitor*—W. Walter Wilkins III (2027) .....Greenville  
*Public Defender*—Mindy Lipinski .....Greenville

**SALVINI, Jessica A.** (2024–30), Judge of the Thirteenth Circuit, Seat 2, 305 E. North St., Greenville 29601, Tel. Office: (864) 467-8448, Fax (864) 467-8504; residing in Greenville; *b.* Jan. 24 in California; *d.* John and Hazel Salvini; Jul. 4, 2022 *m.* James B. Orders IV, 2 children; Municipal Judge, City of Mauldin, 2007–19; Family Court Judge, 2019–24; elected Apr. 17, 2024, to fulfill the unexpired term of Letitia H. Verdin, elected to Supreme Court.



**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; mem., American Bd. of Trial Advocates (ABOTA); Greenville Co. Bar Assn., S.C. Bar Assn., former mem.: 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.



*Admin. Asst.*—Brittany Long .....Greenville  
*Law Clerk*—Adam Compton .....Greenville  
*Solicitor*—W. Walter Wilkins III (2027) .....Greenville  
*Court Reporter*—vacant  
*Public Defender*—Mindy Lipinski .....Greenville



**DUNBAR, Vernon F.** (2025–28), Judge of the Thirteenth Circuit, Seat 4, 305 E. North St., Greenville 29601, Tel. (864) 467-8551; *g.* Furman Univ., B.A., 1983; Univ. of VA, J.D., 1986; law clerk to the late Hon. Ernest A. Finney, Jr., 1966–88, Comr., Workers' Compensation Comm., 1988–95, Chm., 1994–95; private practice, Turner Padgett Graham & Laney, 1995–14;

McAngus Goudelock & Courie; mediator and mem., S.C. Chapter, Natl. Academy of Distinguished Neutrals; practiced in the State's Admin. Trial Courts, Appellate Courts, U.S. Dist. Courts of S.C. and U.S. Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals; past mem., Litigation Section of the Amer. Bar Assn., Co-Chm., Section's Bus. Torts Com.; elected Judge of the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, Apr. 17, 2024, to succeed Alex Kinlaw, Jr., retired.

*Admin. Asst.*—Shannon Thurman .....Simpsonville

*Law Clerk*—Samantha Marcello .....Greenville

*Solicitor*—W. Walter Wilkins III (2027) .....Greenville

*Public Defender*—Mindy Lipinski .....Greenville

## Fourteenth Circuit

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



**BONDS, Robert** (2021–30), 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*—Isaac Sauls .....Walterboro

*Court Reporter*—vacant

*Solicitor*—Isaac M. Stone III (2025) .....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 Tighe, 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*—vacant

*Solicitor*—Isaac M. Stone III (2025) .....Hilton Head  
*Public Defender*—Stephanie Smart-Gittings .....Beaufort

**DUKES, Marvin H. III** (2024–30), Judge of the Fourteenth Circuit, Seat 3, 100 Ribaut Rd., Beaufort 29901; *g.* Washington and Lee Univ. 1984; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1987; private practice in Beaufort Co. 1987–07; VC, Beaufort Co. Jt. Planning Bd., 1994–98; VC, Beaufort Co. Council, 1992–02; Beaufort Co. Master-in-Equity, 2007–24; Special Circuit Court Judge, 2007–24; elected Judge of the Fourteenth Circuit, Seat 3, Apr. 17, 2024.



*Admin. Asst.*—Jared Browne .....Beaufort  
*Law Clerk*—Rita McKinley .....Beaufort

## Fifteenth Circuit

**Counties**—Georgetown, Horry

**HYMAN, B. ALEX** (2023–28), Judge of the Fifteenth Circuit, Seat 1, 1301 Second Ave., Conway 29526, Tel. (843) 915-6696, Fax (843) 915-5859; *b.* Jan. 13, 1980, in Conway; *s.* Larry and Meredith Hyman; *g.* Univ. of S.C., B.A., 2002; Univ. of Arkansas-Little Rock, J.D., 2006; *m.* Tammi B. Hyman, 2 children, Lois “Loey”



Leigh and Benjamin Alexander, Jr.; past mem., Conway City Council; former Owner, Hyman Law Group; elected Judge of the Fifteenth Circuit, Seat 1, Feb. 8, 2023.

*Admin. Asst.*—Allison M. Pogue .....Marion

*Law Clerk*—Taylor Langston .....Conway

*Solicitor*—Jimmy A. Richardson (2027) .....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*—Walker Patrick .....Georgetown

*Court Reporter*—vacant

*Solicitor*—Jimmy A. Richardson (2027) .....Conway

*Public Defender*—Ronald Hazzard .....Conway



**CARAKER, David P., Jr.** (2024–30), Judge of the Fifteenth Circuit, Seat 3, 1301 Second Ave., Conway 29526, Tel. (843) 915-6709; *b.* Nov. 21, 1968; *s.* the late David P., Sr. and the late Elisabeth Jumelle Caraker; *g.* Francis Marion Coll., B.S., 1991; Campbell Law School, *cum laude*, J.D., 2011; Aug. 18, 2001, *m.* K.J. Caraker, 1 child, David Alan Caraker;

Officer, Horry Co. Police Dept., 2000, Detective, 2001; Fifteenth Judicial Circuit Solicitor's Office, apptd. Special Asst. U.S. Atty., 2016; former instructor, Prosecution Comm. Boot

Camp; mem., S.C. Bar; elected to Judge of the Fifteenth Circuit, Seat 3, Apr. 17, 2024.

*Admin. Asst.*—Lindsey Martin .....Conway

*Law Clerk*—Maxwell Roberts .....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, 2 daughters, Elspeth and 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.*—Alyse Butler .....Lake Wylie

*Law Clerk*—Preston Proper .....York

*Solicitor*—Kevin S. Brackett (2025) .....York

*Public Defender*—B.J. Barrowclough .....York

### Seat 2—Vacant

### 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; *g.* Univ. of S.C., B.A., 1978, M.P.A., 1979, J.D., 1985; 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*—Corey N. James ..... Sumter  
*Solicitor*—Ernest A. Finney III (2027) ..... Sumter  
*Public Defender*—Edgar R. Donald, 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*—Ross Campbell ..... Sumter  
*Solicitor*—Ernest A. Finney III (2027) ..... Sumter  
*Public Defender*—Edgar R. Donald, Jr. .... Sumter

### At-Large Seat 3



**FANT, Patrick C. III** (2024–27), Judge at-large, Seat 3, 305 E. North St., Greenville 29601, Tel. (864) 467-8559, Fax (864) 467-8815; *b.* in Greenville; s. the late Patrick C., Jr. and late Sarah Lowe Fant; *g.* Wofford Coll., B.A., 1988; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1991; law clerk to Hon. C. Victor Pyle, Jr.; practiced with Ellis, Lawhorne and Sims, Columbia; Haynsworth,

Baldwin, Johnson & Greaves, Greenville; Fant Law Firm, P.A.; Fant & Gilbert Law Firm, P.A.; Fant Law, P.A.; mem.: S.C. Defense Trial Attorneys' Assn.; S.C. Workers' Compensation Educational Assn.; the Terrier Club, Pres., 2012–14; bd. mem., Upstate Volunteer Mediation Center, 2013–20; Comm. on Judicial Conduct, 2018–22; elected Circuit Court Judge, At Large, Seat 3, Feb. 8, 2023, to fulfill the unexpired term of Clifton B. Newman, retired.

*Admin. Asst.*—Brenna Jennings ..... Greenville  
*Solicitor*—Joshua Dressendorfer ..... Greenville



## At-Large Seat 4

**MCMASTER, William C. III** (2024–27), Judge at-large, Seat 4, 305 E. North St., Greenville 29601, Tel. (864) 467-8560; *g.* Mercer Univ., B.A., 1991; Cumberland School of Law, J.D.; 1996 elected Judge at-large, Seat 4, Apr. 17, 2024, to fulfill the unexpired term of Edward W. Miller, retired.



*Admin. Asst.*—April T. Nichols ..... Greenville  
*Law Clerk*—Erin McDonough ..... Greenville  
*Solicitor*—W. Walter Wilkins III (2027) ..... Greenville  
*Public Defender*—Mindy Lipinski ..... Greenville

## At-Large Seat 5

**HAYES, J. Mark II** (2003–27), Judge at-large, Seat 5, 180 Magnolia St., Spartanburg 29306, Tel. (864) 562-4144, Fax (864) 562-4142; *s.* J. M. and Edith Roland Hayes; *g.* Wofford Coll., B.A.; Univ. of S.C., J.D.; Intern, U.S. Senator Strom Thurmond, 1977; Blue Key, Order of the Barristers, Moot Court Bd.; 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.; S.C. Magistrates Annual Training presenter, 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; July 2023 Permanent mem., U.S. Fourth Circuit Jud. Conf.; 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 Runny-mede" and published by the Amer. Bd. of Trial Advocates, Spring 2011, *Voir Dire*; "Shakespeare, Really, 'Let's Kill All the Lawyers,' Even the Heroes Among Them?" Fall issue of The Justice Bulletin, S.C. Assn. of Justice, "The Sea of Ethics", Fall 2019 issue of *The Justice Bulletin*, 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; 2018 S.C. Assn. for Justice Judicial Portrait Award; Amer. Bar Assn. Judicial Outreach Liaison Region 4, 2013; S.C. Assn. for Justice 2024 Matthew Perry Public Service Award; 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*—Chaplin Hughes .....Spartanburg  
*Solicitor*—Barry J. Barnette (2025) .....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 (att’y. & 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 (2027) .....Florence  
*Public Defender*—Scott Floyd .....Florence

### At-Large Seat 7

**MERRILL, Jane H.** (2025–27), Judge at-large, Seat 7, 528 Monument St., Greenwood 29646, Tel. (864) 942-8709; *d.* Leslie Lusk Hawthorne and the late John R. Hawthorne; *g.* Univ. of S.C., B.A., *magna cum laude*, 2002; J.D., 2007.; *m.* Albert L. Merrill, 2 children; mem., Phi Beta Kappa; Editorial Bd., *S.C. Law Review*; Jud. Law Clerk; Asst. Solicitor, Assoc.; Sole practitioner; Adjunct professor; practiced in: all S.C. state courts, U.S. Dist. Court of S.C., Court of Appeals, and Veterans Claims; S.C. Bar Mentor of the Year, 2019; S.C. Bar Leadership Academy, 2022; past mem., Kiwanis Intl.; past Bd. mem.: Greenwood Comm. Theatre, Greenwood Co. Comm. Foundation, Greenwood Co. First Steps; mem., Church of the Resurrection; elected Judge at-large, Seat 7, Feb. 5, 2025, to fulfill the unexpired term of Cordell J. Maddox, retired.



*Admin. Asst.*—Amanda Malone .....Greenwood  
*Law Clerk*—Emma Williams .....Greenwood

### At-Large Seat 8

**MC GEE, Thomas W. “Billy” III** (2024–27), Judge at-large, Seat 8, P.O. Box 192, 1702 Main St., Suite 215, Columbia 29202, Tel. (803) 576-1746, Fax (803) 576-1777; *b.* in Columbia; *g.* Clemson Univ., B.A.; Univ. of S.C., J.D.; law clerk, Hon. M. Duane Shuler, 1996–97; Holmes & Thomson, LLP, 1997–99; Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough, LLP, 1999–24; mem., S.C., N.C., and Dist. of Columbia Bars; mem., Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals and U.S. Supreme Court; elected Judge at-large, Seat 8, Apr. 17, 2024, to fill the unexpired term of D. Craig Brown, retired.



*Admin. Asst.*—Jessica Dominick .....Columbia  
*Law Clerk*—Paisleigh Price .....Columbia

## 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*—Katelyn Simmons .....Charleston

## At-Large Seat 10



**NEWMAN, Jocelyn** (2016–27), 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'Neill 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.

*Law Clerk*—Nazaire Rutledge .....Columbia  
*Law Clerk*—Bailey McDaniel .....Columbia

## At-Large Seat 11

**KIMPSON, Milton G.** (2024–26), Judge at-large, Seat 11, P.O. Box 192, Columbia 29202, Tel. (803) 576-1765, Fax (803) 576-1768; *b.* Jan. 11, 1961, in Columbia; *s.* Milton and Wilhelmina Kimpson; *g.* Wofford Coll., B.S., 1983; Emory Univ., J.D., 1986; May 14, 1999, *m.*, 2 children; *assoc.*, Johnson, Toal & Battiste, P.A.; *mem.*, Gerald & Kimpson, LLP; Milton G. Kimpson, P.A.; Litigation, S.C. Dept. of Revenue 2003–17; S.C. Admin. Law Court, 2017–14; *mil. serv.*, U.S. Army, JAGC, 1987–91; elected Judge at-large, Seat 11, Apr. 17, 2024, to fill the unexpired term of Allison Renee Lee, retired.

*Admin. Asst.*—Quincia Boyd .....Columbia  
*Law Clerk*—Robert Reid .....Columbia



## 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.*—Stacey Minton .....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.*—Keri Morgan .....Lexington  
*Law Clerk*—Caroline Strom .....Lexington



*Solicitor*—S. Richardson Hubbard (2025) .....Lexington  
*Public Defender*—Sarah Mauldin .....Lexington

### At-Large Seat 14



**KELLY, R. Keith** (July 1, 2013–31), 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 8; 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.; Cherokee 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*—F. Wade Furnas .....Spartanburg

### At-Large Seat 15



**MURPHY, Maite** (July 1, 2013–31), 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. Mur-

phy, 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*—Ashley Errett .....St. George

### At-Large Seat 16

**MCCUTCHEN, Charles J. “Chad”** (2022–31), Judge at-large, Seat 16, 151 Docket Street, Orangeburg, 29115, Tel.; *b.* Dec. 28, 1977 in Sumter; *s.* Ronald W. and F. Carolyn McCutchen; *g.* Univ. of S.C., B.A., 1998; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 2002; Aug. 14, 2004, *m.*, 2 children; mem., Orangeburg Co. Bar Assn., 2004–, Treas., 2008–24; 1st Judicial Circuit Fee Dispute Resolutions Bd.; Dixie Youth Baseball Coach, 2012–20; mem., SCAJ, 2024; Orangeburg Co. Comm. of Character Bd. mem., 2013–24; voted Best Lawyer in the Orangeburg Area 2018 by readers of the Times & Democrat.



*Admin. Asst.*—Regan A. Snow .....Clinton  
*Law Clerk*—Carson Anderson .....Greenwood  
*Solicitor*—David M. Stumbo (2025) .....Greenwood  
*Public Defender*—Chelsea B. McNeill .....Greenwood