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MEDIA RELEASE

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The Judicial Merit Selection Commission is accepting applications for the judicial offices listed below:

A vacancy will exist in the office currently held by the Honorable Letitia H. Verdin, Judge of the Court of Appeals, Seat 2, upon her election to the Supreme Court. The successor will serve the remainder of the unexpired term of that office, which expires June 30, 2029.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable John D. Geathers, Judge of the Court of Appeals, Seat 3, will expire June 30, 2025.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable Paula H. Thomas, Judge of the Court of Appeals, Seat 4, will expire June 30, 2025.

A vacancy exists in the office formerly held by the Honorable DeAndrea Gist Benjamin, Judge of the Circuit Court, Fifth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1, upon her appointment to the United States Court of Appeals. The successor will serve a new term of that office, which expires June 30, 2031.

The term of office held by the Honorable J. Derham Cole Jr., Judge of the Circuit Court, Seventh Judicial Circuit, Seat 1, will expire June 30, 2025.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable Deadra L. Jefferson, Judge of the Circuit Court, Ninth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1, will expire June 30, 2025.

A vacancy exists in the office formerly held by the Honorable Bentley Douglas Price, Judge of the Circuit Court, Ninth Judicial Circuit, Seat 2. The successor will serve the remainder of the unexpired term of that office, which expires June 30, 2030.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable Rivers Lawton McIntosh, Judge of the Circuit Court, Tenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1, will expire June 30, 2025.

A vacancy will exist in the office currently held by the Honorable William Paul Keesley, Judge of the Circuit Court, Eleventh Judicial Circuit, Seat 1, upon his retirement on or before December 31, 2025. The successor will serve the remainder of the unexpired term, which expires June 30, 2030.

A vacancy will exist in the office currently held by the Honorable Daniel Hall, Judge of the Circuit Court, Sixteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 2, upon his retirement on February 14, 2025. The successor will serve the remainder of the unexpired term, which expires June 30, 2028.

A vacancy will exist in the office currently held by the Honorable J. Cordell Maddox, Jr., Judge of the Circuit Court, At-Large, Seat 7, upon his retirement on December 31, 2024. The successor will serve the remainder of the unexpired term, which expires June 30, 2027.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable R. Keith Kelly, Judge of the Circuit Court, At-Large, Seat 14, will expire June 30, 2025.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable Maite Murphy, Judge of the Circuit Court, At-Large, Seat 15, will expire June 30, 2025.

The term of office held by the Honorable Charles J. McCutchen, Judge of the Circuit Court, At-Large, Seat 16, will expire June 30, 2025.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable Anne Guè Jones, Judge of the Family Court, First Judicial Circuit, Seat 1, will expire June 30, 2025.

A vacancy will exist in the office currently held by the Honorable Vicki J. Snelgrove, Judge of the Family Court, Second Judicial Circuit, Seat 1, upon her retirement on April 30, 2025. The successor will serve the remainder of the unexpired term, which expires June 30, 2028.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable Angela W. Abstance, Judge of the Family Court, Second Judicial Circuit, Seat 2, will expire June 30, 2025.

A vacancy will exist in the office currently held by the Honorable Thomas M. Bultman, Judge of the Family Court, Third Judicial Circuit, Seat 1, upon his retirement on or before December 31, 2025. The successor will serve the remainder of the unexpired term, which expires June 30, 2028.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable Angela R. Taylor, Judge of the Family Court, Third Judicial Circuit, Seat 2, will expire June 30, 2025.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable Ernest Joseph Jarrett, Judge of the Family Court, Third Judicial Circuit, Seat 3, will expire June 30, 2025.

A vacancy will exist in the office currently held by the Honorable Salley Huggins McIntyre, Judge of the Family Court, Fourth Judicial Circuit, Seat 2, upon her retirement on or before June 30, 2025. The successor will serve a new term of that office, which will expire June 30, 2031.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable Michelle Manigault Hurley, Judge of the Family Court, Fifth Judicial Circuit, Seat 2, will expire June 30, 2025.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable Michael Scott Rankin, Judge of the Family Court, Fifth Judicial Circuit, Seat 3, will expire June 30, 2025.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable Coreen B. Khoury, Judge of the Family Court, Sixth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1, will expire June 30, 2025.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable Angela J. Moss, Judge of the Family Court, Seventh Judicial Circuit, Seat 1, will expire June 30, 2025.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable Michael Todd Thigpen, Judge of the Family Court, Seventh Judicial Circuit, Seat 2, will expire June 30, 2025.

A vacancy currently exists in the office formerly held by the Honorable Matthew Price Turner, Judge of the Family Court, Eighth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1, upon his election to the Court of Appeals. The successor will serve a new term of that office, which will expire June 30, 2031.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable Joseph Collins Smithdeal, Judge of the Family Court, Eighth Judicial Circuit, Seat 3, will expire June 30, 2025.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable Alice Anne Richter, Judge of the Family Court, Ninth Judicial Circuit, Seat 2, will expire June 30, 2025.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable Blakely Copeland Cahoon, Judge of the Family Court, Ninth Judicial Circuit, Seat 4, will expire June 30, 2025.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable David J. Brousseau, Judge of the Family Court, Tenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1, will expire June 30, 2025.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable M. Scott McElhannon, Judge of the Family Court, Tenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 3, will expire June 30, 2025.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable Huntley Smith Crouch, Judge of the Family Court, Eleventh Judicial Circuit, Seat 2, will expire June 30, 2025.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable Robert E. Newton, Judge of the Family Court, Eleventh Judicial Circuit, Seat 3, will expire June 30, 2025.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable Alicia A. Richardson, Judge of the Family Court, Twelfth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1, will expire June 30, 2025.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable FitzLee Howard McEachin, Judge of the Family Court, Twelfth Judicial Circuit, Seat 2, will expire June 30, 2025.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable Rochelle Y. Conits, Judge of the Family Court, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1, will expire June 30, 2025.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable William Marsh Robertson, Judge of the Family Court, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 2, will expire June 30, 2025.

A vacancy exists in the office formerly held by the Honorable Jessica Ann Salvini, Judge of the Family Court, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 6, upon her election to the Circuit Court. The successor will serve the remainder of the unexpired term, which expires June 30, 2028.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable Gerald Smoak Jr., Judge of the Family Court, Fourteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1, will expire June 30, 2025.

A vacancy will exist in the office currently held by the Honorable Deborah Ann Malphrus, Judge of the Family Court, Fourteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 3, upon her retirement on or before June 30, 2025. The successor will serve a new term of that office, which expires June 30, 2031.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable Jan B. Bromell Holmes, Judge of the Family Court, Fifteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1, will expire June 30, 2025.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable David Glenn Guyton, Judge of the Family Court, Sixteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 2, will expire June 30, 2025.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable Kimaka Nichols-Graham, Judge of the Family Court, At-Large, Seat 1, will expire June 30, 2025.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable Timothy E. Madden, Judge of the Family Court, At-Large, Seat 2, will expire June 30, 2025.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable James G. McGee III, Judge of the Family Court, At-Large, Seat 3, will expire June 30, 2025.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable Monet S. Pincus, Judge of the Family Court, At-Large, Seat 4, will expire June 30, 2025.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable Randall E. McGee, Judge of the Family Court, At-Large, Seat 5, will expire June 30, 2025.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable David E. Phillips, Judge of the Family Court, At-Large, Seat 6, will expire June 30, 2025.

A vacancy exists in the office formerly held by the Honorable Milton G. Kimpson, Judge of the Administrative Law Court, Seat 2, upon his election to the Circuit Court. The successor will serve the remainder of the unexpired term of that office, which expires June 30, 2027.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable Robert L. Reibold, Judge of the Administrative Law Court, Seat 3, will expire June 30, 2025.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable Deborah Brooks Durden, Judge of the Administrative Law Court, Seat 4, will expire June 30, 2025.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable Roy R. Hemphill, Master-in-Equity for Abbeville County, will expire June 30, 2025.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable M. Anderson Griffith, Master-in-Equity for Aiken County, will expire June 30, 2025.

A vacancy exists in the office formerly held by the Honorable Marvin H. Dukes III, Master-in-Equity for Beaufort County, upon his election to the Circuit Court. The successor will serve the remainder of the unexpired term of that office, which expires June 30, 2027.

A vacancy exists in the office formerly held by the Honorable Dale E. Van Slambrook, Master-in-Equity for Berkeley County, upon his election to the Circuit Court. The successor will serve the remainder of the unexpired term of that office, which expires November 7, 2026.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable Joe M. Crosby, Master-in-Equity for Georgetown County, will expire January 1, 2025.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable William B. Cox, Master-in-Equity for Kershaw County, will expire July 1, 2025.

A vacancy will exist in the office currently held by the Honorable Stephen B. Doby, Master-in-Equity for Lee County. The successor will serve the remainder of the unexpired term of that office, which expires December 31, 2025, and a subsequent term of that office, which expires December 31, 2031.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable James O. Spence, Master-in-Equity for Lexington County, will expire January 1, 2025.

A vacancy exists in the office currently held by the Honorable Joseph M. Strickland, Master-in-Equity for Richland County. The successor will serve the remainder of the unexpired term of that office, which expires April 30, 2027.

To receive application materials, a prospective candidate, including judges seeking re-election, must notify the Commission in writing of his or her intent to apply. Note that an email will suffice for written notification. Note that according to South Carolina Code of Laws § 2-19-20(C), no person may concurrently seek more than one judicial vacancy.

All completed application packets must be received by the Commission **by 12:00 pm, noon, on Thursday, August 29, 2024**. For information on previous screenings and other JMSC-related information, please go to:

<https://www.scstatehouse.gov/JudicialMeritPage/JMSCMainPage.php>

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