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M E D I A R E L E A S E

Public Hearings have been scheduled to begin Tuesday, November 16, 2010, commencing at 9 a.m. regarding the qualifications of the following candidates for judicial positions:

**Court of Appeals**

**Seat 1 The Honorable Paul E. Short, Jr.,** Chester, S.C.

**Seat 2** **The Honorable H. Bruce Williams,** Columbia, S.C.

**Circuit Court**

**5th Circuit, Seat 1 The Honorable DeAndrea Gist Benjamin,** Columbia, S.C.

**5th Circuit, Seat 1 Lisa C. Glover,** Columbia, S.C.

**5th Circuit, Seat 1 Robert E. Hood,** Columbia, S.C.

**5th Circuit, Seat 1 John P. Meadors,** Columbia, S.C.

**5th Circuit, Seat 1 Andrea Culler Roche,** Columbia, S.C.

**5th Circuit, Seat 1 James Shadd, III,** Columbia, S.C.

**5th Circuit, Seat 1 Larry C. Smith,** Columbia, S.C.

**5th Circuit, Seat 1 The Honorable Jeffrey M. Tzerman,** Camden, S.C**.**

**13th Circuit, Seat 2 Eric K. Englebardt,** Greenville, S.C.

**13th Circuit, Seat 2 J. Anthony Mabry,** Simpsonville, S.C.

**13th Circuit, Seat 2 Andrew R. Mackenzie,** Greenville, S.C.

**13th Circuit, Seat 2 The Honorable Letitia H. Verdin,** Greenville, S.C.

**Family Court**

**9th Circuit, Seat 1 Amanda Lee Callander,** Charleston, S.C.- **withdrew 9/24/10**

**9th Circuit, Seat 1 Emily G. Johnston,** Mt. Pleasant, S.C.

**9th Circuit, Seat 1 Ben F. Mack,** Charleston, S.C.

**9th Circuit, Seat 1 Daniel E. Martin, Jr.,** Charleston, S.C.

**9th Circuit, Seat 1 Rita J. Roache,** Mt. Pleasant, S.C.

**9th Circuit, Seat 1 The Honorable James A. Turner,** Charleston, S.C.

**9th Circuit, Seat 1 Alexandra DeJarnette Varner,** Sullivan’s Island, S.C.

**Master-in-Equity**

**Dorchester County The Honorable Frederick James Newton,** Summerville, S.C.

**Dorchester County The Honorable Patrick R. Watts,** Summerville, S.C.

**Retired**

**Court of Appeals The Honorable Jasper Marshall Cureton,** Columbia, S.C.

**Family Court The Honorable Stephen S. Bartlett,** Greenville, S.C.

Persons desiring to testify at public hearings shall furnish written notarized statements of proposed testimony. These statements must be received by **Noon, Tuesday, November 2, 2010**. The Commission has witness affidavit forms that may be used for proposed testimony. While this form is not mandatory, it will be supplied on request. Statements should be mailed or delivered to the Judicial Merit Selection Commission as follows:

Jane O. Shuler, Chief Counsel, 104 Gressette Building, Post Office Box 142, Columbia, South Carolina, 29202.

All testimony, including documents furnished to the Commission, must be submitted under oath. Persons knowingly giving false information, either orally or in writing, shall be subject to penalty.

For further information about the Judicial Merit Selection Commission and the judicial screening process, you may access the website at [www.scstatehouse.gov/html-pages/judmerit.html](http://www.scstatehouse.gov/html-pages/judmerit.html).

Questions concerning the hearing and procedures should be directed to the Commission at (803) 212-6623.

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