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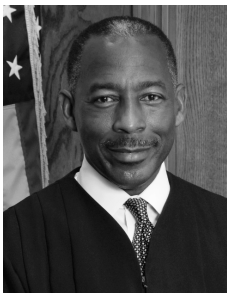
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BEATTY, Donald W. “Don” (Spartanburg Co.)—*g.* S.C. State Univ., B.A., 1974; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1979; mem., City Council, City of Spartanburg, 1988–91; mil. serv.: Officer, USA; former mem.: Piedmont Legal Servs. Bd. of Dirs.; Spartanburg Residential Dev. Corp.; Southside Neighborhoods Assn. Partnership; BB&T Adv. Bd.; BMW minority Adv. Bd./BMW Construction Project; Sentencing Reform Comm.; current mem.: Natl. Adv.

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JOHN WILLIAMSON KITTREDGE, Associate Justice, Seat 3, of Greenville. Term expires July 31, 2028. Home Address: 305 East North St., Suite 216, Greenville 29601, Tel. (864) 467-8593

KITTREDGE, John Williamson (Greenville Co.)—*b.* Sept. 28, 1956 in Greenville; *s.* the late E. H. Kittredge, Jr. and the late Marian J. Kittredge; *g.* Univ. of S.C., B.S., *summa cum laude*, 1979, J.D., 1982; June 20, 1981 *m.* Lila Graham Hewell, 3 children, Lila Marian, Will, and Zay, 5 grandchildren; Phi Beta Kappa, Order of the Coif; Order of the Wig & Robe;



past Pres., Crimestoppers of Greenville; past Chm., City of Greenville Civil Serv. Comm.; past mem., Gov.'s Com. on Criminal Justice, Crime & Delinquency; past Bd. mem. & VP, Greenville Tech. Coll. Foundation; past mem., S.C. Jt. Legis. Com. on Children; Gov.'s Juvenile Justice Task Force, 1995–98; First Presbyterian Church; Chm., Chief Justices Comm. on the Profession, 2008–; Natl. CALEA Comr., 2014–17; elected Family Court Judge, 13th Judicial Circuit, May 8, 1991, and served continuously until elected Judge at-large, Seat 11, Feb. 14, 1996; qualified May 3, 1996; served continuously until elected Judge of the Thirteenth Circuit May 6, 1998; qualified June 9, 1998, served continuously until elected Judge of the Court of Appeals, Seat 3, May 28, 2003–08, served continuously until elected Assoc. Justice of the S.C. Supreme Court, Seat 3, Feb. 6, 2008; qualified May 14, 2008, serving continuously since.

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FEW, John Cannon (Oconee Co.)—*b.* Apr. 9, 1963 in Anderson; *s.* J. Kendall and Belva Beasley Few; *g.* Duke Univ., B.A., 1985; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1988; 3 children, Reed, Anna, and Cannon; Judge of the Thirteenth Circuit, Seat 2, 2000–10; Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals, 2010–16; elected to the S.C. Supreme Court, Feb. 3, 2016.

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JAMES, George C. “Buck”, Jr. (Sumter Co.)—*b.* June 2, 1960 in Savannah, Ga.; *s.* the late George C. James and Ren F. James; *g.* The Citadel, B.S., 1982; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1985; *m.* Mar. 22, 1986, 2 children; private practice, firm of Richardson, James & Player, 1985–00; Partner, firm of Lee, Erter, Wilson, James, Holler & Smith LLC, 2000–06; Judge of the

Third Circuit, Seat 2, Feb. 15, 2006–17; elected Assoc. Justice of the Supreme Court, Seat 5, Feb. 1, 2017, to succeed Donald W. Beatty, elected Chief Justice of the S.C. Supreme Court.

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