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The Public Hearings for the Judicial Merit Selection Commission have been scheduled to begin Monday, November 6, 2023, with the hearings commencing at 9:00 a.m. regarding the qualifications of the following candidates for judicial positions:

Supreme Court

Chief Justice

The Honorable John W. Kittredge, Greenville, SC

Court of Appeals

Seat 8

The Honorable Jerry Deese Vinson, Jr., Florence, SC

Seat 9

Whitney B. Harrison, Columbia, SC

The Honorable Jan B. Bromell Holmes, Georgetown, SC

Grayson Lambert, Columbia, SC

Jason P. Luther, Columbia, SC

The Honorable Matthew Price Turner, Laurens, SC

Circuit Court

3rd Judicial Circuit, Seat 1

Eleazer R. Carter, Manning, SC

The Honorable S. Bryan Doby, Bishopville, SC

Christopher R. DuRant, Gable, SC

Samuel Floyd, Kingstree, SC

W. T. Geddings, Jr., Manning, SC

3rd Judicial Circuit, Seat 2

The Honorable Kristi Fisher Curtis, Sumter, SC

4th Judicial Circuit, Seat 2

The Honorable Michael S. Holt, Hartsville, SC

5th Judicial Circuit, Seat 1

James Smith, Columbia, SC

Justin T. Williams, Columbia, SC

5th Judicial Circuit, Seat 2	The Honorable Daniel McLeod Coble , Columbia, SC
7th Judicial Circuit, Seat 1	J. Derham Cole, Jr. , Spartanburg, SC
7th Judicial Circuit, Seat 2	The Honorable Grace Gilchrist Knie , Campobello, SC
8th Judicial Circuit, Seat 2	The Honorable Eugene Cannon Griffith, Jr. , Prosperity, SC
9th Judicial Circuit, Seat 2	Brent S. Halversen , Mt. Pleasant, SC The Honorable Bentley Douglas Price , Charleston, SC
10th Judicial Circuit, Seat 2	The Honorable R. Scott Sprouse , Walhalla, SC
11th Judicial Circuit, Seat 1	The Honorable William Paul Keesley , Edgefield, SC
11th Judicial Circuit, Seat 2	The Honorable Walton J. McLeod, IV , Columbia, SC
12th Judicial Circuit, Seat 1	The Honorable Michael G. Nettles , Florence, SC
13th Judicial Circuit, Seat 2	The Honorable Jessica Ann Salvini , Greenville, SC Melanie McCulley Yenovkian , Greenville, SC
13th Judicial Circuit, Seat 4	Vernon F. Dunbar , Greenville, SC Ken Gibson , Greenville, SC Will Grove , Greenville, SC The Honorable Isaac “Ike” Johnson , Simpsonville, SC Zandra Johnson Scott , Greenville, SC
14th Judicial Circuit, Seat 1	The Honorable Robert Bonds , Walterboro, SC
At-Large, Seat 4	Daniel J. Ballou , Rock Hill, SC William C. McMaster, III , Greenville, SC
At-Large, Seat 8	Kimberly V. Barr , Florence, SC Maryann Blake , Walterboro, SC The Honorable Russell A. Blanchard, IV , Orangeburg, SC P. John Freeman , Fort Mill, SC T. William “Billy” McGee, III , Columbia, SC Ashley A. McMahan , Columbia, SC William Vickery Meetze , Marion, SC R. Bruce Wallace , Mt. Pleasant, SC
At-Large, Seat 11	R. Allyce Bailey , Columbia, SC Joseph Bias , Lexington, SC The Honorable Russell D. Hilton , Ridgeville, SC

The Honorable Milton G. Kimpson, Columbia, SC
April W. Sampson, Irmo, SC

At-Large, Seat 16

Sanford Cox Graves, Garden City Beach, SC
Riley Maxwell, Columbia, SC
Charles J. McCutchen, Orangeburg, SC
Jane H. Merrill, Greenwood, SC
Dale Scott, Columbia, SC
Christian G. Spradley, Batesburg-Leesville, SC
S. Boyd Young, Columbia, SC

Family Court

9th Judicial Circuit, Seat 4

Blakely Copeland Cahoon, Blythewood, SC
Anthony Philip LaMantia, III, Charleston, SC
Paul F. LeBarron, Ladson, SC

9th Judicial Circuit, Seat 6

Natasha D. Chisolm, Charleston, SC
Gina J. McAlhany, Summerville, SC

10th Judicial Circuit, Seat 1

David J. Brousseau, Anderson, SC
Andrew Potter, Anderson, SC
Heather Vry Scalzo, Greenville, SC

16th Judicial Circuit, Seat 1

Sammy Diamaduros, Union, SC

Administrative Law Court

Seat 1

The Honorable Ralph K. Anderson, III, Columbia, SC

Master-in-Equity

Florence County

The Honorable Haigh Porter, Florence, SC
Coit Yarborough, Timmonsville, SC

Retired

Supreme Court

The Honorable Jean Hofer Toal, Columbia, SC

Persons desiring to testify at public hearings shall furnish written notarized statements of proposed testimony, in accordance with the Procedural Rules of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission. These statements must be received by **Noon, Monday, October 23, 2023**. 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:

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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, the website is available at:

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

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