



# Supreme Court of South Carolina

## Columbia, South Carolina

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June 8, 2026

Chief Justice Kittredge has issued an [order](#) appointing the Honorable Debra R. McCaslin to preside over any future retrial and all related proceedings in the State of South Carolina v. Richard Alexander Murdaugh.

### Addressing Anticipated Media Inquiries

Considering the significant public attention surrounding the Murdaugh proceedings, the Judicial Branch emphasizes the following:

- Judge McCaslin will not participate in interviews or offer comment on any aspect of the case. The media are aware of ethical rules prohibiting a judge (and her staff) from making any comment concerning a pending matter or responding to a media inquiry. As a result, it is respectfully requested that the media refrain from contacting Judge McCaslin and her staff.
- Neither Judge McCaslin nor any employee of the South Carolina Judicial Branch will speculate on the substance, timing, or outcome of any legal issues arising in this matter.
- Notice of date and time of all proceedings will be published by the office of the appropriate County Clerk of Court.
- All judicial rulings will occur in open court or addressed in published written orders, consistent with South Carolina law.

### Media Contact

For all media inquiries please contact the Public Information Officer of the South Carolina Judicial Branch, who can be contacted at [media@sccourts.org](mailto:media@sccourts.org).

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