BallotBox replaces Bench and Bar survey for evaluating Fall 2013 Judicial candidates

The Judicial Merit Selection Commission requests input in the General Assembly's screening of Fall 2013 candidates (30) for judicial office. The Commission will screen the following candidates:

Supreme	Court
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Chief Justice The Honorable Costa M. Pleicones, Columbia, S.C.

The Honorable Jean H. Toal, Columbia, S.C.

Court of Appeals

Seat 7 The Honorable Daniel F. Pieper, Hanahan, S.C.

Circuit Court

At-Large, Seat 11

At-Large, Seat 12

At-Large, Seat 13

The Honorable Alison R. Lee, Columbia, S.C.

The Honorable Thomas A. Russo, Florence, S.C.

The Honorable Larry B. Hyman, Jr., Conway, S.C.

Family Court

4th Circuit, Seat 3 The Honorable Michael S. Holt, Hartsville, S.C.

6th Circuit, Seat 1 Coreen B. Khoury, Lancaster, S.C.

Angela M. Killian, Chester, S.C.

6th Circuit, Seat 2 The Honorable W. Thomas Sprott, Jr., Winnsboro, S.C.

9th Circuit, Seat 5 The Honorable Jocelyn B. Cate, Hollywood, S.C.

13th Circuit, Seat 5 Wanda L. Adams, Mauldin, S.C.

James C. Alexander, Marietta, S.C. Robert A. Clark, Greenville, S.C. Tarita A. Dunbar, Greenville, S.C. Kathryn W. Gooch, Simpsonville, S.C. Thomas T. Hodges, Greenville, S.C. Kimaka Nichols-Graham, Greenville, S.C.

Katherine H. Tiffany, Greenville, S.C.

The Honorable Michael D. Stokes, Taylors, S.C.

15th Circuit, Seat 3 The Honorable Ronald R. Norton, Murrells Inlet, S.C.

16th Circuit, Seat 1 Thomas H. White, IV, Union, S.C.

Administrative Law Court

Chief Administrative Judge, Seat 1 The Honorable Ralph King "Tripp" Anderson, III,

Columbia, S.C.

Retired

Circuit Court The Honorable Thomas W. Cooper, Jr., Manning, S.C.
Circuit Court The Honorable Thomas L. Hughston, Jr., Charleston,

S.C.

Circuit Court The Honorable Howard P. King, Sumter, S.C. Family Court The Honorable Jane D. Fender, Beaufort, S.C.

Family Court Family Court Family Court The Honorable Peter R. Nuessle, Aiken, S.C. The Honorable James A. Spruill, III, Cheraw, S.C. The Honorable Donna S. Strom, Columbia, S.C.

The Commission must determine whether each candidate is qualified to serve, and in this regard, seeks the opinion of practicing attorneys, members of the judiciary, and clerks of court as to each candidate's fitness for the bench. Please note that this request is separate and distinct from the phone survey responses requested by the Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee.

The Commission is trying again this new procedure to gather input on each judicial candidate and has contracted with BallotBox Online, LLC, to send an electronic survey to your e-mail address (provided in AIS) to obtain this information. Once you create your permanent password, you will electronically complete information about each candidate. The survey should take no more than 10 minutes, and you will receive a confirmation e-mail upon completion. Contact the Commission directly with questions at (803) 212-6623.

For larger law firms, please note that this is not a spam e-mail that your members are receiving. The e-mail will come from judicialmeritselection@ballotboxonline.com. The title will be Judicial Merit Selection Commission online voting. You may need to adjust your computer filter to permit this e-mail.

BallotBox Online, LLC, will send out this electronic survey to Bar members on Thursday, August 15, 2013. Thanks for your participation in this process.