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July 10, 2012; 10 a.m.

The Judicial Merit Selection Commission is accepting applications for the judicial offices listed below:

The term of office currently held by the Honorable John D. Geathers, Judge of the Court of Appeals, Seat 3, will expire June 30, 2013.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable Paula H. Thomas, Judge of the Court of Appeals, Seat 4, will expire June 30, 2013.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable DeAndrea Gist Benjamin, Judge of the Circuit Court, Fifth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1, will expire June 30, 2013.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable J. Derham Cole, Judge of the Circuit Court, Seventh Judicial Circuit, Seat 1.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable Deadra L. Jefferson, Judge of the Circuit Court, Ninth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1, will expire June 30, 2013.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable Rivers Lawton McIntosh, Judge of the Circuit Court, Tenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1, will expire June 30, 2013.

The newly created seat for the Judge of the Circuit Court, At-Large, Seat 14. The term will be from **July 1, 2013, until June 30, 2019.**

The newly created seat for the Judge of the Circuit Court, At-Large, Seat 15. The term will be from **July 1, 2013, until June 30, 2019.**

The newly created seat for the Judge of the Circuit Court, At-Large, Seat 16. The term will be from **July 1, 2013, until June 30, 2019.**

The term of office currently held by the Honorable Ann Gué Jones, Judge of the Family Court, First Judicial Circuit, Seat 1, will expire June 30, 2013.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable Dale Moore Gable, Judge of the Family Court, Second Judicial Circuit, Seat 2, will expire June 30, 2013.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable Angela R. Taylor, Judge of the Family Court, Third Judicial Circuit, Seat 2, will expire June 30, 2013.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable Gordon B. Jenkinson, Judge of the Family Court, Third Judicial Circuit, Seat 3, will expire June 30, 2013.

A vacancy will exist in the office currently held by the Honorable Leslie K. Riddle, Judge of the Family Court for the Fifth Judicial Circuit, Seat 2, upon Judge Riddle's retirement on or before June 30, 2013. The successor will fill the unexpired term of that office which will expire June 30, 2013, and the subsequent full term which will expire June 30, 2019.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable Dana A. Morris, Judge of the Family Court, Fifth Judicial Circuit, Seat 3, will expire June 30, 2013.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable Brian M. Gibbons, Judge of the Family Court, Sixth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1, will expire June 30, 2013.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable Phillip K. Sinclair, Judge of Family Court, Seventh Judicial Circuit, Seat 1, will expire June 30, 2013.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable James F. Fraley, Jr., Judge of the Family Court, Seventh Judicial Circuit, Seat 2, will expire June 30, 2013.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable Joseph W. McGowan, III, Judge of the Family Court, Eighth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1, will expire June 30, 2013.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable Billy A. Tunstall, Jr., Judge of the Family Court, Eighth Judicial Circuit, Seat 3, will expire June 30, 2013.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable Paul W. Garfinkel, Judge of the Family Court, Ninth Judicial Circuit, Seat 2, will expire June 30, 2013.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable Wayne M. Creech, Judge of the Family Court, Ninth Judicial Circuit, Seat 4, will expire June 30, 2013.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable Edgar H. Long, Judge of the Family Court, Tenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1, will expire June 30, 2013.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable Tommy B. Edwards, Judge of the Family Court, Tenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 3, will expire June 30, 2013.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable Deborah Neese, Judge of the Family Court, Eleventh Judicial Circuit, Seat 2, will expire June 30, 2013.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable Timothy H. Pogue, Judge of the Twelfth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1, will expire June 30, 2013.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable A. Eugene Morehead, III, Judge of the Twelfth Judicial Circuit, Seat 2, will expire June 30, 2013.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable Rochelle Y. Conits, Judge of the Family Court, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1, will expire June 30, 2013.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable William Marsh Robertson, Judge of the Family Court, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 2, will expire June 30, 2013.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable Gerald C. Smoak, Jr. Judge of the Family Court, Fourteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1, will expire June 30, 2013.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable Jan B. Holmes, Judge of Fifteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1, will expire June 30, 2013.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable David Glenn Guyton, Judge of the Family Court, Sixteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 2, will expire June 30, 2013.

The newly created seat for the Judge of the Family Court, At-Large, Seat 1. The term will be from **July 1, 2013, until June 30, 2019.**

The newly created seat for the Judge of the Family Court, At-Large, Seat 2. The term will be from **July 1, 2013, until June 30, 2019.**

The newly created seat for the Judge of the Family Court, At-Large, Seat 3. The term will be from **July 1, 2013, until June 30, 2019.**

The newly created seat for the Judge of the Family Court, At-Large, Seat 4. The term will be from **July 1, 2013, until June 30, 2019.**

The newly created seat for the Judge of the Family Court, At-Large, Seat 5. The term will be from **July 1, 2013, until June 30, 2019.**

The newly created seat for the Judge of the Family Court, At-Large, Seat 6. The term will be from **July 1, 2013, until June 30, 2019.**

The term of office currently held by the Honorable Shirley C. Robinson, Judge of the Administrative Law Court, Seat 5, will expire June 30, 2013.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable Curtis G. Clark, Master-in-Equity of Abbeville County, will expire June 30, 2013.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable Maurice A. Griffith, Master-in-Equity of Aiken County, will expire June 30, 2013.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable Jeffrey M. Tzerman, Master-in-Equity of Kershaw Count, will expire July 31, 2013.

The term of office currently held by the Honorable Stephen B. Doby, Master-in-Equity of Lee County, will expire December 31, 2013.

A vacancy will exist in the office currently held by the Honorable O. Davie Burgdorf, Master-in-Equity of Organgeburg County, upon Judge Burgdorf's retirement on or before February 22, 2013. The successor will fill the unexpired term of that office which will expire August 14, 2015.

In order to receive application materials, a prospective candidate must notify the Commission in writing of his or her intent to apply. Correspondence and questions may be directed to the Judicial Merit Selection Commission as follows:

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Or

Laurie Traywick, JMSC Administrative Assistant at (803)-212-6623

The Commission will not accept applications after 12:00 noon on Thursday, August 9, 2012.

Please note that S.C. Ann. Section 2-19-20(C) provides:
"No person may concurrently seek more than one judicial vacancy."

For further information about the Judicial Merit Selection Commission and the judicial screening process, you may access the website at http://www.scstatehouse.gov/JudicialMeritPage/JMSCMainPage.php

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