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The Judicial Merit Selection Commission found the following judicial candidates qualified and nominated at the public hearings held November 6-9, 13-15, and 28-29, 2023; and January 15, 2024:

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

The Honorable Matthew Price Turner, Laurens, SC

Circuit Court

2nd Judicial Circuit, Seat 2

Grant Gibbons, Aiken, SC

~~**David W. Miller**, Aiken, SC Withdrew 4/16/2024~~

Martha M. Rivers Davisson, Aiken, SC

3rd Judicial Circuit, Seat 1

The Honorable S. Bryan Doby, Bishopville, SC

~~**Christopher R. DuRant**, Gable, SC Withdrew 4/3/24~~

~~**Samuel L. Floyd**, Kingstree, SC Withdrew 2/3/24~~

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 Withdrew 1/23/24~~

5th Judicial Circuit, Seat 2

The Honorable Daniel McLeod Coble, Columbia, SC

7th Judicial Circuit, Seat 1

J. Derham Cole, Jr., Spartanburg, SC

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| 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 4 | The Honorable Daniel E. Martin, Jr., Charleston, SC <i>Withdrew 4/9/24</i> Thomas J. Rode, Charleston, SC <i>Withdrew 4/9/24</i> The Honorable Dale E. Van Slambrook , Goose Creek, 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 |
| 13th Judicial Circuit, Seat 4 | Vernon F. Dunbar , Greenville, SC Ken Gibson, Greenville, SC <i>Withdrew 1/30/24</i> Will Grove, Greenville, SC <i>Withdrew 1/18/24</i> |
| 14th Judicial Circuit, Seat 1 | The Honorable Robert Bonds , Walterboro, SC |
| 14th Judicial Circuit, Seat 3 | The Honorable Marvin Dukes, III , Beaufort, SC |
| 15th Judicial Circuit, Seat 3 | David Pierce Caraker, Jr. , Myrtle Beach, SC Joshua D. Holford, Myrtle Beach, SC <i>Withdrew 1/24/24</i> Douglas M. Zayieek, Conway, SC <i>Withdrew 2/2/24</i> |
| At-Large, Seat 4 | Daniel J. Ballou, Rock Hill, SC <i>Withdrew 1/19/24</i> William C. McMaster, III , Greenville, SC |
| At-Large, Seat 8 | Kimberly V. Barr, Florence, SC <i>Withdrew 3/5/24</i> T. William "Billy" McGee, III , Columbia, SC William Vickery Meetze, Marion, SC <i>Withdrew 2/1/24</i> |
| At-Large, Seat 11 | Joseph Bias, Lexington, SC <i>Withdrew 2/2/24</i> The Honorable Russell D. Hilton , Ridgeville, SC The Honorable Milton G. Kimpson , Columbia, SC |

At-Large, Seat 16

~~Riley Maxwell, Columbia, SC Withdrew 1/24/24~~
Charles J. McCutchen, Orangeburg, SC
~~Jane H. Merrill, Greenwood, SC Withdrew 4/10/24~~

Family Court

1st Judicial Circuit, Seat 4

Jerrod A. Anderson, Orangeburg, SC
~~Deanne M. Gray, Summerville, SC Withdrew 4/16/24~~

7th Judicial Circuit, Seat 4

Pete G. Diamaduros, Spartanburg, SC
~~Jonathan W. Lounsberry, Spartanburg, SC; Withdrew 1/18/24~~

9th Judicial Circuit, Seat 4

Blakely Copeland Cahoon, Summerville, SC

9th Judicial Circuit, Seat 6

Gina J. McAlhany, Summerville, SC

10th Judicial Circuit, Seat 1

David J. Brousseau, Anderson, SC
~~Heather Vry Sealzo, Anderson, SC; Withdrew 1/17/24~~

16th Judicial Circuit, Seat 1

Sammy Diamaduros, Union, SC

16th Judicial Circuit, Seat 3

R. Chadwick “Chad” Smith, Rock Hill, SC
~~Erin K. Urquhart, Rock Hill, SC; Withdrew 1/18/24~~

Administrative Law Court

Seat 1

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

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