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## MEDIA RELEASE

Public Hearings have been scheduled for Tuesday, April 17, 2012, commencing at 9 a.m. regarding the qualifications of the following candidates for judicial positions:

### Family Court

**10<sup>th</sup> Circuit, Seat 2**

**10<sup>th</sup> Circuit, Seat 2**

**11<sup>th</sup> Circuit, Seat 3**

**Karen F. Ballenger**, Seneca, S.C.

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### Master-in-Equity

**Georgetown County**

**Lexington County**

**The Honorable Joe M. Crosby**, Georgetown, S.C.

**The Honorable James O. Spence**, Lexington, S.C.

Persons desiring to testify at public hearings shall furnish written notarized statements of proposed testimony. These statements must be received by **Noon, Monday, April 2, 2012**. 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:

Jane O. Shuler, Chief Counsel, 104 Gressette Building, Post Office Box 142, Columbia, South Carolina, 29202.

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, you may access the website at [www.scstatehouse.gov/html-pages/judmerit.html](http://www.scstatehouse.gov/html-pages/judmerit.html).

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

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